

QHRAI Board Meeting
January 5th, 2026
Heaven and Horseshoe Community Center

Directors present: Vicki Duke, Tim Eggleston, Dan Etchison, Emily Hutchison, Shawna Martin, Tim Patrick, Ron Raper

Executive Director Teresa Myers, President Chris Duke, Vice President Nick Johnson, Treasurer Abbie Haffner, Secretary Jill Patrick - all present

Directors attending electronically: Oscar Preciado, Natasha Perez

Directors absent:

Guest: Austin Nicks, Scotty Nicks, Dan Spears

President Chris Duke called the meeting to order. No new agenda items added.

Directors 2026-2028

Welcome new board members - Tim Patrick & Ron Raper

Election of Officers

Vice President - Nick Johnson, Treasurer - Abbie Haffner, Secretary - Jill Patrick. Tim Eggleston made a motion to keep same officers in respective positions. Tim Patrick 2nd motion, motion carried unanimously.

Approval of minutes

Nick Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes and Shawna Martin 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Financials:

Attendance/Mileage sheets - Vicki Duke collected attendance and signatures on mileage sheets.

Gaming Revenue Report - Vicki Duke reported that the Horsemens/Association account was slightly down from last month. Equine Promotion & Welfare account was higher than last month and the Backside Benevolence was slightly down from previous month. Tim Eggleston made a motion to approve the GRR, Tim Patrick 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Treasurers Report - Abbie Haffner presented the Treasurer report for December as prepared by Dave Kahre, CPA. No additional information at this time. Tim Patrick made motion to approve and Tim Eggleston 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Accounts Payable Report - Teresa Myers reviewed the AP report for December listed in the agenda packet. Larger payments made in December by QHRAI went to BNJ Noble for saddle towels and several payments were made for banquet items. Shawna Martin made a motion to approve the APR and Abbie Haffner 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

5-year Comparison - Teresa Myers reported the numbers were staying consistent with previous months.

Year End report - Teresa Myers reported that the 2025 budget was slightly under actual revenues and spending was below budget..

Breed Development

Chris Duke reported meeting held on December 15, 2025. Mike Smith did approve the race schedule for 2026 season. Recap of 2025 program expenditures are in agenda packet. 2026 proposed program information provided in agenda packet.

Horseman's Group

Teresa Myers provided Legislative Advertisement from the state of Indiana. There is plenty of information about the impact horse racing effects the state. Generating income, career opportunities and the support of agribusiness to name a few.

Lobbyists

Chris Duke let the board know as of January 1, 2026 RJL will no longer represent QHRAI. RJL signed a contract with the City of Richmond, which is trying to get a gaming license.

IHRC

Chris Duke and Teresa Myers attended the IHRC meeting on December 17, 2025. Horseshoe Indpls and Hoosier Park renewal applications were approved.

Horseshoe Indianapolis

Community Center update - Chris Duke said the building is finished. Offices for QHRAI, HBPA and the Chaplain are now available. Ribbon cutting ceremony will be held on February 6, 2026.

Stall Application - due by February 1, 2026.

Backside meetings - TBA.

Continuing Education - Teresa Myers has spoken with Dan Spears ITOBA President to see if they would want to collaborate on having a continuing education for the horsemen. Dan said ITOBA most definitely would be willing to participate. Will look into getting a date and speakers. More information provided as it comes available.

Stakes

Teresa Myers reported on the Stakes Races. The Miss Roxy Little at this time has 121 entered compared to 117 entries in 2025. The Governors Stakes has 89 entered so far, up from last year's entries of 79.

Front side gate works - Abbie Haffner has been talking to trainers about dates in March, April and May. Abbie will talk to Chris Poulsen about dates and make sure gate crew will be available. Because of time and expense did not think use of paddock was going to work.

SSA reports

Auction ends on Sunday January 11, 2026.

Jackets - Abbie Haffner made a motion that the board members receive a jacket, Shawna Martin 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Awards Banquet - February 7, 2026 Wyndham Indpis Airport.
Discounted rooms need to be reserved by December 6, 2025.
Champions report in packet, voting has been completed.
Silent Auction - please get donations.
Hall of Fame
Horse - Bright Eyed Vision
Person - Michael Gross

Committees

Youth Racing Experience - June 13, 2026
Scholarships - applications due May 15, 2026
Membership - renewals will be taken at the Awards Banquet.
Speed Sale - Dan Spears ITOBA President, Austin Nicks & Scotty Nicks attended the QHRAI board meeting to propose ideals for ITOBA/QHRAI having a sale together. Hoosier Horse Park looking like the best option for the location. Date October 17th, 2026. ITOBA will cover the cost according to how many TB enter the sale, and QHRAI will cover the number of QH that go through the sale. Austin Nicks said the initial thought was \$250 to consign a horse in the sale, minimum commission fee of \$250 up to a bid of \$10,000, then the commission goes to 5% of the sale amount. After all expenses of the sale have been paid Austin Nicks will get 2/3 of the profits made from the sale.
Awards on Track - will stay the same as 2025.
Long Range Planning - surveys have been mailed to QHRAI members.

Request

LoveWay, Inc - Requested a donation for their equine assisted program to help support students with disabilities. Jill Patrick made a motion to donate \$1500, Tim Patrick 2nd the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Benevolence - Request to give Ron Raper \$1,000 death benefit for the passing of Jeannette Hoover. Vicki Duke made a motion to approve, Tim Eggleston 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

Thank you from Governor Mike Braun.
Christmas Card from Shelby County United Fund, INC. LoveWay
Gala Invitation - Save the Date March 7, 2026.

Next Meeting - February 6th 2026 Wyndham Indpis Airport 6pm Bring
Silent Auction items

Motion to adjourn: Abbie Haffner, Tim Patrick 2nd@ 8:16