

# Quarter Horse Racing Association of Indiana

## July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Directors present: Vicki Duke, Dan Etchison, Emily Hutchison, Tyler Martin, Oscar Preciado

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

Directors attending electronically: Natasha Perez

Directors absent: Tim Eggleston, Gary Fouts, Shawana Martin

Guest: Tim Patrick

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

**Approval of minutes** - Nick Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes and Oscar Preciado 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried unanimously.

### **Financials:**

**Gaming Revenue Report** - Vicki Duke will get attendance and mileage sheets turned in.

GRR - Vicki Duke the associations accounts show an increase from previous month. There was a decline in promotion and welfare. The backside benevolence account decreased. Jill Patrick made a motion to approve the GRR, Emily Hutchison 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried unanimously.

**Treasurers Report** - Abbie Haffner presented the Treasurer report for June as prepared by Dave Kahre, CPA. Teresa Myers also discussed the CD investments. The board discussed keeping the CD at Edward Jones. Dan Etchison made motion to approve and Vicki Duke 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried unanimously.

**Accounts Payable Report** - Teresa Myers reviewed the AP report for June listed in the agenda packets. Teresa talked about a \$12,000 deposit paid to Wyndham to secure date for Awards Banquet. Jill Patrick made motion to approve the APR Dan Hutchison 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried unanimously.

**5-year Comparison** - Teresa Myers reported the June numbers were up compared to the past 5 years.

**Breed Development** - Chris Duke reported mare and foal count maintaining good numbers, stallion numbers on the decrease.

### **Horseman's Group**

**IHRC** - Chris Duke talked about meeting with Mike Speeding who is in charge of the gaming commission for Governor Mike Braun. Topic of interest was relocation of a casino license. The detrimental effect it could cause on horse racing if it were relocated to Indpls. QHRAI will contact Governor Braun to see if he is available to attend Champion Day at Horseshoe Indpls. The key issue will be to educate Governor Braun about the economic impact horse racing has in the state. Another meeting is set for July 22.

**Lobbyists** - Chris Duke reported that he met with lobbyist, a letter was drafted representing all horse breeds to voice concerns of license moving to Indpls., this move to Indpls will not be good for the horseman.

**IHRC** - Executive Director Deena Pitman retiring.

Teresa Myers went over the safety record at Horseshoe Indpls, it was reported as the safest track with over a thousand starts in 2024. New sensors have been to the track equipment which measure cushion depth and helps map the track for maintenance.

Hair testing - a new drug similar to Clenbuterol and Albuterol has been discovered in Oklahoma. Hair testing stat updates - Teresa Myers reported there are 28 bad tests in 2025. Reminder that clean hair test are required for the second book trials, which start August 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Horseshoe Indianapolis** - Quarter Horse Day June 28th had a strong handle of 1.1 million surpassing previous record of 906,000.

Purse Fund Report - entries going well, on track with last year.

Backside meeting - Aug 9 & Oct 4.

**Stakes** - Teresa Myers reported entries are good across the board. All stakes information is listed in packet, including nominations, eligible and entered horses. The group discussed and decided to keep the Leader of the Class race as an overnight stakes race.

**SSA reports** - Auction results totaling 68 stallions sold, stallions still available to purchase. Teresa Myers will post remaining list of stallions available.

**Awards Banquet** - February 7, 2026. Teresa Myers reported Wyndham Indpls West has been secured. Martha Claussen is a front runner in speaking at the banquet, Chris Duke will approach her to see if she is available. Logan Rush has been retained for entertainment. Logan requested a fee of \$800 plus QHRAI will pay for his hotel accommodations.

**Committees - Youth Racing Experience – June 14<sup>th</sup>.** QHRAI hosted 4 participants. Teresa Myers and Jill Patrick's recommendation for the scholarships was \$2000 go to Dana Thomas of Milroy and \$1000 go to Chloe Malott of Bargersville. All 4 participants will be notified. Tyler Martin made a motion to approve and Emily Hutchison 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried unanimously.

**Membership** Teresa Myers reported membership at 291.

**Speed Sale - Yearling Sale** will be Sept 12-14 online, **Fall Mixed Sale** Nov 14-16 online.

**Awards on track - QHRAI** will purchase saddles for the Miss Roxy Little and Governors Stake.

**Long Range Planning -** nothing new to report.

**Benevolence -** The board discussed a donation of \$1000 to the Sam Thompson Boots on the Ground Fund. Tyler Martin made a motion to approve, Nick Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> motion carried unanimously. Discussion was made to donate a \$1000 to the PDJF Fund. Nick Johnson made a motion to approve, Tyler Martin 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried unanimously.

**Other Business -** Thank you notes from Madison & Jack Hamilton.

**Next Meeting -** August 11, 2025 Backside Café – 6 pm meal, 6:30 meeting

**Motion to adjourn:** Tyler Martin, Emily Hutchison 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 8:24 pm