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The IQHA Board of Directors met Tuesday, July 15,, 2025 at the office of Echo Electric in Ames, Iowa. President Tammi Adix called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM. Board members in attendance were: Tammi Adix, Mitch Adkins, Jennifer Horton, Brian Hamrick, Lori Mennenga, Kim Strong, Rosalie Carlson, Mary Ebnet and Mateer Strong. Codi Jo Heesch, Lindsay Black and Sarlynn Heston were absent. Loren Meyer was on the phone. Guests included Mark Ebnet, Kendra Schultz and Bill Horton.

President's Report: Tammi thanked Bill and Jennifer Horton and Lori Mennenga and District 3 for their hard work producing the Scenic City show. She wished Jackie's dad improved health.

Vice President: Mitch had nothing to report.

June Meeting Minutes: Brian made a motion to approve, seconded by Mary. Minutes were approved with Loren not voting.

Treasurer's Report: The July report sent by Codi was reviewed. Tammi noted the 13 month certificates of deposit for the ranch futurity 2023, 2022, 2021 and 2024 would mature on July 18. She will renew them with Kim to confirm the amounts.

Ex-Officio Report: Loren reported the National High School Rodeo Finals is going on in Wyoming and the Iowa team was off to a good start.

Social Media: Jennifer reminded everyone the August newsletter deadline is July 25.

#### Old Business

Accounting: Tammi reported the Minnesota accountant would have a proposal by the end of July. Mary had contacted another firm and Tammi presented their estimate.

Commemorative Gun Raffle: Mary has tickets waiting for the IRS paperwork to clear. We cannot sell any tickets until the Iowa gambling permit is received. She passed out 3 books of ten to each board member. Tickets sell for \$20 and she would like to collect money and tickets at each board meeting. We will advertise in the newsletter. We will not use any personal Venmo or Pay Pal accounts for selling tickets. Payment needs to be check payable to IQHA or cash. Some discussion was held regarding proceeds from the raffle. Brian made a motion to purchase a medallion at the AQHA Hall of Fame for

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\$1,000 as a donation to the AQHA Foundation from the proceeds of our raffle ticket sales, seconded by Jennifer. Motion passed.

#### New Business

Tammi introduced new IQHA member Kendra Schultz as a guest to our meeting.

Bylaws Discussion: Lori Bucholz, AQHA Executive Committee Member, met with Rosalie and Mary to advise us on possible bylaws changes and corrections. Rosalie reviewed the recommendations made by Lori, with discussion held as we went through them. A revised version of bylaws will be presented to the membership for consideration as a whole.

District Financials: Tammi reminded the districts that they need to be providing financial reports to the board and for the accountant to ensure accurate information on income and expenses. There was some discussion on this point.

Mayflower Profit Sharing: This was tabled until the next meeting pending final financial reports.

Trail Trailer: There was some discussion on the responsibility for the trail trailer by each show committee to get it to and from their shows.

75th Anniversary: Tammi explained we have a sponsor who has made a \$5,000 donation to IQHA for member benefit and so we will be creating t-shirts to celebrate our 75th anniversary to give to our members next year. Discussion included having t-shirt size on the 2026 membership form to help us estimate sizes and quantities and shirts would be distributed at events to paid 2026 members.

With no other business on the agenda, Rosalie made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Brian, meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM.

#### Emailed Committee and Director Reports:

Youth: Jennifer Horton

The IQHRA hosted a Morning at the Meadows on Saturday, June 28 for youth to learn about racing. We had 11 youth attend with about the same number of adults who

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seemed to enjoy the day as much as the kids. That evening IQHA was named as a race sponsor and we presented the trophy to the winner.

We have 10 youth on the Iowa Youth World Show Team going to Oklahoma City in August.

Fall Classic & Futurity: Jackie Kincaid

Stalls: Reminder the ISF horsebarn will be closed for renovation this year & ALL stalls will be in either the Annex (Sheep barn) or Cattle Barn... they ALL are on concrete & 10x10 (black portable stalls) please order sawdust accordingly on the stall form - it will work best to have it delivered before you arrive. Stall form is up & active online please fill it out & submit then just send in a check... I will print off if needed on my end.

