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The IQHA Board of Directors met Monday, June 23, 2025 at the office of Echo Electric in Ames, Iowa. President Tammi Adix called the meeting to order at 6:39 PM. Board members in attendance were: Tammi Adix, Mitch Adkins, Jennifer Horton, Codi Jo Heesch, Brian Hamrick, Lori Mennenga, Kim Strong, Jackie Kincaid, Rosalie Carlson, Mary Ebnet and Mateer Strong. Loren Meyer, Lindsay Black and Sarlynn Heston were absent. Guests included Mark Ebnet and Bill Horton.

President's Report: Tammi noted that committee and director reports had been requested by email so we would not be reporting them during the meeting. When we hold meetings using Microsoft Teams everyone needs to have their cameras on while attending.

Vice President Report: Mitch had nothing.

May Meeting Minutes: Jennifer had emailed out the minutes promptly, no corrections were received. Mary made a motion to approve, second by Lori, minutes approved. The question was raised if we could vote to approve minutes from meetings we did not attend, Mitch confirmed Jennifer's statement that it was allowed by Robert's Rules of Order.

Treasurer Report: Codi presented the June 1 report she had emailed along with a comparison of our financial position from June 2024 and June 2025 that showed positive growth. Tammi had emailed the transaction detail report to the board.

Ex-Officio: Loren had sent a reminder that the National Junior High School Rodeo Finals were this week in Des Moines.

Social Media: Jennifer reported the deadline for the newsletter is this week. She noted the committee and director reports emailed prior to meetings would be attached to the meeting minutes.

Tammi clarified that any Iowa State Fair Cowgirl Queen contestants representing one of our districts needed to be IQHA members.

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## OLD BUSINESS

Accounting: Tammi reported the accountant recommended by Mary had responded to our request and was interested so she had sent documents for his review. He was unable to send a bid for services before our meeting. Codi stated she would go ahead and begin a recordkeeping process on her own.

Commemorative Gun Raffle: Mary explained her hunt for the IRS document required for the gambling license. Jennifer will compose a letter for Loren (recorded as president on IRS documents) to sign requesting the change in address to our current address so Mary can proceed. We need to sell 800 tickets at \$20 each for the estimated profit. Some discussion was held on adding a charitable portion for the proceeds. Everyone is invited to send an idea to Mary and we will select from the list compiled. An AQHA Foundation Hall of Fame and Museum paver was suggested.

## NEW BUSINESS

Banquet 2026: Tammi brought up the glassware we discussed as member gifts for the 75th anniversary. We would provide one per membership that could be picked up at events since we will not ship. Mateer would like to purchase a few for her Congress Queen gifts.

Tammi presented information from the Des Moines Marriott who would like us to return. Jennifer presented pricing from Holiday Inn Airport. The extremely high cost of the AV equipment at Marriott was brought up. Brian made a motion to go with Holiday Inn, seconded by Codi, motion passed. Without a volunteer to take over the banquet, Codi offered to help Jennifer and Tammi.

Points Proposal: A member proposal regarding additional year end awards for age split classes was addressed. Discussion was held with no motions made. We have a precedent handling open classes that are split by age division that covers this.

District 6 Potential Director: A member who is moving into the district may be interested once she gets settled. Tammi reported we have three AQHA and three VRH show numbers available from the District 6 shows. Ellsworth has a weekend date in May. Kirkwood does not have open dates. She will check with Mason City.

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Kim brought up the Amateur Committee report that had been sent by email with their plans to hold warm-up classes at the Fall Classic. She and Nick Wood had discussed it and suggested Wednesday/Thursday could accommodate them but Friday/Saturday schedules were too full to hold them.

Tammi congratulated IQHA members who had just competed at the AQHA VRH World Show.

Brian made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Codi. Meeting was adjourned at 8:01 PM!

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS EMAILED PRIOR TO MEETING

Amateur: The minutes draft from the last meeting held in May are on the IQHA website. The amateurs plan to offer a western and hunt seat warm-up class at the Fall Classic. The warm-up class will have a \$10 cash donation at the gate and will occur before the related slate of classes begin. Deadline for year end awards suggestions is July 1.

Youth: Entries for the AQHA Youth World Show have opened. I expect a team about the same size as last year, with some new kids coming this year. Entries close July 1.

