

## **Iowa Quarter Horse Association Board of Directors Meeting, November 4, 2025**

The IQHA Board of Directors met November 4, 2025 at the office of Echo Electric in Ames, Iowa. President Tammi Adix called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM. Board members in attendance were: Tammi Adix, Mitch Adkins, Codi Jo Heesch, Mary Ebnet, Brian Hamrick, Lori Mennenga, Kim Strong, Jackie Kincaid, Rosalie Carlson, Sarlynn Heston, and Mateer Strong. Jennifer Horton joined by phone at 7:03 PM. Absent Lindsay Black. Guests included Bill Horton, Craig Johnson, Kresney Johnson, Ann Luebbbers, Adrienne Shircliff, Amy Turner, Nicole Banner, Mark Ebnet and Scott Schumann.

President's report: Tammi congratulated the members of IQHA who showed at Congress and congratulations to Mateer Strong - our wonderful IQHA Congress Queen candidate. Good luck to our exhibitors at the AQHA World.

Vice President's report: Mitch would like the board to look at incorporating private entities that are holding futurities and shows into our current shows. How can we help them succeed and ourselves at the same time?

October board meeting minutes: Jennifer had emailed them out promptly. No questions or revisions were made. Sarlynn moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Mateer. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer report: Codi had emailed the October report and included a look at the November report. Fall Classic payouts are almost complete. Kim requested CDs be made at next month's meeting to capture interest on Ranch Futurity accounts.

Ex-Officio: Loren reported our own Luke Jones of Allerton, Iowa has received a championship at the AQHA World Championship in cow horse. Congratulations, Luke. Loren encouraged viewing of the Championships online.

### **Old Business**

Commemorative gun raffle: We received the gambling permit. Thanks, Mary, for your dogged work! Mary handed out tickets to sell.

Mayflower: District 4 brainstormed at their October meeting ideas to improve the Mayflower show. Suggestions were additional ranch classes scheduled together to pull in more exhibitors, holding the show in the lower cost pavilion, as a retro show format, reuse trail patterns from previous shows, no date on awards to capture use in the future, not purchasing circuit awards for classes without entries, and explore more economical show location.

Fall Classic: Tammi reported a small income from the show. Discussion was centered around making this show profitable. Ideas include raising fees for stalls. Kim Strong agreed with the recommendations of members that more classes need to be run concurrently. Discussion included doing away with the NSBA classes unless funding for payout is acquired. Kris Klingaman's request for VRH changes was sent to the Fall Classic Committee for review. Dates from Iowa State Fair for 2026 were announced as September 22-27.

Accounting/district financials: Tammi informed the board the cost per month to catch up our books would be \$600 per month. Kim suggested we obtain a contract from Savant

guaranteeing work accomplished. Codi will gather statements from districts outside our bank and provide them to Savant.

Membership fees 2026: Discussion was held, no changes will be made.

#### New Business

District Elections: Tammi would like to be notified by the December meeting of all changes in district board members.

Ranch Rules 2026: Kim presented changes to Ranch Futurity rules from the committee. A quorum of the Ranch Horse Committee was present; they left the meeting to discuss 4 minor changes. Kim will email the rules as agreed upon to the board for final approval.

Bylaw Updates: Rosalie cited a lack of bylaw changes except one that Jackie may have submitted.

Hall of Fame Inductees were announced to a closed board and will be released via social media later this week. Congratulations, Inductees.

Brian Hamrick requested further discussion on the Breeders Futurity rules approved at the October meeting and requested to extend the time for a stallion owner to purchase his own fee instead of the August 1 deadline. Brian made a motion to allow stallion owners until December 1 to purchase their fees for eligibility in the futurity, second by Kim Strong. Vote was 6 yes 4 no with Codi not voting, motion passed. Any further discussion on futurity rules approved in October was tabled.

Rosalie moved to adjourn the meeting, Brian seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:06 pm.

#### Emailed reports

##### Mary Ebnet

Outreach: On 10-25 my husband and I brought our 2 horses we have in Iowa to Jester Park for use in a 4 school equestrian competition. One of the gals that comes to the boarding stable is going to school at Iowa State. While there I had the opportunity to visit with these young men and women about the equine industry and what are some of their interests surrounding it. They all seemed super interested in the "horse show" scene. I shared with them it isn't just what you see at the stalls and the prepping it takes to get your horse there it is the behind the scenes the preparing to secure facilities, judges, logistics of getting judges there, etc. I shared I WORRY about the lack of young people stepping in to help out with the volunteer work that goes in to a horse show like a person running the gate, helping set up trail, helping the office with errands as needed. They all seemed to "get it" that the groups putting on shows need help. Could this be a resource we could tap into for some of our shows? While I just really know Olivia from the boarding barn I think it may be an avenue to pursue. When MN would have shows at Crookston the college kids would do all the work for the show except take entries.

