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The Iowa Quarter Horse Association Board of Directors met February 7, 2026 at the Echo Electric office in Ames, Iowa. President Tammi Adix called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM. Board Members in attendance were: Tammi Adix, Lori Mennenga, Jennifer Horton, Ann Luebbers, Mary Ebnet, Brian Hamrick, Jackie Kincaid, Kim Strong and Loren Meyer. Guests included Bill Horton and Mark Ebnet. Mateer Strong arrived around 1:30 PM.

President's Report: Tammi thanked everyone for their commitment and offered several housekeeping documents for the board members. She thanked Jennifer Horton for the photo highlights from the Fall Classic that appeared in the latest Equine Chronicle. She noted changes to the agenda to allow comments from Mary Ebnet and to remove a Breeders Futurity Rule issue. Kim requested the Breeders item remain with a different issue.

Vice President's Report: Lori will be leaving for Arizona and plans to set up a District 3 virtual meeting once she's settled there.

Secretary's Report: Jennifer had emailed out the minutes after the January meeting. No corrections were submitted. Mary made a motion to approve with a second by Brian. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Tammi presented the treasurer's report from Codi with a correction noted to the raffle account balance. She noted we are paying \$1900 to the accountant to prepare our 1099 tax forms.

Ex-Officio's Report: Loren expressed his appreciation for a great banquet and thanked Jennifer for her work on it. Jennifer noted the banquet was financially favorable for the association with less than \$2,000 cost to the association. We have received a bid to return to the Airport Holiday Inn January 15-16, 202. Discussion included positive feedback on the banquet experience.

Social Media: Jennifer reported she is working on the directory if anyone has info that needs to run in it.

News: District 1 will proceed with their OCAP program in 2026. The bond applications were received. The amateur committee is sponsoring 2026 shows again this year. Our AQHA Affiliate Agreement was submitted on January 13.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Snowflake: Tammi noted Snowflake begins Wednesday. Their stalls are sold out with a few that have become available. Jennifer reported the youth are doing their Share The Love community service project to gather donations for the Kirkwood College student pantry and would



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appreciate donations brought to the show. Brockelyn Anderson will also be delivering candy grams for valentines at the show - both human and equine - if you'd like to order one.

**Stallion Auction Update:** Brian reported 59 stallions have sold, with 40 available on the unsold list. Payments have been collected and delivered to Tammi. Over \$55,000 in sales so far this year. The [perfecthorseauctions.com](http://perfecthorseauctions.com) website will have the online catalog available for the unsold stallions.

**District Elections:** Kim Strong was re-elected at the District 4 meeting with Codi Jo to serve as secretary/treasurer. Tammi reported District 6 had a good meeting with 12 attending. Doug Brown was elected as director with Cassie George to serve as secretary/treasurer. Doug is planning on a 4-H clinic this summer. They will be sponsoring 2026 shows and also donating \$500 towards a 75th Anniversary paver at the AQHA Museum and purchasing a block at the Iowa State Fairgrounds in front of the horse barn from the Blue Ribbon Foundation.

**2026 Point Rules - Iowa Bred Horse Award:** Following up on the January board meeting, Lisa Merfeld sent the explanation on why the VRH division was not included in the Iowa Bred Horse award. After some discussion, Loren made a motion to create a separate VRH Iowa Bred Horse with a second by Brian. Motion passed. Brian made a motion to accept the nomination form as presented by Lisa at the January board meeting with the addition of the VRH division. With a second by Loren motion passed.

**Raffle Update:** Mary reported all was well. She submitted the gambling report for the 2025 year end as required. Discussion was held on upgrading our donation of a medallion at the AQHA Museum as previously approved to the larger paver. Districts 2 and 6 have both committed \$500 donations toward that. Lori felt District 3 would do the same. Jennifer made a motion to change our purchase from a medallion to a paver to honor the IQHA 75th Anniversary. Brian seconded. The motion passed with Mateer and Kim not voting.

#### NEW BUSINESS

**Horse Fair:** Jackie reported she would like to update the booth and listed several items she would like to purchase. Holly Limberg will represent us in the Avenue of Breeders. After some discussion, Kim made a motion to budget up to \$1,000 for Iowa Horse Fair expenses, not including the booth fee. With a second by Mateer, motion passed. Jackie did not vote.

**Breeders Rule:** Brian reported he had been emailed by someone who had purchased two fees in 2022 but had not nominated the mares to make the foals eligible for the futurity and was requesting to "catch up" the nominations. Discussion was held. The 2022 auction rules clearly stated mare nominations were required. No action was taken.



