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The Iowa Quarter Horse Association Board of Directors held a virtual meeting on Tuesday, May 5, 2026 via Microsoft Teams. President Tammi Adix called the meeting to order at 6:37 PM. Attending were: Tammi Adix, Jennifer Horton, Mary Ebnet, Becky Grier, Kim Strong, Loren Meyer, Mateer Strong, Brian Hamrick and Ann Luebbers. Doug Brown joined the call at 6:48 PM and Jackie Kincaid joined the meeting at 7 PM.

Board Minutes, April 7: Minutes had been emailed. Kim requested "by ballot" be added to the Fall Classic photographer vote. Mary made a motion to approve the minutes with this edit, second by Mateer. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer Report: Codi Jo was absent and had not emailed a report. Tammi noted that Kelly Birkenholtz had emailed reports this morning. There was no discussion.

Ex-Officio: Loren Meyer reported Steve Orth, a rope horse trainer in Oklahoma had a barn fire and lost 18 horses and the building. There is a fundraising auction on social media.

Social Media: Jennifer reported the May newsletter went out on Monday, May 4 instead of May 1 since the Mayflower was in progress.

News: Director and committee reports will be included in this meeting.

Old Business

Raffle Update: Mary hopes to get money collected for sold tickets at the June meeting. She has 120 tickets available for sale. Loren suggested that we use the High School Rodeo kids to help sell tickets at their finals since we will be there to present the award buckles we have sponsored.

Horse Fair: Jackie has her sponsors and the new tent. She noted Tammi, Becky and Ann would be there to help represent IQHA and a few District 5 members will help get her things from the storage unit.

2026 Budget: Codi Jo was absent and nothing was sent.

Mayflower Recap: Tammi thanked Jennifer Horton and Barb Delf for all their hours and hard work during the show. Jennifer reported the show was good, exhibitors enjoyed it -



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they liked some of the new things we had going on, loved the money and the weather was friendly. Proud of it as a success with happy exhibitors and it lived up to its reputation as a fun show to come to. We had a lot of out of state exhibitors and a lot of new exhibitors. Everyone seemed to really enjoy the team shootout. Loren commented it was good to see so many positive reports on the show on social media. Tammi reported credit cards were run, deposits were made. Once all expenses are in we will have the financial report. We will look forward to being able to use the horse barn next year.

Fall Classic: Kim visited with TNT about the AQHA show approval. Some show schedule updates have been made. She has potential sponsors for stakes classes. A kick-off party on Thursday will be sponsored by Pattie Fox and Danielle Burnight with music and drinks, location TBA.

Kim questioned the split of the Purina sponsorship monies among those receiving support and requested clarification regarding how the distribution amounts were determined. She asked whether the funds had been considered for an equal split among participating events or based on show size, exhibitor numbers or financial needs. She expressed disappointment that the Fall Classic may not have received a fair share relative to its size and need and requested how much each event was receiving. There will be \$4,000 of Harris awards. The VRH conformation classes will be free instead of a flat fee for the VRH show.

The Ranch Horse Committee has decided to go with the IRHA to add them to some of our futurity classes, similarly to NSBA dual-approved classes with a separate entry fee of \$100.

Ann said she was working on sponsorships for the Brunch with Breeders.

Mary had applied for a grant and we are still in the running in the selection process. She'd like us to look for grant opportunities.

New Business

Scenic City: Jennifer reported the Trail Team Shootout was returning. They are offering a \$5 entry fee on all youth classes and have 7 sponsors to pay for youth stalls. Lunch will be provided by District 3.

District 1: Becky reported they had a meeting on April 8. They are doing their halter program again. They will have a \$200 scholarship besides the money for crown and



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sash for the senior queen representing District 1. Their next meeting is scheduled for June 10 (changed to June 17).

District 2: Brian reported Hawkeye Ranch Horse Classic has 284 stalls reserved with a waiting list. They discussed the Eastern Iowa Horse & Pony Camp and are donating \$250 to them. Brian will be attending as a speaker to 3 groups of kids in June.

District 4: Kim reported they updated their OCAP forms and emailed to district members and sent to the website. They had Kelly, Kim and Loren help at Mayflower and Kelly donated the use of their forklift. They plan to have representation at the Iowa State Fair queen contest again this year. Kim noted new members Kelly and Leah Daniels attended the meeting.

District 5: Jackie reported on their meeting. They are donating \$200 to the AQHA paver and \$125 to the Iowa State Fair brick. They are also donating \$200 to the Maxwell Rodeo for a high point buckle. They will give \$100 to their junior queen and \$100 to their senior queen and held interviews at Mayflower with 6 interviews. Their potluck at Elk Rock will be October 9-11. They are continuing their OCAP buckles this year and are doing halters for their district 4-H sportsmanship awards.

District 6: Doug reported he was working on getting a meeting and trying to do a clinic in June for 4-Hers before the fairs.

Mary: She heard from friends who enjoyed their time at Mayflower. She's looking for educational opportunities for our members. Some from other states had discussion about ideas and classroom clinics with judges on scoring pattern classes.

Ann: She reported she was working on sponsorships for the fall show. She helped with the District 3 clinic. It was a good turnout for the clinic with Bonnie Minor and the district provided lunch with meat from Lori.

Mateer: She worked as a scribe at Mayflower. She noted one of the judges commented that some of our exhibitors needed some education on rules and should attend some clinics. She has been trying to scout potential queens in the 22-24 age range.



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Amateur: Tammi read the emailed report from Lisa Merfeld. They held a Teams meeting on April 22 with about 15 attending. The minutes will be posted to the website. The Mayflower silent auction was a success and she thanked Mary Jo Hamrick, Connie Schultz and Jennie Schut as well as everyone who donated items. The amateurs need someone to take care of the amateur sportsmanship awards at Denison and Hawkeye Classic.

Ranch Horse Futurity: Kim reported on the ABI Buckle Series at Mayflower. Cindy Hamilton won the \$100 amateur, Spencer Groth won the \$100 open and CJ Kirkland won the \$50 youth. The next show will be Denison. They are looking forward to the new partnership with the International Ranch Horse Association. They are working on sponsorships and awards.

Loren Meyer made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Brian. The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 PM.