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The IQHA Board of Directors met Tuesday, August 19, 2025 at the office of Echo Electric in Ames, Iowa. Pizza was served at 6:00 PM. President Tammi Adix called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM. Board members in attendance were: Tammi Adix, Jennifer Horton, Lindsay Black, Sarlynn Heston, Jackie Kincaid, Mateer Strong, Lori Mennenga, Mary Ebnet and Mitch Adkins. Codi Jo Heesch was on the phone. Guests included Bill Horton, Kelly Birkenholtz and Mark Ebnet. Rosalie Carlson, Brian Hamrick, Loren Meyer and Kim Strong were absent.

President's Report: Tammi congratulated the Iowa youth who showed at the Youth World Show and IQHA members who showed at the NSBA World Show. She also congratulated IQHYA member Elivia Papcun, who was named Iowa State Fair Senior Cowgirl Queen.

July Meeting Minutes: Mary made a motion to approve, seconded by Codi. Minutes were approved with Jackie not voting.

Treasurer's Report: Codi had sent her report by email. There were no questions. The amateur financial report was provided at the meeting.

Social Media: Jennifer reminded everyone the newsletter deadline is the 25th. The email list includes several non-current memberships that she will review and clean up.

OLD BUSINESS

Accounting: Tammi presented the proposals from Integrated Tax & Accounting and Savant Wealth Management. Discussion was held comparing the two. Tammi asked Codi if she were interested in doing the books in a paid position, which Codi declined. After some more discussion, Sarlynn made a motion to contact Savant for 2025 and proceed as long as we didn't have to do a multi-year contract. With a second by Lindsay, motion passed.

Commemorative Gun Raffle: Mary updated that she still is not getting information from the IRS for the document needed to obtain the gambling permit. Jennifer made a motion to push the drawing back to the Fall Classic 2026. With a second by Lori, the motion passed.

Mayflower: Profit sharing was tabled pending final financial report.

NEW BUSINESS: FALL CLASSIC

Breeders Futurity: Kelly reported entries seem consistent with last year.

Ranch: Mateer reported for Kim. Nominations are up. With 145 yearlings and 133 stallions both reached all-time high nominations. Sponsorships were continuing to roll in and would cover awards. \$17,500 sponsorship from ABI Attachments will be paid to high money earners in the open division. (Tammi confirmed the sponsorship payment had been received.) The new

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3-Year-Old Open Box-Drive-Box class has a \$5,000 added money sponsorship by Farm Bureau Agents of Iowa. Prize buckets will be awarded with over \$40,000 in sponsored prizes. The online entry form is nearing completion. Vendors will be set up in Jacobson and Cattle Barn and surrounding outside areas. Trail patterns were coming from Carson Griggs. The Saturday night event will be more exciting with more entries, great food and giveaways with Four e-bikes given away. The committee will be doing show set-up Monday afternoon.

Fall Classic: Tammi reported for Kim. All staff is hired, volunteers are needed for set-up, trail course set-up/tear down, judge's room maintenance, awards pick up, and the Friday evening party. FreshH2O is again sponsoring their team tournament. Wilsons are providing staff food. Jackie reported 224 stalls reserved and 516 shavings pre-ordered. The stall office will be located in the Cattle Barn in the southwest corner.

In other comments, Lindsay reported the Heartland Buckskin (IBHA) is looking for ways to collaborate with a show or clinic. Kelly reported on her reconciliation of the ranch horse committee books. Tammi reminded everyone to email their update reports prior to the meetings.

Jennifer made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mary. Meeting was adjourned at 7:59 PM.

Emailed Director & Committee Reports:

Mary Ebnet

By-Law Committee; I have nothing new to report. Rosalie and I have not met again since the last board meeting.

Nothing to report from the Outreach Committee

Director at Large: I plan on taking a grant writing course this fall/winter. If anyone sees any available grants that would be applicable for our association please send me information.

Hawkeye Classic right around the corner is looking like it will be a great show. Fall Classic right at its heels. I am looking for 2 charcuterie boards for the hospitality hour and a big electric roaster. I have one, do need two for the food.

National Director: There is still time to get tickets for the Hall of Fame banquet in Amarillo on Sept 12 & 13. I believe they have close to 400 tickets sold. Most of you have already seen the announcement about Karl going to start going down the path to retirement. AQHA has hired MJM Global to help with a talent search to fill Karl's position as CEO of AQHA.

Jennifer Horton

Youth

We had 9 kids on the Iowa team compete at the Youth World Show and several brought home the fun kind of souvenirs.



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Laney Fjelstad kicked us off with the Cow Horse and Cutting with a 4th place in Level 3 Cutting and Reserve Champion in Level 2 Cutting and Bronze Champions in both Level 2 and Level 3 Working Cow Horse.

Our All Rounders did fantastic!

Kendall LaVelle: 4th Level 3 Western Riding, Reserve Champion Level 3 Western Riding 13 & Under, 10th Level 3 Western Pleasure 13 & Under, 13th Level 3 Trail 13 & Under, 5th Level 2 Western Riding, Reserve Champion Level 2 Western Riding 13 & Under, 6th Level 2 Western Pleasure 13 & Under, Finalist (11th) Level 2 Horsemanship 13 & Under, Bronze Champion Level 1 Western Pleasure 13 & Under

Karly Christensen: Reserve Champions L1 14-18 Trail, Finalists (12th) L1 Performance Geldings, 16th L2 14-18 Trail

Sophia Garside: Level One Youth Trail - 4th/2nd NSBA

Adelyn Winterfeld: 8th/7th NSBA L1 14-18 SMS, 8th/4th NSBA L1 14-18 Trail, 8th L1 14-18 Western Pleasure, 12th L1 14-18 Equitation

Estelle McParlan & Cool Made Machine were honored as 2024 Year End High Point Youth Performance Halter Gelding. Estelle showed a new horse this year with some nice rides.

Brooke Myers showed in ranch classes as well as horsemanship and showmanship with nice rides in all. Elivia Papcun showed her little homebred gelding she trained herself in several classes with nice rides as well.

We finished the show out with Raegan Camezind showing 3 horses in halter: 4th place Level 2 & 6th place Level 3 3YO Mares, 4th place Level 2 & 7th place Level 3 Aged Mares, Reserve Champion Level 2 and Bronze Champion Level 3 Aged Gelding.

It was fun to see a few IQHA members in their cheering sections who travelled to OKC to support them in addition to their families. Renee McParlan (mother of Estelle) went above and beyond creating fun stall decorations for the team and all of the kids really appreciated her hard work and generous donations. We missed having Emma DeJong with us as she became seriously ill and we are wishing her well.

Elivia Papcun came home from YWS to win the Iowa State Fair Senior Cowgirl Queen title. You may have seen her in the TV commercials prior to the fair, which was fun. Congratulations to our IQHYA Members Grace Myers and Marlie Frederick for finishing Top 5 in the Junior Contest.

We will have a team competing in the NYATT at Congress in October so I'm currently working on those entries.

