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The Iowa Quarter Horse Association Board of Directors held a virtual meeting Tuesday, July 14, 2026 via Microsoft Teams Meeting. President Tammi Adix called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM. In attendance were Tammi Adix, Jennifer Horton, Codi Jo Heesch, Sarlynn Heston, Ann Luebbers, Mateer Strong, Becky Grier, Brian Hamrick, Kim Strong, Jackie Kincaid and Rosalie Carlson. Loren Meyer, Lori Mennenga and Mary Ebnet all got on the call just before 7 PM.

President's Message: Tammi wished Brian and Mary Jo Hamrick a happy 50th anniversary. She also congratulated Iowa Youth members Kara Flickinger and Shay Henson for being elected to the AQHYA board to represent Region 3. She appreciated members Lilly Petersen and Brooke Myers attending the leadership conference as well. Tammi announced we were selected in the Prairie Meadows grant that Mary had submitted and would receive \$10,000 for operational expenses (judges and staff). She thanked Mary for that work. Tammi encouraged our board members to be a part and show up.

June Meeting Minutes: Brian made a motion to approve with a second by Sarlynn. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer Report: Codi Jo reported that Kelly had sent out the detailed accounting reports. With bank account balances total of \$751,463.24 and CD accounts balance total of \$215,800, our total is \$967,263.24. Tammi noted we had CDs due to renew this month. Jennifer made a motion to renew the EWD and scholarship CDs with a second by Codi Jo. The motion was approved.

Social Media: Jennifer reported the deadline for the August newsletter will be July 25. She also reminded everyone that our posts on social media are to PROMOTE the association, not to entertain public fighting or comments intended to stir up dust. She deleted a recent post that had generated comments that were out of place from members and committee people who should know better. Board members need to remember they represent this association to the public.

Jennifer included a youth report. She took four IQHYA members to the AQHA Youth Excellence Seminar (YES) in Amarillo last week: Kara Flickinger, Shay Henson, Lilly Petersen and Brooke Myers. Kara and Shay decided while they were there to seek election as directors through the floor nomination process and will represent Region 3



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with a youth from Missouri. Temple Grandin was the keynote speaker and the kids got to meet and take a photo with her. Jennifer also introduced them to members of AQHA's executive committee and staff.

OLD BUSINESS

Raffle Update: Since Mary had not joined the call yet, Tammi asked each director for their ticket sale numbers. Mary has \$3,500 from sponsors toward the purchase of the paver for the AQHA Hall of Fame. Brian made a motion to go ahead and proceed with the paver order with a second by Rosalie. With Kim and Mateer not voting, the motion passed. Mary joined the call and encouraged everyone to sell their tickets for the success of the fundraiser. There are 800 tickets total.

Fall Classic: Kim reported the Holiday Inn Airport will be our staff hotel. The NSBA approval has been submitted. Mary secured the sponsorship needed for the Non-Pro Maturity from Great Oak Equine - a wooden round pen manufacturer who will be at the show as a vendor. The Marc Chapman Tribute class is gaining momentum with \$10,000 plus in sponsorship money is expected to pay out. The entry fee money will be donated to Jean Chapman. One judge has to step down and TNT is working on their replacement. The stall form is in progress. Karen McCuiston, head of ranching and 50 year breeders from AQHA, will attend the fall show and futurity. She will help get the 50 year breeders to the brunch. We look forward to having her there to see our show.

Kim moved to her ranch futurity report. There are currently 102 stallions enrolled with several new ones. Plans continue to take shape for the bash and the Saturday night dinner sponsored by Dechra and Midwest Equine. Nominations are rolling in. Show FreshH2O will give first time futurity exhibitors a travel mug. Becky noted she had been asked where the ranch futurity horses would be stalled. Kim reported the horse barn will be primary for everyone with the sheep barn secondary. Brian and Mary Jo want to sponsor a \$250 drawing for a non-pro that shows in the Breeders Futurity longe line. There was some discussion. The Breeders Futurity Committee will discuss and decide how it will be handled.

Scenic City Update: Tammi thanked Bill and Jennifer for their hard work as well as Lori Mennenga and Cathi Luett and everyone who put in time putting on the show. Jennifer included Tammi in the thank you. She reported it was a fun show with several first time exhibitors. Sponsors and volunteers provided breakfast and lunch to everyone each day



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and Culligan water coolers were in each barn for drinking water. The ranch numbers were strong. There were 9 youth stalls sponsored and the \$5 youth entry fee seemed to help youth entries. The egg and spoon had \$100 added. The Team Trail Shootout had 8 teams compete for the \$1,800 purse and awards from Custom Tails and Purina. Brooke Myers won the ring toss on a saddle horn to take home the Turtlebox speaker for the 75th anniversary prize.

NEW BUSINESS

AQHA Most Valuable Professional: Tammi listed the AQHA Professional Horsemen in Iowa, with two not eligible for the award since they are not IQHA members. Tammi read the qualifications from AQHA. There was some discussion. The vote will be held at the August in-person meeting.