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AQHA Convention: Tammi proposed the board consider reimbursements again this year for our AQHA directors to recognize their support to our association. Loren made a motion to reimburse our AQHA directors attending the convention \$500, with the exception of the racing director. Mateer seconded the motion. Motion passed with Jennifer not voting. Bill Horton requested all of us attend the affiliate workshop.

Jackie brought up the idea of purchasing and selling rubber stall mats at Mayflower.

2026 Committee Approval: Tammi presented the list of 2026 committee appointments with a few openings yet. Kim made a motion to pay the open point keeper \$300, seconded by Loren. Motion approved. Jennifer recommended adding Lanie Petersen to the outreach committee. Jackie requested to add Becky Grier to the horse fair committee. Tammi added Mary Ebnet to the hall of fame committee. Mary asked everyone to watch for grant opportunities. Loren made a motion to approve the committees, seconded by Brian, motion passed.

Mary Ebnet: Mary presented several thoughts after being in Iowa for the year regarding our relationship with the fairgrounds and our political activity in our state. She felt having Michael Naig as a speaker at the annual meeting was a home run. She encouraged us to communicate and negotiate with the Des Moines chamber and area hotels to improve support for our events. Discussion on these ideas was held. Loren offered that if we sponsored the high school rodeo buckles again this year perhaps we could get them to sell some of our gun raffle tickets in exchange.

Kim made a motion to adjourn, second by Brian. The meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM.

IQHA TREASURER REPORT			February 2026			Codi Jo Heesch
<b>ACCOUNTS</b>						
<b>Account Balances</b>	<b>2/28/2026</b>	<b>1/31/2026</b>				
District 1	19111.79	19111.50	<b>BREEDERS TOTAL</b>	<b>CD TOTAL</b>	<b>TOTAL IN FUND</b>	<b>Breeders Fund Account</b>
District 2	36,065.88	29,483.74	203573.60	60000.00	263573.60	9,891.97
District 3	9,740.57	9740.20				273465.57
District 4	6050.68	6150.68	<b>RANCHERS TOTAL</b>	<b>CD TOTAL</b>	<b>TOTAL IN FUND</b>	<b>Ranchers Fund account</b>
District 5	6410.43	6525.84	86718.74	189000.00	275718.74	26,466.91
District 6	12,817.54	14414.31				302185.65
District 7	20299.78	20299.78	<b>ALL OTHER ACCOUNTS TOTAL</b>	<b>CD TOTAL</b>	<b>TOTAL IQHA FUNDS</b>	<b>All Accounts</b>
District 8	9,359.98	9359.84	305304.49	18800.00	324104.49	<b>899755.71</b>
Amateur Account	22,781.61	\$22,387.70				
Audit Account	14,047.85	14046.56				
Raffle Account	2770.00	2440.00	<b>HOME ACCOUNT</b>	<b>\$ AMMOUNT</b>	<b>📅 MATURITY DATE</b>	
Breeders 2022 Account	18,942.56	18,942.56	DOLLARS FOR SCHOOLARS	11000	7/22/2026	
Breeders 2023 Account	24,666.42	24,816.42	EWD	800	7/22/2026	
Breeders 2024 Account	71,010.19	70960.19	BREEDERS 2025	60000	9/10/2026	
Breeders 2025 account	\$29,034.41	\$29,034.41	Ranch Horse 2022	30000	9/15/2026	
Breeders 2026 account	59,920.02	15635.02	Ranch Horse 2023	53000	9/15/2026	
Breeders Fund Account	9,891.97	10871.20	Ranch Horse 2024	46000	9/15/2026	
Dollars for Scholars Account	7615.53	7615.53	Ranch Horse 2025	60000	9/15/2026	
EWD Account	550.18	550.17	Amatuer	7000	7/30/2026	
General Fund Account	83,861.93	69,303.90	<b>TOTALS ALL CDS</b>	267800		
Ranch Horse 2021 Account	17829.15	17820.15				
Ranch Horse 2022 Account	22709.25	20409.95	<b>All Accounts</b>			
Ranch Horse 2023 Account	20,497.39	22147.39	<b>899755.71</b>			
Ranch Horse 2024 Account	10,568.65	10818.65				
Ranch Horse 2025 Account	3414.10	3414.10				
Ranch Horse 2026 Account	11700.20	9900.20				
Ranch Horse Futurity Account	26,466.91	24,035.04				
Reserve Account	53,820.74	53820.74				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>631955.71</b>	<b>564055.77</b>				