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The Iowa Quarter Horse Association Board of Directors met Tuesday, June 16, 2026 at the offices of Echo Electric in Ames. President Tammi Adix called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM. Attending were Tammi Adix, Lori Mennenga, Codi Jo Heesch, Jennifer Horton, Becky Grier, Kim Strong, Jackie Kincaid, Rosalie Carlson, Sarlynn Heston, Ann Luebbers, Mary Ebnet and Mateer Strong. Guests included Mark Ebnet and Kelly Birkenholtz. Brian Hamrick joined the meeting shortly after it began.

President Tammi Adix noted our sympathies to Jean Chapman on the surprising loss of Marc. At Mayflower she spoke with Rick Klaus from the Minnesota affiliate about the possibilities of joint show approvals between our states. We will select our AQHA Pro Horseman choice at the next meeting. Tammi also just received word that Chuck McDaniel had passed away.

Vice President Lori Mennenga had nothing to report.

May Board Minutes: Kim presented an amendment to her Fall Classic report. Brian moved to approve the minutes with that amendment, second by Mateer, minutes approved. Jennifer explained how she secured the Purina sponsorship the past two years that had come from Pruina's desire to sponsor an event that became the Team Trail Shootout at Scenic City in 2025 and expanded to the Team Shootout at Mayflower this year. After covering those events added money and awards, the additional sponsorship money was allocated to the Fall Classic for the 2025 exhibitor party and again in 2026.

Treasurer Report: Codi Jo presented her treasurer's report. Kelly Birkenholtz provided the QuickBooks reports she had prepared.

Ex-Officio Loren Meyer was absent.

Social Media: Jennifer had nothing new to report.

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Raffle update: Mary has some tickets and money turned in. She has the donations for the AQHA paver. Everyone needs to push the ticket sales before the September drawing.



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Horse Fair Recap: Jackie reported on her favorable budget numbers. They had fun in the booth, including playing her Plinko game. The later dates for the horse fair seemed to help the clinic and outdoor activities but the trade show may have had a smaller turnout compared to the former April dates.

2026 Budget: Codi Jo presented the budget she had worked up. There was discussion regarding the financial information from Kelly and how it worked into Codi Jo's budget, which is a more broad level where the QuickBooks reports will show detail on income and expenses.

Mayflower Financials: Tammi reported the financials are not complete yet, pending receipt of some invoices and clarification needed on the Iowa State Fair invoice. There are some receivables that need to be collected or corrected as well.

Fall Classic: Kim reported the showbill is published and posted. TNT has the judges. Lori is investigating staff meal options. Vendor interest is high. Kim developed a list of topics for social media posts for Jennifer. She requested IQHA put up \$1,000 for NSBA added money for a limited non-pro maturity class to add to the show. After some discussion Mateer made a motion to add a Non-Pro Western Pleasure Maturity class with \$1,000 to come from a sponsorship. Following a second from Kim, more discussion followed. The vote was 10 to approve, with Brian and Jennifer not voting. Motion passed.

Tammi asked that the ABI Ranch Horse Incentive checks be handled the same way for all shows. It was agreed that checks would be written to the winners rather than deducted from their show tabs.

Scenic City: Jennifer reported 85 stalls currently reserved and the RV spots were full. Sampsons are sponsoring breakfast and Sweeneys are sponsoring lunch on Saturday and District 3 is providing lunch on Friday. Youth entry fees are all just \$5 and currently 8 youth stalls have been sponsored. The Team Trail Shootout will be held Saturday evening. IQHA will give away a Turtlebox speaker to a member as part of the 75th anniversary gift program along with other 75th anniversary gifts, provided by the AQHA affiliate grant.

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Marc Chapman Tribute Open Halter Class at Fall Classic: This has been approved. Susan Knapp is heading up sponsorships for added money. The class is an open class shown in one go to be held Friday. A Turtlebox speaker will be awarded to an IQHA member exhibiting in that class from the 75th anniversary gifts.

District Reports:

- 1 - Becky reported they held a meeting June 10. They are continuing their halter program and are sponsoring a 4-H buckle at the State Fair. Avery Drum is their junior cowgirl queen and Savanna Saylor is their senior queen contestant.
- 2 - Brian reported Hawkeye Classic stalls are sold out. Big Iron Auction is the new sponsor of the team challenge. John McGreal and Craig Johnson will present a clinic on Wednesday evening. They will award 16 buckles. Brian received an appointment to the AQHA recreational activities committee. The district is planning a fall trail ride. He will attend the Eastern Iowa Horse & Pony Camp to do presentations to three groups of kids.
- 3 - Lori reported they held a meeting on June 10. Scenic City plans were discussed. They are donating a buckle to the 4-H show at the State Fair. The district is holding an open show during the North Iowa Fair. They are planning a potluck on September 12.
- 4 - Kim reported they met June 9. They will distribute award bags in their district. Discussion was held on sponsorship opportunities and other activities. They reviewed the Mayflower report from Jennifer Horton.
- 5 - Jackie reported District 5 is planning another potluck. They sponsored a buckle at the Maxwell Rodeo.
- 7 - Rosalie reported their shows were successful with cattle and VRH classes getting good entries. Ella volunteered as flagger for the roping. They will have a junior state fair queen contestant, with Brooke Myers from District 5 as their senior.

Directors At-Large: Mary reported she had requested a \$5,000 sponsorship from the Des Moines Chamber of Commerce but it was denied. She has reached out to Catch Tourism for possible opportunities. July 10 is the Prairie Meadows grant notification date. Lori Bucholz, AQHA Executive Committee Member, will attend our banquet in January.

Sarlynn had nothing to report.



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Ann is working on sponsors for the Fall Classic. She is working on a social event to include 50-Year Breeders.

Mateer reported the AQH Lead group had created a Facebook group for young adults. Tammi is the mentor for the group. Mateer is also volunteering with the Mahaska 4-H Horse group.

Ranch Committee: Kim reported the newest addition to the Ranch Horse Futurity is the Kiefer trailer award from Kiefer Built and Hedgewood Equipment. Each horse nomination, stallion enrollment and futurity entry will receive one entry into the drawing for a one-year's use of a 3-Horse Kiefer trailer to be awarded at the Futurity. Current stallion enrollments are around 70. They continue to get sponsorships and donations. The Denison shows awarded the ABI ranch incentive money. Traci Scott is producing the RHF newsletter that emails monthly. They have submitted the application for the International Ranch Horse Association approval. Farm Bureau is sponsoring the 3-Year-Old Box Drive class again. The futurity entry form is being prepared for online pre-entries.

Breeders Committee: Brian reported August 1 is the deadline for the auction. Kelly reported the new 2026 forms have been posted to the website and are set up to accept credit card payments, with the deposits set to be made to the appropriate year account. Tammi reminded the board that Kelly would not be continuing as breeders secretary after this year.

Rosalie made a motion to adjourn with a second by Codi Jo. The meeting adjourned at 9 PM.