Bylaw proposals: Tammi noted we would discuss them at the August meeting. August 1 is the deadline for members to submit proposed bylaw changes. Rosalie asked everyone to bring a copy of the current bylaws so they could follow along with the recommended changes and updates.

Hall of Fame: Tammi reminded everyone of the August 1 deadline for nominations. She had emailed a proposal submitted to update the Hall of Fame selection and presentation process. After some discussion Jennifer made a motion to approve the proposal, seconded by Rosalie and it was approved.

2026 CDs - Breeders and Ranch: Kelly had emailed a recommendation to move \$50,000 from the Breeders 2026 account to a CD. Kim made a motion to follow Kelly's recommendation getting a CD at the best rate possible. With a second from Jennifer motion passed. Kim stated the ranch needed to wait until November.

Tammi shared she had been contacted by someone in Iowa racing asking if we could advertise their members are looking for options for foaling out their mares. Jackie provided more information on this. We can include a note in the August newsletter.

Director Reports

District 1: Becky reported they were finishing up giving halters at their county fairs. They have a junior queen opening for the Iowa State Fair contest. Savanna Saylor will be their senior queen.



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District 2: Brian reported on Hawkeye Classic with a wait list for stalls and new sponsor for their challenge.

District 4: Kim reported the Ranch Horse Futurity ABI Winners from Scenic City were Kaylee Kapraun, Mary Ebnet and Lilly Petersen. The Iowa State Fair would be the next show but it is not included in the series. Kim and Mateer continued their family battle at the Keokuk County Fair with Kim beating Mateer in their family competition.

District 5: Jackie reported the Polk County Fair is next week so she plans to check out the horse barn. The district is a buckle sponsor for the Maxwell Rodeo and will give two tickets to members for August 7-8. Their Iowa State Fair queen contestants are Aylah Fix (D4), Dawsyn Fix (D5), Kara Flickinger (D5), Brooke Myers (D7) and Rylee Leighty (D8). The queen contest will be August 14 in Jacobson Arena. Jackie is continuing with plans for their potluck at Elk Rock October 9-11.

District 7: Rosalie had no report.

VP: Lori reported she is working on the Top of Iowa Open Show at the North Iowa Fair for District 3.

Directors-at-Large: Mary Ebnet reported on the \$10,000 grant received from Prairie Meadows. She expressed disappointment in the lack of response/participation in the gun raffle, especially with all the hours she had put into it. She found a sponsor for the Non-Pro Maturity class and got a breakfast sponsor for the Fall Classic.

Mateer reported AQHLead applications were open and would close at the end of the year. She has enjoyed the opportunity.

Sarlynn reported the Warren County Fair is next week, she is the superintendent. Many IQHYA youth will be showing there.

Ann will email a report to the board (see report at the end of these minutes).

Breeders Committee: Tammi noted the entry deadline was coming at the end of the month. Kelly has the awards.

Loren reported as ex-officio. The High School Rodeo Finals are coming up in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Rosalie made a motion to adjourn with a second by Loren. The meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM.



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From Director-at-Large Ann Luebbers' email following the meeting: As a member of the IQHA board of directors and the Iowa Ranch Horse committee I have been paying attention to the declining membership participation. We see the same people volunteering, sponsoring, and working on the same projects ...be it shows, rides, clinics, horse fair, etc.. I've been trying to come up with something new, different and to draw in new people and youth. I have been talking with other horsemen - a group of friends and we have some great ideas to share. Some totally new and out-of-the-box type ideas. I'm involved with a small task force group to promote the future of our beloved horse industry. I will have more news on that for our next meeting. I encourage others to join in with ideas and thoughts.

The Fall Classic Breeders Futurity and Ranch Futurity show: I have been working super hard getting prepared for the "Brunch With the Breeders" group, including tying in the hospitality area to help celebrate 75 years of the IQHA , the 85th Anniversary of the American Quarter Horse Association, and the 250th USA Birthday! Plans are falling into place. Besides getting the BotuPharm sponsorship for the brunch, I have been working with AQHA Director Rick Bailey to secure some AQHA representatives to come to our show and welcome our members to a "meet and greet" format. Karen McCuiston has confirmed she will attend and will answer questions and share opportunities available to our membership on the state and national levels. I will encourage our board members, along with past and present to join in and be user-friendly, inviting and most importantly WELCOMING all friends of the association. My thoughts for the hospitality area: Our hospitality area will have nice furniture - tables, snacks, beverages and a play area for the kids (like past shows). A special wall of photos of all of our 50-year members and 50-year breeders!! This is where Karen M. will assist me. She has access to the 50-year members etc. Any hall of fame inductees that want to come and tell stories about the past and give advice for the future. We have invited several members to come and share stories. I have talked with a few cowboy poets, storytellers and singers about evening sessions. I have visions of birthday cupcakes and anniversary cakes, etc.. I am lining up sponsors to cover the costs (I have an additional \$1500 pledged so far) and when I know more about what is available (time and space to do this) I hope to make this happen with the board's approval. This NEEDS TO BE BIG. This NEEDS to be CELEBRATED!! We need ALL IN!