



Unity is strength... when there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved.

Sunday, December 15, 2024, 1:00 PM @ Echo Electric 314 S 17th Street, Ames, Iowa

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Meeting called to order by President Tammi Adix at 1:15 pm.

Roll Call: VP-Mitch Adkins, Sec. Lindsay Black, Treas. Codi Jo Heesch, Director at Large – Craig Johnson (on phone), Jennifer Horton, Sarlynn Heston-absent, Nikki Twogood absent, District 1, Becky Grier, District 2, Brian Hamrick, District 3 Lori Mennenga, District 4, Kim Strong, District 5, Jackie Kincaid, District 6 – vacant, District 7, Rosalie Carlson, District 8 - vacant, Ex-Officio, Loren Meyer. Guests: Bill Horton, Mark and Mary Ebnet, Larry Greve, Kelly Birkenholtz.

Presidents Report-Aqha rule changes are due to AQHA by December 31st. At the moment all donations to AQHA Foundation are being matched, so if you've been thinking about donating now is the time. The Bluff County Classic horse show is asking permission to move from Winona to Cedar Rapids on Feb 27-march 2nd due to the fire in Winona. It will be a combined quarter and paint show that is owned by TNT. Jennifer moved to allow the show to be held in Cedar Rapids for 2025. Rosalie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mary Ebnet is a director emeritus for AQHA who recently relocated from Minnesota to Iowa. We are excited to have her here.

Jackie Kincaid had the first paid 2025 IQHA membership paid.

Vice President - no comment right now.

Board Minutes October 29 - Codi Jo did October minutes due to Lindsay being absent. Brian moved to approve minutes as presented. Jennifer seconded. Lindsay and Loren not voting. Minutes approved.

Treasurer Report - Updated Budget & Accountant Update Balance Sheet/Profit & Loss is currently being worked on. Codi Jo read all current balances and updated CD totals. She will make changes and email out changes. Kim asked about audit account and if the total was correct. Codi Jo pulled up the account info and reported that both checks for the last audit cleared on October 26, 2023 and April 25, 2024.

Codi Jo reported she needs Hawkeye Classic and Fall Classic totals to finish the budget. Rosalie let us know that Town and County Bank was purchased.

Ex-Officio - Loren reported the NFR has been on. They have been watching it. He feels this is a chance for AQHA to promote how many of these horses are registered American Quarter Horses. Bill reported with the roping futurities AQHA is seeing an increase in the rodeo horses getting transferred.

Social Media - Jennifer reported the newsletter goes to 980 people per month. She asked if we wanted to do an online form for banquet. Kelly recommended posting the form online so people can see it. Decision was made to post it online and people can print it out to mail it back.

Old Business:

Fall Classic - Financial Review - ranch horse futurity payment is still needed. Loren will have by the end of the year. There was discussion on who pays for what at that show and why it is that way. Currently the futurity pays a percentage of judges, lodging, and scribes. This year a ranch futurity sponsor paid for the exhibitor party dinner. Kelly reported the \$250 sponsorship from her is not on the fall futurity financial recap.

TNT is still collecting payments from the show. It was a good show but we still are showing a loss. We have collected one check for cattle charges. Tammi will email Trish again tomorrow with issues and follow up. Kim asked about TNT not

using their RV anymore versus the hotel charges we have. Tammi stated we need to renew contracts each year with them. We need to fill in gaps in the holes on the contracts.

Kim stated we have two futurities, the non-pro challenge, and 6-judge AQHA show. We need to look at who is paying for what. The show has access to make money if run correctly.

AQHA Affiliate Funds - These may continue for 2025. We are using second quarter funds for OCAP awards. Jennifer in charge of ordering jackets for these.

Returned Checks – Membership Status – Breeders Placing/Payout individual did send for total due plus the returned check fee on check. Board had voted to suspend them as a member previously. Jennifer made a motion that if the debt in question was paid in full we reinstate the membership and send the futurity winning check. This person is now flagged for prepayment of credit cards or certified funds. Rosalie seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Snowflake - 2025 stalls all reserved with a large waiting list. Awards are all ordered and Mitch is storing them in his garage. Payment due February 1 or stalls will be released to waiting list.

Stallion Auction 2025 - Brian reported we have 106 stallions right now. The catalog of the 100 stallions who were committed by the deadline will be sent out. Mailing list of 209 people will get a catalog in the mail with 31 extras to mail out. Working on supplement catalog with hopes of having it out next week. Online auction Jan 3-5th and has a soft close starts Sunday night 5 pm.

Denison Shows 2025 - Rosalie's show will go same schedule as last year. Have checked dates with AQHA for May 18th-22. District 6 show is in question---Brian stated we can skip this year without penalty. Tammi will follow up with Jenny Hart at AQHA.

Jennifer moved for Rosalie to manage the show with District 7 taking District 8's share until District 8 has an active representative. Brian seconded. Rosalie abstained. Motion passed.

Banquet Reservations - membership mailer went out to all (2023 or 2024?) members. Ballots and bylaw voter sheets Tammi will take care of. Youth and amateur silent auction will take place again at the banquet. Anna Zuidema will be MC.

2025 Directory – The 75th AQHA anniversary coming up in 2026. Jennifer suggested a special directory to celebrate the anniversary in 2026.

