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The IQHA Board of Directors met Wednesday, October 1, 2025 at the office of Echo Electric in Ames, Iowa. President Tammi Adix called the meeting to order at 6:38 PM. Board members in attendance were: Tammi Adix, Mitch Adkins, Jennifer Horton, Mary Ebnet, Brian Hamrick, Lori Mennenga, Kim Strong and Jackie Kincaid. Loren Meyer was on the phone. Guests included Brena and Aubrey Adkins, Bill Horton and Mark Ebnet. Codi Jo Heesch, Mateer Strong, Sarlynn Heston, Lindsay Black and Rosalie Carlson were absent.

President's Report: Tammi congratulated the winners in our Breeders Futurity, Ranch Horse Futurity and Fall Classic show. She thanked everyone for stepping up in her absence to help things at the show get done. With the upcoming 75th Anniversary Banquet coming up, she had reached out to the Iowa Secretary of Agriculture to attend and speak. Lori Bucholz will be attending representing the AQHA Executive Committee. It was suggested to invite him to speak at the membership meeting instead of the dinner with Lori as the dinner keynote speaker. Everyone but Kim agreed. We need to get banquet plans and pricing set. Jennifer will email out info and pricing for review.

Vice President's Report: Mitch echoed Tammi's thank you to everyone helping at Fall Classic.

August Board Meeting Minutes: Jennifer had emailed them out following the meeting. Mary made a motion to accept as sent, second by Mitch. Minutes approved with Kim and Loren not voting.

Treasurer's Report: Codi had emailed the September report. There were no questions. Tammi reported the 2026 accounts for the ranch futurity and breeders futurity were opened. Fall Classic still had outstanding expenses.

Ex-Officio: Loren reported the Riata Roping paid out \$5.5 million last week and the Teton Ridge Dispersal Sale sold a stallion for \$5.6 million and mare for \$5 million. Tammi wished Jodi well recovering from knee surgery.

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Social Media: Jennifer reported she had youth participating in the Congress NYATT including two in the ranch riding and reining that shows this week.

OLD BUSINESS

Commemorative Gun Raffle: Mary reported continued frustration with the process of getting the letter from the IRS needed for our gambling permit.

Mayflower: Jennifer and Tammi presented the profit amount of \$3,983.79 with the proposed split between the entities. There was discussion about volunteer participation and judges.

Fall Classic: Kim reported she is still working on the financials and would like to be on the November meeting agenda to report. There was some discussion about the show. Tammi thanked Mary for her work with the Farm-to-Table theme dinner. Jackie reported 578 stalls and thought the show went very well.

Accounting/District Financials: After the board vote for Savant for accounting, Tammi contacted them to get an estimate on catching up our books for the last seven months. Their price is \$150-\$200 per hour with no estimate on time required. There was discussion on the districts needing to provide details on all financial transactions and bank deposits. Brian Hamrick left the meeting. Tammi will send the QuickBooks zip drive received from the previous accountant to Savant to get an estimate of the catch-up cost.

NEW BUSINESS

Snowflake 2026: Brena Adkins presented the 2026 showbill and budget. They dropped the ranch trail due to low entries and the need for the trail trailer. The city trail will be able to use Kirkwood trail obstacles. Jennifer made a motion to approve, seconded by Kim, motion passed.

Membership 2026: Discussion was held regarding offering a family membership at a higher rate versus the single membership rate for both individuals and families. This was tabled pending more information.

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Health Papers/Coggins IQHA Policy: Discussion was held on if we needed to establish and publish a policy regarding health papers at our shows. TNT does look at Coggins papers when horses are entered into their system for the first time each year. It was suggested to publish the state law on our website under the events tab. Jennifer will email out that wording to the board for approval before it is posted.

2026 Breeders Futurity Rule Changes Proposed: Kim presented the proposed rule updates/changes, including updating the years. Class changes proposed were to change yearling long line to western long line and add a hunter under saddle long line, remove the two-year-old long line and delete three-year-old trail. When asked, Kim confirmed the current rules for the yearling long line accommodate showing western or hunter under saddle. Jennifer made a motion to remove the two-year-old long line. With a second by Mary this motion passed. No other motions were made to change classes. A change to the rule regarding the Super Horse award was proposed to add a tie-breaker rule. Jennifer made a motion to accept this addition. With a second by Lori this motion passed.

2026 Ranch Horse Futurity Rules: These will be presented at the next board meeting.

AQHA MVP: Tammi presented the list of eligible AQHA Professional Horsemen in our affiliate. After discussion, voting was made by ballots. Tammi will notify AQHA of the winner.

Kim made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mitch. The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 PM.

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EMAILED REPORTS

Mary Ebnet: National Director

The Hall of Fame Celebration in Amarillo was a top notch event. In visiting with the different directors that serve on the HOF committee I came away with some neat ideas for the young horse enthusiast. Tom McBeath shared with me Mississippi QH had a local ag department that offered shop classes to make a bunch of stick horses. (NICE STICK HORSES) They presented all the young children with them and had some stick races for them to participate in along with the leadline class they came along to the show for. The kids kept the stick horse but had to bring them along for the next show. The group felt that gave the kid responsibility to be sure his/ her horse got along to the show. It was fun to listen to the stories he shared with me about this. In 2026, the nominations open January 1 for people to start submitting applications for the next class of Hall of Fame inductees.

The fireside chat is my favorite part of the celebration weekend. My favorite "story so to speak" was from Stan Weaver. He shared that Nancy was not a ranch girl - she was more the Country Club girl. The first horse Stan had her ride was his old high school rope horse.

