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IQHA Board of Directors met Tuesday October 6, 2026 at the offices of Echo Electric in Ames, Iowa. President Tammi Adix called the meeting to order at approx. 6:35 PM. In attendance were Tammi Adix, Lori Mennenga, Sarlyn Heston, Mary Ebnet, Becky Grier, Kim Strong, Jackie Kincaid, Rosalie Carlson, Mateer Strong, Brian Hamrick and Ann Luebbers. Guest present was Rick Bailey. Doug Brown arrived at 6:56 PM.

President's report: Tammi reminded everyone again, that elections for district directors need to be completed before the annual meeting in January.

Vice-president report: Lori reported that she received a lot of positive feedback regarding the Fall Classic. No other report.

August Meeting minutes: Need to amend the minutes that the By-laws would be sent to Tammi, who would provide them to the rest of the board. Motion was made by Rosalie Carlson and seconded by Mary Ebnet to approve the August minutes with the correction mentioned.

Treasurer report: Codi Jo not present.

Secretary report: Jennifer Horton not present. Minutes from the August meeting were made available prior. Lori Mennenga took minutes.

Amateur Point Keeper, Lisa Merfeld will be stepping away from IQHA administration so we will need to find a replacement.

Brief discussion was held regarding the success of the Gun raffle and that our license is valid until 2027 if we wanted to do something similar. Mary reported 323 Non-members purchased raffle tickets. Winners of the raffle were: Rifle winner - Mike Lucas, address unknown. Shotgun winner - Paul Bauer, Greenfield, Iowa.

Fall Classic: No financials discussed because some things are still pending. Kim Strong gave a report on the success of the Fall Classic. She touched on highlights: Marc Chapman Tribute, $9,000 paid out, 25 entries, Dick Donnelly was the winning exhibitor. The eighth place exhibitor graciously donated her winnings back to Jean Chapman along with all entry fees. Riderless horse presentation by Mitch Adkins was an added experience. Zach Hedberg stepped up for Craig Johnson for the Clinic. Breeders

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Brunch served 150 and ran out of everything after approximately 45 minutes. Boots and Beats Bash on Thursday night was well-attended with over 200 people served. Even some dancing occurred. Cattleman Quarters has agreed to do the food again next year.
Sidepots paid back $2,480.00
There was a record number of vendors, with additional vendors located outside.
Dedicated awards area was well-used.
Karen McCuistion from AQHA was able to attend the event from Thursday through Saturday and provided very positive feedback.
For 2027 we need to evaluate some areas to expedite next year's schedule. Ample time provided for warm-up and practice in the Jacobson. Overall exhibitor comments were very positive.
Contracts and payments were discussed. We need to establish a new contract with TNT show management for 2027. Discussion was held regarding the effectiveness and feedback regarding TNT. The general feeling was that they were overwhelmed and unprepared for the size of the show. Lengthy discussion ensued.
Hotel: We secured a better rate for this year which helped with the bottom line. We need to take advantage of the IHG business plan awards program.
Iowa State Fairgrounds: Staff was not accommodating to requests made at the show and were argumentative with show management about the condition of arena ground, etc. We need to address concerns with ISF for 2027.
Stalling Office: Good reports regarding stall conditions overall.
Concerns were addressed and taken care of in a timely manner by ISF staff. Jackie took photos of cement floors regarding use of hoof black. Brian raised concerns about the electric outlets being too low on the stalls. Jackie Kincaid has received all the monies from exhibitors for stall fees.
Rick Bailey reported that judges had problems communicating with TNT regarding which arenas they were to report to. Scribes had the same problem. Discussion ensued as to ways to improve communication with TNT and fine-tuning contract information.

Kim Strong thanked those assisting with her on the committee for the Fall Classic and Futurity. Prizes and awards were over $300,000 this year, with the exact amount not yet available. The complimentary dinner on Saturday night served over 500 people.
Dechra was very happy with the outcome as sponsor. Bella Wells from Kentucky won the KieferBilt trailer. Kim will have more financial information ready for next month. She does have printouts of entries available for anyone wanting them.

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By-Laws: Rosalie Carlson made changes agreed to last month. Discussion ensued regarding Section 2 Committees which includes a list of current committees. Change was suggested to include only standing committees in this section because the President may change the committees. Motion was made by Brian Hamrick to include the by-laws as written with the correction made to Section 2: Committees to include only standing committees: Bylaws, Finance/Budget, Grievance, Hall of Fame and Membership. Motion seconded by Rosalie Carlson. Brief discussion and questions were answered by Rosalie Carlson. The vote was called and the motion passed.

Banquet 2027- Codi Jo not present. There was discussion with confusion over the 2027 dates.

Becky Grier would like further discussion regarding removal of ranch classes at Snowflake put on agenda for the next meeting.

Breeders 2027 Rules- Brian reported that Kelly Birkenholtz divided the Breeders Stallion Auction rules from the IQHA Breeders Futurity Rules to simplify and clarify the process. Discussion followed. Kim Strong made a motion to split the yearling longe line class into Western and Hunter Under Saddle Divisions, they can only show one. More discussion regarding stallion auction rules and deadlines. Motion died for lack of a second. Discussion tabled until next meeting.

Stallion Auction date will be on January 8, 9, and 10th, 2027.

Mayflower Profit Sharing discussion moved to our next meeting.

Director Reports:
District 1 - Becky Grier said their next meeting is scheduled.
District 2 - Brian Hamrick reported their Trail Ride had poor turnout due to weather. Hawkeye Classic will move to a 5-day show, starting on Wednesday. Two young members want experience as show managers.
District 3 – no report.
District 4 – no report.
District 5 – Jackie Kincaid is planning a potluck/trail ride this weekend at Elk Rock State Park.

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District 6 – Doug Brown- working on scheduling a meeting and a clinic for next year.
District 7 – Rosalie Carlson is working on her stall contract for next year 's show.

Mary Ebnet reported it was exciting to see our paver in Amarillo. Karen McCuistion was looking forward to coming to our show at the Fall Classic. We received the grant from Prairie Meadows already hearing from them encouraging us to apply for next year. She is working on a grant from Farm Credit Services.
Sarlynn Heston – no report.
Ann Luebbers was working on things for next year regarding Futurity.
Mateer Strong worked at Breeders Futurity, helped hand out awards, set up cattle events. She is working on thank-yous.
Rick Bailey reported on Karen McCuistion's visit to the Fall Futurity.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday November 3, 2026. Mary Ebnet is looking into joint shows with Minnesota. Motion to adjourn made by Kim Strong, seconded by several. Meeting adjourned at 9:44 PM.