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IQHA BOARD MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 9, 2026

The Iowa Quarter Horse Association Board of Directors met January 9, 2026 at the Airport Holiday Inn in Des Moines, Iowa. President Tammi Adix called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM. Board members in attendance were: Tammi Adix, Mitch Adkins, Jennifer Horton. Codi Jo Heesch, Sarlynn Heston, Lindsay Black, Mary Ebnet, Mateer Strong, Brian Hamrick, Lori Mennenga, Kim Strong, Jackie Kincaid, Rosalie Carlson, Loren Meyer. Guests included Bill Horton, Rick Bailey, Kris Klingaman, Dave Albrecht, Cathi Luett and Wade Ellerbroek.

President's Report: Tammi thanked everyone for their work all year.

Vice President's Report: Mitch shared some sponsorship information he had found from the Georgia affiliate. He made a motion to give Tammi a gratuity to match the 2024 amount (\$2,000). Second by Mary, motion passed with Kim voting no and Mateer not voting.

Secretary's Report: Jennifer had emailed out the minutes after the December meeting. No corrections were indicated. Rosalie made a motion to approve the minutes, second by Sarlynn, minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: Codi had emailed the bank balances report. The CD gains totals \$2,379.70, including the amateur CD.

Ex-Officio Report: Loren noted that 2026 was the Chinese Year of the Horse as well as our 75th Anniversary.

Social Media: The January E-newsletter was full of information. The Roy Low Memorial Award information was added to the Hall of Fame page on the website. Jennifer created a pop-up banner for the Hall of Fame with a QR code to go to the Hall of Fame page that we can put up at events to promote our history. She will be doing history Facebook posts throughout the year for our anniversary. The Directory will have history pages sponsorships available.

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OLD BUSINESS

Square Equipment - Discussion continued from Brian's presentation of a Square retail terminal he suggested IQHA purchase and share with the shows that needed it. Rosalie made a motion for IQHA to invest in a tap-type reader as determined by the executive committee, for IQHA use and the districts should purchase their own if they need. With a second by Sarlynn, the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Banquet - Jennifer reported 194 reservations with 4 dinners available if anyone still wanted to purchase. Help will be needed at the check-in tables for memberships and dinner. Codi, Rosalie and Lori all volunteered to help. Jennifer showed the 75th Anniversary T-shirt that each 2026 membership would receive, compliments of Goldoni USA. Additional shirts could be purchased for \$20 each.

2026 Stallion Auction - Brian reported on the results of the Breeders Futurity Stallion Auction. At present time the total is \$54,345.00. The catalog included 76 stallions and 232 copies were mailed out. We used a new online auction company this year and there were several problems that needed to be worked out. The ads Brian sold in the catalog covered the cost of printing for a break even. Kim thanked Brian and Mary Jo for their work.

District Elections - Brian was re-elected in November for District 2 with Nick Wood staying as Secretary/Treasurer. Kim reported District 4 had their meeting in December and no one came forward to fill the director position.

2026 Point Rules High Point Iowa Bred Horse - Lisa Merfeld sent the proposal for requiring horses to be nominated for the High Point Iowa Bred Horse Award simply to make pointkeeping easier. After some discussion, Lindsay Black made a motion to give the breeder an IQHA membership for the next year, seconded by Sarlynn. After more discussion, Lindsay withdrew her motion and Mitch made a motion to table it until the February meeting. Second by Loren, motion passed. Codi made a motion to create a High Point Iowa Bred VRH Horse Award, seconded by Mateer, motion passed.

Mayflower - The Mayflower committee met and Jennifer presented the showbill with several new things designed to attract more exhibitors. Purina is sponsoring a \$1,000 Added Money Purse to the Western Riding/Ranch Riding Shootout, which will operate

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similar to the Scenic City Team Trail Shootout that was so popular. The Trainer Barn Challenge will have trainers sign up the horses they have at the show and points will be counted on each horse. The total number of points will be divided by the number of trainer's horses to determine the average. The trainer with the highest average points will win. The prize has been sponsored. We have added Mayflower Money to award money in a handful of specific classes across the divisions and are adding an optional sidepot for all the AQHA classes. Paid warm up city trail and ranch trail will be offered Thursday and Friday mornings before the show starts to allow riders access to the course in a paid practice run. Kim reported she had been contacted by someone who wants to sponsor open walk/trot ranch riding, ranch trail and ranch rail. She made a motion to add those classes and approve the showbill as presented with the addition. Mitch seconded, motion passed.

Non-Pro Challenge - Jennifer requested approval to offer the Non-Pro Challenge Finals again this year. Show Horses by Shannon and Hannah will be the presenting sponsor paying for the buckles. The 2025 show had 40 entries, with the show getting \$10 per entry. Sarlynn made a motion to approve, seconded by Lindsay, motion passed.

District Directors - Tammi reported she had been contacted by someone in District 6 but they were unable to come to the meeting tonight. Discussion was held and District 6 will hold a meeting and invite anyone interested to come for an election.

Fall Classic - Tammi reported Scott Neuman with AQHA called with concern of our Fall Classic dates being the same as Silver Classic. Our dates are locked due to the Iowa State Fairgrounds calendar and September only has four weekends this year and next. Mitch reported Nebraska had similar date issues. Some discussion followed with the general consensus that we don't have a choice in the dates and need to run numbers to determine any options for change.

Loren made a motion to adjourn, second by Rosalie, meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

