

Quarter Horse Racing Association of Indiana  
February 6, 2026  
Wyndham Hotel Indpls IN

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

Executive Director Teresa Myers, President Chris Duke, Vice President Nick Johnson, Treasurer Abbie Haffner (Virtual), Secretary Jill Patrick

Directors attending electronically: Tim Eggleston, Oscar Preciado,  
Natasha Perez

Directors absent: Ron Raper

Guest: Martha Claussen, Betty Haffner

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

**Approval of minutes** - Tim Patrick made a motion to approve the minutes and Shawna Martin 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried unanimously.

**Financials:**

**Attendance/Mileage sheets** - Vick Duke collected attendance and signature sheets.

**Gaming Revenue Report** - Vicki Duke reported association account slightly down from last month, equine promotion and welfare is up and the backside benevolence down \$29,000 due to payment of saddle towels. Nick Johnson made a motion to approve the GRR, Tim Patrick 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried unanimously.

**Treasurers Report** - Abbie Haffner presented the Treasurer report for January as prepared by Dave Kahre, CPA. No additional information at this time. Dan Etchison made motion to approve and Shawna Martin 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried unanimously.

**Accounts Payable Report** - Teresa Myers reviewed the AP report for January listed in the agenda packets. QHRAI made a payment to Markeys Audio Visual for the banquet. Vicki Duke made a motion to approve the APR and Shawna Martin 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried unanimously.

**5-year Comparison** - Teresa Myers reported the information as described in the packet. In January the Horseshoe Indpls Casino was closed a couple of days due to the weather.

**Breed Development** - Chris Duke nothing to report this month.

**Horseman's Group** - Chris Duke- nothing new to report

**Lobbyists** - RJL no longer represents QHRAI as of January 1,2026. Chris Duke has interviewed several lobbyists to replace them, many had a conflict of interest.

Mark Flint, Flint Consulting, LLC was hired starting the month of February 1, 2026. Mark Flint Consulting will be paid \$4,000 a month for a 2 year contract. Vicki Duke made a motion to approve, Nick Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried unanimously.

House clears bill to relocate - a proposal allowing a new Indiana casino has cleared a major legislative hurdle. House members voted in favor of House Bill 1038.

**IHRC** - Hair Testing policy - Teresa Myers reported on information provided in board packet. Same rules apply as last year's 2<sup>nd</sup> condition book.

**Horseshoe Indianapolis:**

**Community Center Ribbon Cutting** - Opened February 6, 2026 great turn out. Guest speaker Pat Day.

**Backside meetings** - working on dates.

**Continuing Education** - ITOBA is currently working on a committee.

**Stakes** - Nominations, Payments, Racing Season 2026 - Teresa Myers reported gate starter Ray Kuwiks last day will be March 1, 2026. No information on his replacement at this time.

**Front side gate works** - Mar 27, Apr 10, Apr 24, May 5. Chris Polzin on board with dates.

**SSA reports** - Auction results to date in packet. Best record to date. List of stallions still available information on line.

**Jacket orders** - each person purchasing a breeding through the SSA will receive a jacket.

**Awards Banquet** - February 7, 2026 Wyndham Indpls Airport.

**Agenda** - Teresa Myers went over the banquet agenda.

**Committees:**

**Youth Racing Experience** - June 13, 2026.

**Scholarships** - Due May 15, 2026. Applications on line.

**Memberships** - 188

**Speed Sale** - First advertisement - Austin Nicks has sent out pt add. Inaugural ITOBA/QHRAI Yearling & Mixed Sale Saturday, October 17, 2026.

**Awards on Track** – Nothing at this time

**Long Range Planning** - Nick Johnson reported 423 surveys were sent out, to date 36 have been returned.

**Request:**

**Shelby Co Ag Promoting** - Wednesday, March 4, 2026. Emily Hutchison made a motion to donate \$600 for a table at the "Taste of Shelby County Agriculture" event. Shawna Martin 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed unanimously.

**Athletic Style Ranch** - requested a donation for a sponsorship. Shawna Martin made a motion to donate \$500 and Tim Eggleston 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed unanimously.

**Benevolence/ Horseman's Emergency Fund** - nothing at this time.

**Other Business:**

**Quarter Horse Racing Summit** - Teresa Myers attended the summit. She stated there was very good/positive input at the summit. Mike Morris attended as well. Shawna Martin made a motion to help offset Mike's expenses of \$689.81, Dan Etchison 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

**AQHA Affiliate** - agreement between QHRAI & AQHA. Signed documents in packet.

**AQHA Convention** - March 13-16, 2026 Las Vegas.

**Thank you - LoveWay** – Loveway expressed thanks fro continued support.

**Next Meeting** - March 9, 2026 Heaven and Horseshoes - 6:00 p.

**Motion to adjourn** - Shawna Martin, Emily Hutchison 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 7:25pm.