New Business:

Horse Protection Act - Mary reported on it. AQHA no longer has our own lobbyist. We are associated with the National Cattle Association. They have a great leader who comes to AQHA convention every year. Secretary of Agriculture is the spokesperson for this act. Feb 1st the new rules go into effect. Focus seems predominately on Tennessee walkers and racking horses. USDA and APHIS are entities working with AQHA committee. AQHA committee is asking for clarification on certain parts of the acts. USDA had a webinar for them. AAEP has 88 application for VMO (veterinary medical officer). Math seems difficult with 2200 AQHA shows/year. The list comes out the first of the year and currently none of these VMO are trained. These are the people that are doing the inspection. If a show does not have an HPI (horse protection inspector) or a VMO the horse show management assumes the liability. Anyone excused from a class will have to be reported. We need clarification as to what is to be expected of the judges. Mitch spoke with Tim with TNT and Tim is going to try to get clarification with AQHA. USDA will be the governing body. Management is required to report to USDA when shows are. We can state we are not hiring a VMO for our event. Currently if you're pulled for a random drug test the information when they pull that blood is confidential. Horses that are inspected under the Freedom of Information ACT....all information other than your address will be available for the public to view. All inspections will be videoed and done in a room with only one person and the inspector. There is a conference for the USDA and Dr Jim Heird and Dr Eleanor Green will be the speakers for this conference. Mary feels they are great representatives for AQHA.

Sportsmanship - Youth, Amateur & Open to be voted on. Motion to go into closed session at 3:15pm by Tammi Rosalie seconded. Board came out of closed session at 3:34 pm.

Breeders – Discussed adding a rules disclaimer and adjusting payouts for halter classes. Discussion of changing percentages payouts for weanlings versus yearlings due to it being very lopsided right now. Disclaimer needed to forfeit winnings for non payment. We currently don't have a rule stating yearlings and older must have AQHA papers in hand. We need to state that you must cash check within 120 days or voided. Kim moved that we split the weanling and yearling halter payouts to be split 50% to weanlings and 50% to yearlings beginning with the 2025 auction. Brian seconded, motion passed unanimously. Jennifer moved that all breeders futurity horses yearling and older must have AQHA papers in hand prior to showing. Second by Kim, it passed unanimously.

Brian reported a couple of stallion owners have requested that our breeders rules be simplified. We discussed that for the 2025 stallion auction owners no longer have to do a mare nomination. Kelly made a recommendation that we take \$50 from each stud fee to cover the mare nomination fee for stallion owners. Brian would like to add a box on the form for stallions to re-enroll every year. Brian recommends adding Hunter Under Saddle Longe Line in the future.

Ranch Committee 2025 – Loren is stepping down as chairman and Melanie is stepping away as secretary. Madison Ehret is stepping in as secretary. Loren made recommendation to have co-chairs with Kim and Scott Schumann. Loren has a roster of names to be on the committee or to be volunteers. They have all been approached and shown interest. Kelly recommended that we have an IQHA ranch email address to allow Cognito extra users. We will follow up moving forward.

Horse Fair 2025 - March 21-March 23rd. There is no admission fee for vendor fair again. The booth cost is \$450. Jackie is committee chair again.

Profit Sharing - Rosalie, Brian, and Jennifer are on committee. Recommendations they came up with for Snowflake profit sharing is IQHA, amateur committee, and district 1. Mayflower recommendations are IQHA, district 4, district 5, and youth. They recommended dropping district 1 since they are part of Snowflake now. Recommendations for Scenic City are IQHA and district 3, District 2 runs Hawkeye Classic in Mason City alone. Denison-District 7 and Nisha Valley Fall Futurity- IQHA alone. Denison District 6 is on hold currently. Jobs needed at shows are trail set up and tear down, staff judges meal, shavings to stalls, office help, office runners, awards presenters, and gate people. Recommendation to create a percentage of income held off to put back for show the following year.

National Directors Reports - Bill asked where did volunteerism go? He recommended a future bylaw change to realign districts. Tammi discussed AQHA buddy program, fun zone, and affiliate funding. She asked how AQHA can help us maintain and build affiliates. Jennifer reported any AQHA rule change proposals are due December 31st. All proposals filled out will be sent to appropriate committees. She also mentioned the young adult leadership program for adults ages 21-36 (AQHA LEAD).

Mary - She discussed the AQHA Hall of Fame Committee. The awards ceremony is in Amarillo the middle of September. She is really proud of AQHA for the celebration weekend they had!

District Reports-Goals for 2024 –

1 -Becky reports there is no district director for 2025 for district 1.

2 - Brian reports Aug 21-24, 2025 is the Hawkeye Classic in Mason City.

3 - Lori reported they sponsored an open show at Ellsworth and awarded the highest all around winning quarter horse. They had 16 horses signed up and Elivia Papcun won. They are also planning a ranch horse judges seminar and clinic.

4 - Kim stated they have a scheduled meeting Thursday in Russell, Iowa joined with district 5 for their holiday event. They discussed another clinic for 2024.

5 - Jackie stated they have a meeting Dec 19th in Russell with district 4. There will be ugly sweater contest and district 5 elections.

6&8 - No district directors.

7 - Rosalie will have election before the annual meeting.

Directors at Large Reports – Craig - over last month been busy at a lot of shows, it's been very enlightening. Thank you to the ranch horse committee for their forward thinking. Jennifer - thanked Becky for her service as director.

Youth - AQHA has approved small fry classes. Some surrounding states are not switching to the AQHA classes. Youth will vote on it at their January meeting. They will do a community service project at Snowflake again.

Amateur - no report. There are new classes for AQHA level 1 horse non pro exhibitor.

Other Committee Reports

Ranch - Loren reports we have the highest paying ranch futurity in the nation now!

Breeders/Fall Futurity - Jennifer put together a survey to gather information to get a feel for what members want. Jennifer will email to the entire board.

Rosalie moved to adjourn meeting and Jennifer seconded, meeting adjourned at 4:58pm.

Next Meeting: Friday January 10th, 6:30pm – Des Moines Marriott.