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**IQHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
MAY 20, 2025**

The IQHA board of directors held a virtual board meeting using Microsoft Teams on May 20, 2025. President Tammi Adix called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm. Board members in attendance: Tammi Adix, Mitch Adkins, Jennifer Horton, Sarlynn Heston, Lori Mennenga, Jackie Kincaid, Brian Hamrick, Kim Strong, Mary Ebnet and Mateer Strong (joined at 7 PM). National Directors Curt Ferguson and Bill Horton were also present.

President's Report: Tammi reminded the district directors to make sure their meetings started at the time advertised.

April Minutes: Jennifer had emailed them out following the April meeting. Sarlynn made a motion to approve, second by Brian, minutes were approved.

Treasurer Report: Codi emailed the bank balances and Tammi included the transaction detail report with the agenda.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Accounting: Tammi reported she is still in communication with interested people recommended by Lindsay Black. She will follow up on our 2024 tax return.

Commemorative Gun Raffle: Mary Ebnet reported on the project and her email with information on two gun options - A Henry 30/30 rifle with a cost of \$3,795 or a Henry Shotgun at \$1,450 - with the IQHA 75th Anniversary logo and the AQHA logo. A gun needs to be ordered by June first to receive by the first of the year for a drawing to be held at the banquet. She provided estimates on selling 800 tickets at \$20 each with expenses of the gun, securing the gambling permit, printing tickets and sales tax on ticket sales. Jennifer screenshared the photos of the two options. Mary estimated a \$12,000 income potential for the rifle and \$14,500 for the shotgun, less the expenses. The winner will have to pass the required background check before they can receive the gun.

Discussion included where proceeds would be used for the benefit of the membership. Brian Hamrick made a motion to proceed with purchasing the Henry 30/30 Rifle, including the AQHA logo and the IQHA 75th Anniversary logo. Jackie seconded the motion. More discussion included the 75th anniversary logo design and the importance of us selling all 800 tickets for the predicted profit. Voting yes: Mitch, Jennifer, Mary,

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Brian, Lori and Jackie. Voting no: Sarlynn, Kim, Mateer. Motion passed. Mary will get the invoice emailed for a check to be sent to start the order.

## NEW BUSINESS

Scenic City: Jennifer reported stall reservations are coming in. There will be a Team Trail Shootout with 10 each city trail and ranch trail entries to be paired in random teams of two to compete on a combined course of city and ranch obstacles. Custom Tails has sponsored a \$1,000 purse to be added to the entry fees for payout and Purina is also a sponsor. A draw party will be held Friday night. Tammi suggested this could be a good place to use the John Deere saddle pad we won at the AQHA Affiliate Workshop and there were no objections.

Stallion Auction: Brian had emailed his recommendation for Perfect Horse Auctions. We will have to collect payments. A brief discussion was held regarding methods of payments. Brian made a motion to go with the Perfect Horse Auctions proposal, second by Jackie. Motion passed.

Fall Classic: Kim reported she confirmed with Carson Griggs and he is expecting a contract. Tammi reported TNT submitted the show approval by the deadline. There is a question about concurrent classes. Kim reported the ranch horse maturity classes would not be concurrent this year.

Other director and committee reports:

Brian added the Hawkeye Classic will have an ice cream social on Friday night.

Kim reported the Ranch Horse Futurity committee will meet on the 28th at That Place in Conrad. They have approved their new bronze trophy design from Cowboy Bronze that will debut at the 2025 futurity. Currently they are all sponsored and the committee is very excited about the addition of their own trophy.

Mateer reported there are 139 days until the Congress Queen contest. Tack Room is making her custom chaps for the horsemanship contest.

Sarlynn passed on a comment from the Mayflower that the English horses didn't get a warmup and they should have. She had also been asked if Fall Classic stalls would be in the cattle barn and the sheep barn, which was confirmed.