[www.iowaquarterhorse.com](http://www.iowaquarterhorse.com) Fall Classic Stall tab... we appreciate those exhibitors that are reserving stalls & sawdust online & taking advantage of the Early Bird pricing discount! Stalling checks will be held until the last day to cancel for a refund date - September 9th. If you have stalling questions please contact Jackie 515.991.5094 or [JZKincaid2@hotmail.com](mailto:JZKincaid2@hotmail.com)

ByLaw committee report: Rosalie Carlson

Mary Ebnet and I met with Lori Bucholz during the recent Lincoln show. Lori specialized in bylaws, parliamentary procedure, etc. She is a resource for AQHA on bylaw questions. It was an interesting meeting and we will present more information during the meeting on Tuesday. August 1 is the deadline to receive Hall of Fame nominations and ByLaw change requests from our membership. Jennifer provided that information in the recent IQHA newsletter.

## DISTRICT DIRECTOR REPORTS

District 2: Brian Hamrick

We have our next district meeting is July 27. We are less than 6 weeks from show time and have 230 stalls reserved for the show. We will probably have a waiting list soon for stalls. I will be attending a North Iowa Fairgrounds sponsorship party next Friday at the North Iowa Fair.

District 3: Lori Mennenga

We had another very successful Scenic City Summer Show! I do not have final numbers yet, but it appeared they were up from last year with many positive comments and feedback. We have chosen Maddie Meyer to represent our District at the Cowgirl

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Queen Contest at the State Fair. Next meeting is tentatively set for July 22 at Pizza Ranch, Iowa Falls.

District 4: Kim Strong

District 4 will have a Sr Queen - Kayla Jack and Jr Queen - Dawsyn Fix.

We will be awarding leadliners a nice zippered embroidered 4th District bag at the Iowa State Fair.

Codi Jo Heesch will be providing a kids activity area at the Fall Classic.

Embroidered Halters were distributed to 4th D members. Each county fair 4H/FFA horse department was awarded a halter to use as they see best to fit their program. Recipients will be recognized on the 4th district's Facebook page. Thank you to our members for getting them delivered.

District 5: Jackie Kincaid

IQHA 5th District is sending two Cowgirl Queens to the Iowa State Fair 2025: Aylah Fix Jr Cowgirl Queen Representative and Elivia Papcun Sr Cowgirl Queen Representative. We appreciate them both willing to rep the District & also wishing them the best of luck & great rides at the contest!

Our District is very active with giving back to our members - we have given a small donation to our youth members teams that have promoted horsemanship & equestrian skills in competitions throughout the nation... keep up the great work!

We also have purchased embroidery Halters to be given to the counties 4H & FFA in our District to do as they please for an extra award.

We continue to have several members attend our monthly meetings (10-15 average) - we will be picking those meetings back up September 8th (2nd Tuesday) TBA - just in time for our IQHA Fall Futurity Show!

5th District also is a PROUD Sponsor of Mateer Strong & her run for the All American Quarter Horse Congress Queen 2025! We wish her the BEST of luck in her run this year & hope she has the time of her life repping IQHA!

We have several OCAP participants this year... still not too late to sign up & record your open show results... please see [www.iowaquarterhorse.com](http://www.iowaquarterhorse.com) under District news for forms or contact Jackie Kincaid 515.991.5094 for further details.

District 7: Rosalie Carlson

District 7 had a successful show at Denison in May. District 8 and Nishna Valley Saddle Club are also part of the show committee.

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Director-at-Large: Mateer Strong

I will be presenting the American flag at the Cowgirl Queen contest at the state fair and then I will be doing a silent auction table at the Hawkeye Ranch Classic (if anyone has anything they would like to donate please reach out!). The silent auction table proceeds will go towards my final expenses for Congress Queen. I will also be helping hand out awards that Saturday night at the show!

AQHA National Directors

Mary Ebnet: With the passage of the One Big Beautiful Bill. This is a short summary of some of the priorities of NCBA/ AQHA: Death Tax: Is increased to \$15M per individual \$3 M per couple adjusted for inflation annually and it makes this exception permanent. Section 179 expensing is increased from \$1M to \$2.5M and increases the phase out threshold to \$4M adjusted for inflation. Bonus Depreciation : 100% bonus Depreciation 5 yrs. Disaster related Casualty loss : Extends itemized deduction for personal casualty losses from Federally declared disasters. This is an extension of the Federal Disaster Tax Relief Act of 2023

Skrew worms continue to be a top priority with intents being to keep them from moving north.

HPA : AQHA has appointed a task force out of our committee members. I am not a part of this committee.

Jennifer Horton : Minnesota and Missouri affiliates worked together to put on the Corporate Challenge show this month when it had to move from St. Paul. There seemed to be good cooperation between the groups to put on a nice, albeit hot and humid, show.