

## IQHA Board Meeting Minutes, October 29, 2024

President Tammi Adix called the meeting of the Iowa Quarter Horse Association to order at 6:34 October 29, 2024 at the Iowa Cattlemen's Association meeting room in Ames, Iowa. Members in attendance were Mitch Adkins, Codi Jo Heesch, Craig Johnson Jennifer Horton, Sarlynn Heston, Nikki Twogood, Becky Grier, Brain Hamrick, Lori Mennenga, Kim Strong, Jackie Kincaid and Rosalie Carlson. Absent were Loren Meyer and Lindsey Black.

Guests included Nick Wood, Bill Horton and Kresney Johnson.

The August minutes were read and will wait to approve after editing. Jennifer will email to board members for approval.

Kim moved to place 60 per cent of the funds in the Reserve, Dollars for Scholars and EWD Accounts put into a CD for 3-13 months, based on best rate. Money returned to the account it came out of with interest. With a second by Jennifer Horton, the motion passed.

Codi is working on the budget for the year 2025.

Jennifer commented that the monthly newsletter would go out Thursday October 31, 2024.

Profits from the 2024 Scenic City Summer Show will roll into the show the next year. Money is in the general account and would be available for the next show. Tammy would like to see the show's profit sharing split differently. Jennifer made a motion to create a concept committee to discuss the of split show profits. Codi seconded. Motion carried.

The Fall Classic and Futurity Exhibitor dinner changes were discussed. We could save money by not renting the cattle barn annex and will need to find new sponsor for 2025. We currently have \$2700 of unpaid entries and \$1100 still outstanding. Tim and Trish Schmahl (TNT) may need more help. Challenges with the horse show were discussed, including ranch futurity classes paperwork and unpaid fees. Our shavings supplier is yet unpaid. Stalling office will handle. We need to communicate with TNT about expectations for 2025. Exhibitor suggestions were shared and discussed.

Affiliate Funds grant. All the money from the first grant has been paid. We were approved for next quarter's Affiliate Funds Grant. They will be used for OCAP and awards for Iowa High School and Junior High School Rodeo sportsmanship and horsemanship buckles.

The returned checks policy was reviewed per our bylaws and discussed. Breeder's payouts will not be paid, and membership will be denied as of now nonpayment was outstanding Rosalie moved that we send a registered letter detailing actions that will be taken if the

outstanding bill is not paid within five business days of this meeting. The actions included requiring the return of the value of the prizes, plus bank fees. Failure to repay fees will result in suspension. Jennifer seconded Tammi read the rules of the association per bad checks and disciplinary procedures. Motion passed, Brian abstained from voting.

Snowflake update - Brena sent Snowflake budget, has prizes chosen and contracts sent to event officials and staff. The board thanked Brena for her work.

Non-Pro Challenge was a great success, the buckles were gorgeous. Kim made a motion to keep the Non-Pro Challenge for 2025. Nikki seconded Kim's motion, and it passed.

Thanks, Jennifer, for the idea of this challenge and for implementing this exciting program

The Stallion service auction is in preparation for 2025. Brian forwarded a list of stallions we would like to have in our program. We need the trainers in Iowa to help recruit. Brian would like to look at the rules for 2025. We are clarifying the nomination of mares but they don't have to be specific.

The Breeders Futurity rules state all horses are subject to drug testing.

Denison 2025 - Rosalie believes a midweek show (for District 7/8 and Nishna Valley) could be the end of April following the roping in Lincoln to capitalize on the timing. She discussed the timing with the Sunday move in and Monday start showing and the timing of the Mayflower so close. Her shows will separate from the District 6 shows which still have the Memorial Day weekend as a priority date with AQHA.

By-law changes for 2025. An attendance policy for board members regarding voting rights and the practice of call-in attendance was proposed. Kim moved to approve Rosalie's proposal to change the bylaws at the annual meeting Nikki seconded, motion passed.

2025 board elections – Executive committee and two directors-at-large will be elected. Nikki and Saralynn director-at-large terms expire.

Membership forms are approved, current and accepting for 2025.

Theres a show approval form that is online and ready for use. Kim moved to approve the show approval form. Rosalie seconded and it passed.

Rosalie moved a gratuity be paid to Mayflower and Scenic City committee chair each \$300. And \$550 for the Fall Classic committee chair. Brian seconded the motion. This is a 2024 gratuity. Rosalie amended the motion to add Snowflake as another committee chair to receive \$350. With Jennifer Horton and Mitch Adkins not voting, motion was approved.

2025 directory showbills and ads are due into the directory by Feb 3, 2025. The showbill rate is \$125 for black and white, ad pages are \$200 BW and \$395 for color. Back cover \$500.

AQHA National Director reports: Bill, no report. Tammi, no report.

Jennifer reported new classes approved by AQHA included Level 1 Horse (Green) Non-Pro Showmanship, Horsemanship and Equitation. AQHA has also approved youth small-fry 9 & under walk trot classes.

District 1 Becky reported a December meeting will be held at Kat Ressler's .

District 2 Brian reported the district's ranch horse show will be moving to August 21-24, 2025. Brian will have a meeting in November

District 3 will have a meeting at Pancho Villas in Grundy Center November 6<sup>th</sup>. District 3 is sponsoring an open show at Ellsworth in November. Stalls are sold out. This is a fundraiser for the equestrian center. The district will have Heather Young back for a ranch horse clinic April 26-27 at Ellsworth. Bill added that the outdoor arena was leveled at Iowa Falls. Brian moved to match the sponsorship of District 3 at \$500, earmarked to the outdoor expansion project. Jennifer seconded and it passed unanimously.

District 4 Kim is planning a December meeting Lynn and John McGreal were great clinicians at our September Red Rock Clinic. She thanked them. Mateer was first runner up at the Quarter Horse Congress Queen. She represented Iowa well and she enjoyed her time out in Ohio. Thanks, Mateer for all the hard work!! We are so proud of you Mateer Strong!

District 5 - Jackie is planning a meeting for December. District 5 provided a great treat table for the Fall classic. Elections for officers will be in an upcoming meeting.

District 7 - Rosalie will be having a meeting for elections of district officers.

Directors-at-Large: Craig - nothing to add at this time. Jennifer - nothing further. Saralynn has nothing to add. Nikki - nothing to report.

Jennifer reported five youth participated in NYATT at Congress.

Open and amateur points will be available this week and awards will be chosen.

Our next meeting will be December 15<sup>th</sup> at Echo Electric in Ames.

Becky moved to adjourn, Brian second, motion passed meeting was adjourned at 9:45.

