

Quarter Horse Racing Association of Indiana
April 13, 2026
Heaven & Horseshoes Community Center

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: Oscar Quiroz

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

Approval of minutes - Abbie Haffner made a motion to approve the minutes and Tim Patrick 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Introduction of Oscar Quiroz: Oscar was hired by Horseshoe Indpls as the new Gate starter. Oscar started his equine career as a groom, photographer, running an equine pool and then gate crew. He previously worked as a gate starter in AZ.

Financials:

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

Gaming Revenue Report - Vicki Duke reported association account down from last month. The equine promotion and welfare is up and the backside benevolence up as well. Jill Patrick made a motion to approve the GRR, Nick Johnson 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Treasurers Report - Abbie Haffner presented the Treasurer report for March 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.

Accounts Payable Report - Teresa Myers reviewed the AP report for March listed in the agenda packets. Monthly obligations were paid out along with a large payment to Industrial Laboratory for hair testing. Vicki Duke made a motion to approve the APR and Emily Hutchison 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

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

Breed Development - Chris Duke notified QHRAI board that Dr Abbie Haffner will be the newest member on QH breed development.

Horseman's Group - Chris Duke reported QHRAI lobbyist Mark Flint along with Brian Elmore were attending a meeting April 13th with Rush Street Casino. Rush Street Casino is currently trying to build a casino in Ft. Wayne IN.

Lobbyists - Mark Flint will be keeping a watch on the development of Rush Street Casino trying to locate to the Ft. Wayne area.

IHRC - Hair Testing policy - Teresa Myers reported that 390 hair tests have been completed as of April 6, 2026. There were 3 positive and 3 pending test. 5 positive tests have been cleared. To be eligible to enter in any Quarter Horse race, including stakes, and trials, a horse MUST have a negative hair test on file.

Workouts - 2 work rule - The current workout rule requires a first-time starter to have 2 official timed workouts. Discussion about recommending a change to the rule to allow one work from the gate if the horse participated in an organized frontside gate work at Horseshoe Indpls and was approved by the starter. Input was requested from Oscar Quiroz, Board agreed to recommend the change for 2027.

Horseshoe Indianapolis:

Opening Day - April 7, 2026. Went well. Still some difficulties getting stalls in receiving barn.

Ice Machine update - waiting on service to get a busted waterline fixed.

Backside meetings - May 30, Aug 8, Oct 3, 2026. Ron Raper will meet with Oscar Quiroz and trainers to get input on topics for conversation at backside meetings.

Frontside Gateworks - 6 horses per set.

Continuing Education - Nothing to report at this time. Suggestion was made to do survey at Continuing Education.

Stakes - Nominations, Payments, Racing Season 2026:

Stakes Entries - Teresa Myers reported entries look good. The Heartland Futurity has 102 -

Front side gate works - Apr 10, 2026 went well. Elizabeth asked for entries to get stalls assigned for future front gate works.

Future dates: 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.

Awards Banquet - February 6, 2027 Wyndham Indpls Airport. Date has been confirmed.

Working with hotel to get breakfast served on February 7, 2027.

Speaker - Ed Burgart legendary announcer for the past 40 years.

Shawna Martin made a motion to pay Mr. Burgart a \$1000 and pay for his expenses, Nick Johnson 2nd, motion passed unanimously.

2027 Entertainment - Checking on cost & availability from Logan Rush. Gregg Farris recommended a band as well. Will report at next meeting.

Committees:

Trainers Committee - New - Ron Raper will communicate with trainers and get feedback to present at backside meeting.

Community Center - meeting April 7, 2026 Chris Duke & Jill Patrick attended. Also attending were members from HBPA and other Community Center committee members. The community center is a big hit, there are a lot of positive comments coming in from the community. HBPA will be paying Joanna Sajche for her contributions at Sunday services. Jill Patrick made a motion to pay Edwin Escobar Perez (\$5200 yearly) to play the key board/sing at Church services at the Community Center, Dan Etchison 2nd, motion passed unanimously.

Youth Racing Experience - June 13, 2026. Applications on line, due by May 22, 2026. Pink out day at Horseshoe Indpls.

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

Memberships - 265

Speed Sale - Consignment Bonus - \$5000 will be paid to the consigner of the horse that has the highest earnings racing in Indiana in 2027 that sells thru the sale. (Sells thru the sale means day of sale and sale/purchase is ran thru the sale accounting books paying the appropriate commission) Nick Johnson made motion to approve, Vicki Duke 2nd, motion passed unanimously.

Awards on Track - nothing to report at this time. Will check on future awards for trial winners.

Long Range Planning - Abbie Haffner will be leaving the board effective April 30, 2026 due to her additional responsibilities with Breed Development and as the Equine representative on the Indiana Board of Animal Health.

Request:

Denver Saddle Club - Tim Patrick made a motion to donate \$200 to Denver Saddle Club Dan Etchison 2nd, motion passed unanimously.

Indiana Barrel Futurity - Jill Patrick made a motion to donate \$5000 to Indiana Barrel Futurity Shawna Martin 2nd, motion carried unanimously. Indiana Barrel Futurity is a large supporter of second career horses that come off the race track.

Youth Racing Experience - Teresa Myers was asked if QHRAI could donate 100 bags/goodies to give to the youth participating at the IBF. Vicki Duke made a motion to approve, Emily Hutchison 2nd, motion passed unanimously.

Benevolence/Horseman's Emergency Fund - Pam Hann's mother passed away, a donation of \$100 will be sent to hospice care.

Other Business:

AQHA Convention - Chris Duke attended, mentioned there is a shortage of owners in QH racing. AQHA is going to buy 3 QH race horses and have a buy in option for people wanting to get into QH racing/ownership. Beta 2 is still a problem in the racing industry. Make uniform rule nationwide on whip rule.

Thank you - Shelby County United Fund sent a thank you for QHRAI's donation & DT Performance sent a thank you for supporting small businesses.

Next Meeting - May 11, 2026 Heaven and Horseshoes - 30 minutes following the final post.

Motion to adjourn - Tim Patrick, Nick Johnson 2nd @ 7:45 pm