I looked at the different pavers that are on the patio. We had talked about this at one of our meetings. If anyone has questions on this feel free to reach out to me.

I spoke with Lori and Rick Bucholz in Amarillo. Lori and Rick will come to our banquet in January and address our affiliate.

Brian Hamrick: District 2 Report

The 2025 Hawkeye Ranch Horse Classic was District 2's largest show ever! We had to add 32 portable stalls to accommodate the number of stall requests for a total of 275 stalls. This was over a 100-stall increase from 2024. We had over 3,900 entries at the show. Ranch Riding and Ranch Trail took about 12 hours on both Friday and Sunday;

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4.5 hours of VRH Ranch Reining; and 10 hours of cattle classes on both Thursday and Sunday.

We are already planning and working on next year's show.

1. In the future, all cattle classes will start first thing in the morning.
2. 4 judges will be required to judge each of the four days to shorten the day.
3. On cattle class days, 2 judges will start the morning judging VRH Ranch Cutting. The other 2 judges will start judging VRH Reining at a "specified time" after the start of VRH Cutting.
4. All-Breed classes will be the last classes of the day in specific class type.
5. We will offer special IQHA Ranch Horse Program classes (RHP) specifically designed for horses in the RHP. Entry fees will be jackpotted back for payback. We are considering having special awards for these classes. These classes are in addition to our Yearling in Hand Ranch Trail class:
 - a. RHP 2-Year-Old Ranch Trail, Ranch Riding, Ranch Rail & Ranch Conformation
 - b. RHP 3- & 4-Year-Old Ranch Trail, Ranch Riding, Ranch Rail & Ranch Conformation
 - c. RHP & All Breed 5-Year-Old and Up Ranch Trail, Ranch Riding & Ranch Rail
6. We are also exploring the possibility of adding an additional 100 or more stalls to the show if the need arises. The feedback we have been receiving tells us that the show will continue to grow.

Our next District 2 meeting is scheduled for October 12 at Delhi Landing in Lake Delhi. This is also an election year for District 2, so our election meeting will be conducted in November.

Sarlynn Heston, Director-at-Large:

During the recent event weekend, a concern was raised regarding the fairness of the **Overall High Point Award** calculation. Specifically, the current structure allows **Ranch Horses** to participate in both **Horsemanship** and **Ranch Riding** classes, while **Performance Horses** are restricted from entering both. This discrepancy creates an unequal opportunity for earning points, disadvantaging Performance Horses in the overall standings.

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Issue Summary

- **Ranch horses** can compete in both **Horsemanship** and **Ranch Riding**.
- **Performance horses** are restricted and cannot compete in both.
- Yet, both are grouped together for **Overall High Point Awards**, creating unequal opportunities to earn points.

Proposed Solutions

1. **Limit the Classes Included in Overall High Point**
 - Only count **either** Horsemanship **or** Ranch Riding, not both.
 - This levels the playing field by reducing the advantage ranch horses have.
2. **Create Separate Overall Awards**
 - One for **Ranch Horses**.
 - One for **Performance Horses**.
 - This acknowledges the different class structures and avoids penalizing either group.

I don't believe it was clear the advantage one division had over the other and would like the board to correct this issue.

Jackie Kincaid, District 5:

We had a good uptick on our IQHA 5th District Rain Slicker sales over the Fall Futurity Show selling an additional 11. Thank you!

We did show our continued support for Mateer Strong & her run for the 2025 All American Quarter Horse Congress Queen by donating 3 slickers - 1 for her personally to wear proudly when it rains out at the Congress & 2 for her Congress Queen Fund Raising efforts... we want her to feel a BIG HUG from IQHA & know we are all rooting for her continued success! Best of luck Mateer!!

We also had a successful "Potluck" September 26th-28th at Elk Rock State Park by Red Rock Lake North of Knoxville . Close to 30 people attended on Saturday afternoon & enjoyed loose meat sandwiches, all beef hot dogs, delicious sides, desserts & treats. The weather was nearly perfect for the Fun Show that The Friends of Elk Rock group &

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Lynnville Saddle Club put on in the arena on Saturday morning. It was refreshing to see the joy & excitement of the "horse crazy girls" phase & know it is still alive & thriving. We hopefully will be able to be a part of this event next year & encourage you to join us. PLUS sitting around the campfire is always a good time. Thank you again for supporting our event as the drive was a little tricky this year with the bridge being under construction & still closed.

Our next District meeting will be November 11th, time/location to be announced later.

Lisa Merfeld:

Amateur: other than the amounts made with warm-up class fundraiser, nothing else to report. I will send a separate email with the other sportsmanship nomination slips.

Points: points will be posted by the end of the weekend thru Hawkeye Classic, we are wrapping those up. Waiting on the results for the Fall Classic show from TNT.

Awards: I am working with vendors for updated catalogs and plan on using a similar format to last year. Showbucks must be in the 50, 40, 30, 20 increments, we will not do other amounts.

Fall futurity feedback: As an exhibitor at the Fall Classic, the show pen changes negatively impacted exhibitors with breeder horses showing in the Jacobsen Friday by pushing back their designated warm up times on Thursday evening. A couple exhibitors completely missed their designated time for weanlings. With the special event in the Jacobsen Saturday evening, people showing longe line Sunday morning were not able to get in the show pen except early Saturday morning and early Sunday morning. May need to consider moving the non-pro longe line to another day.

Finally, sponsorships were rarely announced throughout the show, along with circuits. I didn't know I won the amateur trail circuit until Sunday after I was home and the office was packed up. As exhibitors, this is one of the more expensive shows, and to not receive recognition makes it less appealing to attend in the future.

