

Quarter Horse Racing Association of Indiana
March 9, 2026
Heaven & Horseshoes Community Center

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

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

Directors attending electronically: Tim Eggleston, Natasha Perez

Directors absent: Oscar Preciado

Guest: Mark Flint, Flint Consulting, LLC (Lobbyist)

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 Dan Etchison 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Financials:

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

Gaming Revenue Report - Vicki Duke reported association account down \$13,647 from last month due to payment for banquet and printed materials for banquet. The equine promotion and welfare is up \$910 and the backside benevolence up \$5,191. Jill Patrick made a motion to approve the GRR, Shawna Martin 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

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

Request to stop payment & replace lost checks - Industrial Labs \$700 and Aspen Farms \$3,880. Jill Patrick made motion to approve and Nick Johnson 2nd, motion passed unanimously.

Accounts Payable Report - Teresa Myers reviewed the AP report for February listed in the agenda packets. QHRAI made a payment to Wyndham \$7,737 for the banquet. Jill Patrick made a motion to approve the APR and Shawna Martin 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

5-year Comparison - Teresa Myers reported the information as described in the packet. Staying level at this time.

FYI Non - Gaming income - Teresa Myers reported refined a little, CD, monthly fees.

Breed Development - Chris Duke ready for the 2026 meet.

Horseman's Group - Chris Duke nothing at this time.

Lobbyists - Mark Flint introduced himself to the QHRAI board members. He stated that the 2026 legislative session is over in Indiana. At this time there are 3 counties in northern Indiana competing to get a casino license. HB 1038 HHR did not get approved this session. Mark did state very good conversation to help the horseman.

IHRC - Hair Testing policy - Teresa Myers reported that 174 hair tests have been completed as of March 9, 2026. To be eligible to enter in any Quarter Horse race, including stakes, and trials, a horse MUST have a negative hair test on file.

Horseshoe Indianapolis:

Opening Day - April 7, 2026.

Condition Book - Are available on line and in racing office.

Marketing

- Tammy - proposed partnership with QHRAI for Quarter Four dates, IN Champion Day QH Legends and QHRAI/ITOBA & Horseshoe Indpls for Champions Day T-shirts. Vicki Duke made a motion to approve, Dan Etchison 2nd, motion passed unanimously.

- Rachel - will advertise QHRAI on the Digital Jumbotron Sign. Jill Patrick made a motion to approve, Emily Hutchison 2nd, motion passed unanimously.

Backside meetings - May 30, Aug 8, Oct 3, 2026.

Continuing Education - ITOBA is currently working on a committee. Suggestion for a presenter, see if the stewards would attend.

Stakes - Nominations, Payments, Racing Season 2026 - Teresa Myers reported entries look good. The SSA Futurity currently has 169 entries.

Front side gate works - Mar 27, Apr 10, Apr 24 & May 5, 2026.

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

Jacket orders - have been mailed out.

Awards Banquet - February 7, 2026 Wyndham Indpls Airport.

Feed Back - improvements/changes. Majority liked the location, Martha Claussen as guest speaker and Logan Rush as entertainment. A couple of suggestions were made for improvements at next year's banquet.

Silent Auction results - Great selection of items, a lot of complements on the silent auction.

Martha Claussen - Sent Thank you to the QHRAI Board for the invitation to speak at the Awards Banquet.

2026 Overnight stay - fill out & sign form, turn bill into Teresa Myers for reimbursement.

2027 Date - February 6, 2027 - Teresa Myers will reserve date.

2027 Entertainment/Speaker - start thinking of suggestions.

Committees:

Youth Racing Experience - June 13, 2026. Applications on line.

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

Memberships - 247

Speed Sale - First advertisement - Austin Nicks has sent out 1st advertisement for Inaugural ITOBA/QHRAI Yearling & Mixed Sale - Saturday, October 17, 2026. Chris Duke & Teresa Myers met with Dan Spears ITOBA President and Austin Nicks of Nicks Auction Service at Hoosier Horse Park to get date secured and accommodations started.

Awards on Track - nothing to report at this time.

Long Range Planning - talk of doing survey again, maybe have Awards Banquet attendees fill out during banquet and get better response.

Request:

SCUFFY - Shelby County United Fund, Inc requested a donation. They help 12 agencies in Shelby County. Jill Patrick made a motion to donate \$500 to SCUFFY, Vicki Duke 2nd, motion passed unanimously.

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

Other Business:

Web-site improvements - Tom Burch of Big Sky Internet Design reached out to QHRAI with a proposal to update AI on the QHRAI web-site. Tim Patrick made a motion to update AI to the web-site at an annual rate of \$697, Shawna Martin 2nd, motion passed unanimously.

Kissmas Juvenile - 2nd career results listed in packet. This helps support off the track Indiana Quarter Horses that have had at least one start at the track. They wanted to THANK QHRAI for the ongoing support.

Corporate Social Responsibility report - Vicki Duke reported that the CSR report is a summary of the lottery's responsible gaming tools and programs, engagement initiatives, and responsible business practices, to assist with gambling related harm.

Next Meeting - April 13, 2026 Heaven and Horseshoes - 6:00 pm

Motion to adjourn - Jill Patrick, Tim Patrick 2nd @ 8:23 pm