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Curt Ferguson thanked Mary for her work on the commemorative rifle raffle and said Ferguson Farms would donate the commemorative Henry Shotgun to add a second prize to the raffle. The board expressed their appreciation to Curt for his donation.

Kim made a motion to adjourn, second by Sarlynn. Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

#### REPORTS SUBMITTED VIA EMAIL PRIOR TO MEETING

##### District 2: Brian Hamrick

The Hawkeye Ranch Horse Classic was a top 10 VRH show again and finished 5th for total entries per judge. We are currently working on adding a ranch riding & ranch trail clinic to the show schedule for Wednesday evening, August 20, 2025.

We are also offering two special memorial awards in honor of Don Clark and Buzz Oliphant. The high point AQHA Jr Horse in Ranch Riding, Ranch Trail and Working Western Rail will win the Don Clark memorial Ranch Champion Buckle and the High Point Amateur Horse in Ranch Riding, Ranch Trail and Working Western Rail will win the Buzz Oliphant memorial Ranch Champion Buckle. The Hawkeye Ranch Horse Classic will also be awarding 12 Molly's custom High Point buckles in both AQHA and VRH divisions.

We are also currently discussing the possibility of having a Friends & Family Day ride at Volga State Park and a fall Friends & Family trail ride at Scenic View Ranch. These rides are not going to be a scheduled IQHA event but rather a gathering of friends and family that want to get together for the fun of it.

We have a district meeting scheduled for Sunday May 18.

##### District 3: Lori Mennenga

On April 26 & 27th, we held our Ranch Horse Judges and Exhibitors Clinic at Ellsworth Equestrian Center, Iowa Falls. Our Clinician, Heather Young, once again, did a fantastic job of informing the participants what the judges are looking for in a ranch horse. The event was well attended with 14 riders, and 19 auditors. Joel Edge from Purina and Nicole Banner with Fresh20 stepped up to provide pizza for everyone on Saturday noon. We cleared approximately \$2,000 once all the expenses were paid. District 3 provided some really nice prizes and also furnished coffee, donuts and the Sunday meal which accounts for the higher cost of the clinic.

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On May 14, we held an online meeting with 4 people participating. Since this was our first time using this venue, I think it went very well.

Bill & Jennifer Horton have the Scenic City Summer Show well in hand with more stall reservations arriving daily. Bill presented an idea for a Trail Team Challenge to be held Saturday night and also having t-shirts printed up for the show. Our next meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 24.

#### District 4: Kim Strong

The 4th District has approved and ordered the leadline awards as the class sponsor during the Iowa State Fair open horse show. We will have a junior queen for the ISF cowgirl queen contest. A June meeting is yet to be scheduled.

#### District 5: Jackie Kincaid

The 5th District's next informational meeting will be June 10th in Altoona at the Perkins starting at 6 pm for food and 7 pm for meeting. We had a record number of 7 girls that interviewed at the Mayflower and want to be a representative for IQHA at the ISF Cowgirl Queen Contest... (all showed as well at the show)... we are finding districts that don't have reps yet. The contestants were asked several general horse health, anatomy and personality showing questions from Liz Peterson (former contestant/winner/judge of the ISF Cowgirl Contest) We will announce when finalized.

The 5th District is doing the "Sportsmanship Award Halters" for each of our county 4-H & FFA Fairs.

We sold a couple more of the slickers at the Mayflower.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### Bylaw Committee: Mary Ebnet

In June at the Cornhusker, Lori Bucholz is going to sit down with me and we are going to review our bylaws to see if there are any updates the membership would want to consider.

#### Outreach Committee: Mary Ebnet

Our committee has not gotten together as a cohesive group yet, but all have been putting ideas together. Bill Horton and I spoke on Wednesday and he was going to reach out to the facility manager at Ellsworth College again to try and secure dates for

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an IQHA Boot Camp for 2026. The manager has been hesitant to book something during the week. I am not sure if I will have an update by Tuesday's meeting.