Director at Large; Nothing new to report

Director Emeritus: Our Public Policy committee met. Many concerns with the presidents stand with importing beef from Argentina. The NCBA and many other cattle groups have gone to Washington to discuss the situation. Skrewworm still a major concern. My concern.... This was

our last meeting with Ward Stutz as he will be retiring Nov 1. At this moment they do not have a replacement for Ward. We always had thought AQHA would bring the new hire for his position on to glean some information and his relationships he has developed over the years with industry leaders. The committee chair of the group Patrick Kayser is working on a lot of different things for our group. Beau Baird has agreed to head some of discussion on who we will be donating our PAC funds to.

Jennifer Horton

Youth: We had 9 youth participate in the Congress youth team tournament with a 4th place, four finalists, a top 10 and a top 15 finish in the classes.

Banquet: All of the responses I received supported a \$45 dinner ticket price. Meal choices will be braised short ribs and parmesan crusted chicken. Special dietary requests will be handed on an individual basis. I ask for each board member to bring at least one door prize item for the banquet. The Holiday Inn reservation link has been sent to the website.

Comment on the Breeders Futurity Rules: I was at the meeting and participated in the discussion and voting for the breeders futurity rule proposals presented. Kelly's email earlier this month was not accurate in her account of the discussions and voting at the board meeting. As you read in the minutes I emailed out the next day, two motions were made, voted on and approved. They both agreed with the recommendations from the breeders futurity committee. No other motions were made for any changes. We discussed the 3YO trail and decided that since 2026 would be the first year for eligible horses we'd let it play out to see if there were any entries. The yearling longe line seems to be the hot button. Our rules (NSBA rules) currently allow for a horse to be shown as a western prospect or a hunter prospect in our current class. We confirmed that prior to any discussion. We did talk about it and questioned if our HUS numbers warranted a hunter LL. But no motion was made.

In the interest of information, I pulled the futurity results from the past 3 years to see if we were missing something.

2025: 2 showed in the 2YO HUS, 2 showed in the 3YO HUS

2024: 2 showed in the 3YO HUS, no entries in the 2YO HUS

2023: 1 showed in the 2YO HUS

ALL of these horses were shown as yearlings in the breeders longe line class. All are Iowa horses.

I don't see that we are missing any opportunities there. I still would not vote to approve a separate hunter longe line class.

AQHA National Director: Iowa had one youth selected to participate in the AQHA Young Horse Development program. Interesting to note the All Around Horse at the Congress was a horse shown in the AQHA ranch division classes - the first time in history there. Iowa was very well-represented at the Congress, including the reserve high point small fry exhibitor and our queen, Mateer, selected as 1st runner up in the Congress Queen contest. The World Show begins October 30 and runs through November 19.

Brian Hamrick

District 2 Director Report: IQHA District 2 had a meeting on October 12 at the Delhi Landing, Lake Delhi. We celebrated the success of the Hawkeye Ranch Horse Classic and have started

our planning for the show in 2026. Our next meeting is November 30 at the Delhi Landing, Lake Delhi. This will be our election meeting for District 2.

Lori Mennenga

IQHA District 3 met on October 7, 2025 at the Waverly Pizza Ranch with 12 members present. It was reported that as of September 30, 2025 we had a bank balance of \$10,363.47.

OCAP participation was discussed and all agreed to work harder at publicizing this program. Dates for the 2026 Scenic City Summer Show will be July 2 – 5.

We discussed hosting the Fun Show at the North Iowa Fair next summer and keeping it as an open all breed fun show in an effort to use it as part of the outreach program. Tentative date for this show is August 2, 2026.

April Clinic at Iowa Falls was discussed with Bill Horton reporting that he had something in the works for this, but is not yet ready to report on it.

We are planning an informal potluck and trail ride for October 3 or 4, 2026. We also discussed hosting an appreciation event of some kind for District 3 members who volunteered to help at our events.

Iowa Horse Fair, Snowflake Circuit showbill, IQHA meeting and Banquet were also briefly discussed. The possibility of raising IQHA membership fees was also opened for discussion.

Our next meeting will be in November, date and time yet to be determined.

Rosalie Carlson

District 7 is holding a meeting in November. We'll review the 2025 show and continue planning for the 2026 show.