Mayflower: I received a copy of the ISF invoice just before leaving for the AQHA VRH World Show. I will have a final report at the next board meeting.

Scenic City Summer Show: RV reservations are full with a waiting list. Stall reservations are continuing to come in. The outdoor arena is nearing completion. We're looking forward to a fun holiday weekend horse show.

#### DIRECTOR REPORTS EMAILED PRIOR TO THE MEETING

District 1: District 1 is proud to support Maddy Santos and Mildred Fuhrmann as they represent IQHA District 1 in the Iowa State Fair Cowgirl Queen competition. We extend our best wishes and gratitude to both of them. To cover their expenses, District 1 will be sending each of them a \$112 check.

District 2: Several District 2 members met Saturday, June 14 at Volga River State Park for a day trail ride. Brian & Mary Jo Hamrick cooked hamburgers for lunch at the Day Ride Area and district friends provided side dishes and desserts.

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District 2 held a meeting Sunday, June 22 at the Pizza Ranch in Manchester. Main topic was the Hawkeye Ranch Horse Classic slated for August 21-24 at the North Iowa Fairgrounds in Mason City, Iowa. We have 130 stalls reserved to date with more reservations coming in each day.

Hawkeye Ranch Horse Classic AQHA & VRH All Around Champions will be awarded a custom buckle from Molly's, as well as an ACE Photography \$25 gift card. Reserve Champions will also receive a \$25 gift card from ACE Photography.

District 2 will also award (2) custom Molly trophy buckles in the name of Buzz Oliphant and Don Clark as a tribute to their many contributions to Iowa Quarter Horse Association. Memorial Buckle Award requirements:

1. Don Clark Memorial AQHA Junior Ranch Horse Champion will be awarded to the AQHA JR. horse shown in AQHA JR Ranch Riding, AQHA JR Ranch Trail & AQHA JR Working Western Rail. Must show to all 4 judges.
2. Buzz Oliphant Memorial AQHA Amateur Ranch Horse Champion will be awarded to the AQHA Amateur horse shown in AQHA Amateur Ranch Riding, AQHA Amateur Ranch Trail & AQHA Amateur Working Western Rail. Must show to all 4 judges.

District 2 members voted to have a "special" Ranch Horse Team Challenge event for AQHA Amateurs at the Hawkeye Ranch Horse Classic. A team will consist of (2) AQHA Amateurs and riders must show in AQHA Amateur Ranch Trail & AQHA Amateur Ranch Riding (*One team member will show in AQHA Amateur Ranch Trail and the other team member will show in AQHA Amateur Ranch Riding. Must show to all 4 judges. Team score average will determine placing -- 100 % payback.*) Team entry fee: \$100 (\$50 each rider). Enter at the show/add to your show tab. This will be a "jackpot event" with possible added money if any sponsors would like to add money to this Team Challenge event. Placings will be announced, and awards will be presented at the Exhibitor Party Saturday evening, August 23.

Kylee Smith will represent District 2 as our Senior Queen at the Iowa State Fair Cowgirl Queen Contest in August. We are still searching for a Junior Queen.

District 3: District 3 does not have much to report this month. Our next meeting is scheduled for June 24 at 6 PM at the Ellsworth Equestrian Center in Iowa Falls. Food and drink will be provided. We plan to discuss final plans for the upcoming Scenic City

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Summer Show to be held July 3 through the 6th. We are still looking for potential queen candidates. I have only been approached by one possible candidate so far.

Director at Large, Mary Ebnet: Rosalie and I met with Lori Bucholtz last week at the Cornhusker in NE. Rosalie will provide that full report. We worked HARD and long on bylaws.

June 18 I spoke at the Best Week of Summer Horse Camp that is held in Monticello, IA. They wanted me to speak on the youth programs the Iowa affiliate has to offer and what AQHA has to offer for the youth. They had 122 participants ranging from 10-18. I polled the kids and many were AQHA members but did not belong to the affiliate. I explained the benefits of belonging to both. Many were very interested in horse judging teams with the 4-H horse clubs and FFA. It was duly noted when they said many of the FFA advisors have little to no equine experience or background. There may be a need to do an education piece for the advisors. The kids had many good questions and were interested in AQHA programs like the ranch heritage, World show teams and Congress teams. While not knowing how many speed event kids are on the youth teams. That was the interest of the kids that thought being a part of a Congress team would be something they would enjoy.