Breeders Futurity Stallion Service Auction: Brian Hamrick

1. We have sold 12 SSA fees after the online auction.
2. I will be mailing invoices and checks of the recent stallion services I have sold to Tammi.
3. Many of you commented that you agree with me that we should have Perfect Horse Auctions of Rainier, Oregon, be our host for the 2026 SSA. I have attached the contract for signature to my email and emailed it all for review. They require a \$1000 hosting fee deposit. The introductory hosting fee is \$2000. I would like to have a motion to approve this during our meeting Tuesday evening.
4. We also need to start reviewing and updating the rules and forms for the 2026 breeders futurity.
5. Strutten Rooster, 2023 auction purchased by Carol Stevens. She has not been notified of the board decision on a remedy. I think the notification of the board decision should come from the President.

Fall Classic Update: Tammi Adix

- \* The show schedule has been submitted to TNT for the AQHA and NSBA approval process.
- \* All circuit awards, as well as high point and reserve high point awards, have been ordered.
- \* Nick has coordinated with the Wilsons to cater for judges and staff. They have requested an additional stall for food preparation. To ensure we can address any potential allergies or dietary needs, I suggest we obtain a menu in advance.
- \* Plans for the Friday night farm-to-table event are progressing well, and we appreciate Mary's efforts in organizing this. Purina will be a sponsor for this event.
- \* Regarding sponsorships, we are still looking for sponsors for the added money stake classes (\$1000 each). Mitch has contacted several potential sponsors, but we have not yet received any commitments. A proposal was presented to the Amateur committee to sponsor a class; however, this did not pass at their team meeting on Monday night.
- \* We are still in need of an announcer and Mitch is in contact with a potential candidate, but confirmation is pending.
- \* Nick will be working on the judges schedule and logistics. We will need their arrival dates to confirm hotel arrangements.

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- \* Staff contracts need to be finalized.
  - \* Photographer is in place - Bar H. We will provide a hotel room for the staff of Bar H, @ the Sleep Inn.
  - \*Trail coordinator Carson Griggs, we need to be 100% that he is committed to our show.
  - \*Volunteers always needed.
  - \*Showmanship walkers for Saturday 2 people will be needed.
- Stall fees set \$135 early reservations and late reservations \$160. Preferred method of reservations are to be entered through cognito and payments sent or pay via credit card.

Suggestion to committee was made to offer IQHA members a \$10 discount on AQHA entry, a one time discount but this was not discussed further. A good way to make a membership perk, as Brian offers at his show.

Social Media/Newsletter: Jennifer Horton

Newsletter deadline May 2. I am sending out the AQHA info regarding the HPA comment info to our newsletter mailing list to encourage our members to comment before the deadline on May 20.

Mayflower: Jennifer Horton

Entries were up a bit, from 2098 in 2024 to 2167. NSBA entries were down about 50. Stall numbers \_\_\_\_\_. Exhibitors seemed happy, weather was great. I anticipate we will have the financial and final report for the June meeting.

Youth: Jennifer Horton

We had another successful pie and cake auction at the Mayflower raising \$1,360. The quilt raffle brought in \$1,245. Raegan Camenzind sold the winning ticket again this year. The pancake breakfast raised \$321. We had very good help from youth at Mayflower including judge meals and showmanship walker.

The Iowa Quarter Horse Racing Association is hosting a Morning at the Meadows on Saturday, June 28 for youth to see the horse racing business from the backside. If anyone is interested in joining us please let me know. They have named a race that Saturday evening for IQHA and we are invited to join the win photo and trophy presentation so everyone is invited to that. It's a good opportunity for us to get together for a social evening to promote our horses and associations.



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National Director Mary Ebnet: The comment period is open for HPA. Go to the AQHA website and hit the hyperlink for the HPA comment. The comment period ends May 20. Now is the time to voice your concern.

National Director Jennifer Horton: My director's report was covered in the social media and youth reports.