I have been working on the hospitality hour (Farm-To-Table for the Fall Classic. Have had a good response from sponsors/donors. I am looking for a freezer trailer for the dairy products. One of the board from Midwest Dairy thinks he has a lead on one but I want to try and cover all bases looking for one.

#### NATIONAL DIRECTOR REPORTS EMAILED PRIOR TO THE MEETING

Jennifer: The Iowa Quarter Horse Racing Association with Prairie Meadows is hosting a Morning at the Meadows for our youth on Saturday, June 28 to introduce the sport of quarter horse racing from the inside. I've also extended this invitation to the Iowa High School Rodeo youth and the IEA Youth teams for Janelle Schaefer and Lanie Petersen. Adults are welcome if you'd like to attend let me know so I can give them numbers for breakfast. Saturday evening, they have named one of the races for IQHA and we will be invited to the winner's circle for the trophy presentation. I think it would be nice if we had several in attendance for that. Again, if you're coming please let me know.

Bill: Jennifer and I went to both the Iowa Junior High and High School Rodeo Finals in Bloomfield to present buckles to a Sportsmanship and a Horsemanship award winner for both boys and girls as the outreach project for our AQHA Affiliate Grant. Jennifer

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invited the youth to participate in IQHYA and opportunities to compete at the AQHA Youth World Show. It was nice to have Loren and Jodi Meyer join us and also Kim Strong came to the High School Finals for the awards presentations. As soon as we receive the award photos from their photographer Jennifer will write up a press release on it and submit it to AQHA as our grant project follow up.

Mary: I received notification today from Ward that the USDA and APHIS is working diligently on the New World Screw worm. A 50K overview of what was presented to us is as follows. Everyone needs to be diligent in stopping the spread of this outbreak.

The northernmost cases in Mexico are roughly 700 air miles away from Laredo, TX. We do not have screwworm cases in the United States at this time. The strategy USDA rolled out today includes improving surveillance and detection in Mexico, strengthening our ability to disperse and eventually produce sterile flies in the U.S., and enhancing the treatment tools available to producers in the event of an outbreak.

USDA has begun converting a facility at Moore Air Base in Texas so we can better disperse sterile flies in northern Mexico (and U.S. border states, if necessary.) That facility will not produce sterile insects yet, so the flies will still be coming from Panama.

NCBA continues to fight for the funds needed to produce sterile insects here in the U.S. We are pursuing all possible avenues to get that funding. As in any foreign animal disease scenario, the accuracy and credibility of information is paramount. We look forward to hearing a report in the coming days when APHIS staff return from assessing conditions on the ground in Mexico. Going forward, we will be sharing all updated.

JUNE 1,2025 TREASURERS REPORT										Codi Jo Heesch	
ACCOUNTS											
Account Balances		March 2025									
District 1		3,055.40									
District 2		29,375.91									
District 3		10783.99									
District 4		7505.30									
District 5		8,222.24									
District 6		676.82									
District 7		14483.17									
District 8		694.10									
Amateur Account		16,481.72									
Audit Account		14,035.26									
Breeders 2021 Account		19,623.34									
Breeders 2022 Account		39,177.60									
Breeders 2023 Account		42,948.62									
Breeders 2024 Account		82,915.14									
Breeders 2025 account		23,100.91									
Breeders Fund Account		15,846.28									
Dollars for Scholars Account		\$7,179.80									
EWD Account		518.48									
General Fund Account		94,653.75									
Ranch Horse 2020 Account		11,778.26									
Ranch Horse 2021 Account		7,928.03									
Ranch Horse 2022 Account		18,564.79									
Ranch Horse 2023 Account		29,562.47									
Ranch Horse 2024 Account		44,316.71									
Ranch Horse 2025 Account		19,450.35									
Ranch Horse Futurity Account		39,747.41									
Reserve Account		21,500.38									
TOTAL		\$624,126.23									
All Accounts		851226.23	amateur account earned \$347.28 on their cd before returning the \$8000 to CD								
			Breeders 2024 account earned \$2170.57 on their Cd. Both CDs matured 6/2025								