

Minutes

North Carolina Amateur Quarter Horse Association Annual Membership Meeting
January 18, 2026 —12:00 PM, Pavilion at Carriage Farm

Call to order – Secretary Teena Middleton welcomed those participating and called the meeting to order at 12:11 pm with 7 participants.

Previous minutes approved – (Teena Middleton, Secretary) Minutes from the 2025 meeting were distributed. These minutes have also been posted on the NCQHA website. Coy Herbert made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Grace Pearce. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report approved - (Callie Adams, Treasurer) – The Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss statement were explained. The income for 2025 was \$1,669.66, down from the income in 2024 of \$1,908.00. The total expenditures for 2025 were \$2,467.40, up from the expenses of \$1,050.05 in 2024. Callie noted that the cost for the 2024 pattern horse awards were not incurred in the 2024 expenses and that the \$630 for those awards is shown as a 2025 expenditure. Net loss for 2025 was noted as \$797.74.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Program and Committee Reports –

Feed Tag Programs - (Betsy Wetherall, chair) –Betsy, was not able to attend but those in attendance were reminded about the program, explaining about the seals that should be collected and how to get credit for bulk delivery. Proceeds for 2025 were \$288.00. A minimum of \$100 in tickets is required to be turned in at one time. Those in attendance were encouraged to get their proof of purchase seals and original feed delivery tickets to Betsy at 6145 Kernersville Road, Belews Creek, NC 27009, as this is a really easy way for our organization to obtain funding to support projects.

Reserved Number Program – (Laura Dickerson, chair) – Laura reported that this program raised \$1,175.00 to support Amateur Activities, up \$100 from 2024. This should increase participation in this program. Sign up forms were distributed and all in attendance were encouraged to contact Laura to reserve their numbers for 2026 for \$25 each. Payments now can also be made through Venmo and an on-line sign-up form is available. Laura will send out reminders of the program in mid-March. Those in attendance were reminded that in order to be eligible for the Amateur Association Pattern Horse Awards, participants must be signed up for the Reserved Number program.

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Amateur Ambassadors – Coy Herbert is our current Amateur Ambassador for this AQHA program. He provided an update on the purposes of the program and shared his experiences as an ambassador at all NCQHA shows as well as the NC State 4-H show. AQHA provides quite a few promotional/swag items to promote AQHA activities. At the last meeting the amateurs agreed to provide \$250 in support for the program. Because of AQHA's support that money remains unused, but Coy requested that it remain available if needed for 2026.

Chinese Raffle - A Chinese Raffle for gift baskets donated by members and vendors was held during the Tar Heel Summer Classic. Callie Adams will get in touch with Amy Brown on the proceeds. Those in attendance agreed it was a success and wanted to do it again at the Summer Classic for 2026. Lauren Rosenberg agreed to organize the raffle, coordinating with both Laura Dickerson and Amy Brown on the event for 2026. Around ten (10) baskets are needed plus promotional items. Lauren will create a Google Document to track who is contributing and provide access to all officers and directors. Tickets will be one for \$5 or five for \$20. The winners will be drawn at the Exhibitor's Dinner on Saturday evening of the show. Callie Adams, Laura Dickerson, and Quinn Dunham committed to providing baskets.

Proposed Projects for 2026

50-50 Raffle - The potential for a 50-50 raffle was also discussed. One was not held in 2025 because the youth had such raffles at many shows and we did not want to compete with their fund-raising efforts. Ryan Archer agreed to be in charge of the 50-50 raffle this year to be held at the Fall Classic horse show. Typically, the raffle is one raffle ticket for \$5 or five tickets for \$20.

Educational Clinics – Laura Dickerson proposed that the amateurs explore the potential to provide clinics for pattern class events. Showmanship and Ranch Trail were mentioned as two very popular classes that the group felt folks would have interest in. Callie Adams made a motion for the Amateurs to explore this possibility. This motion was seconded by Laura Dickerson and the motion carried. Laura agreed to chair the effort with her first step being to try to identify a key target audience for promoting the clinic and to get back to the group with additional information.

Sponsorships –

Handicapped Riding Programs – In 2025, \$250 was pledged to Bright Star Stables and those in attendance felt we should continue this support with \$250 included in the budget for this sponsorship in 2026.

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Hospitality Support – In 2025, we had an expense of \$315.74 to provide refreshments to exhibitors at the two NCQHA sponsored shows. Those in attendance felt that we should continue to provide hospitality services that would enhance exhibitor's show experiences. For 2026, a budget of up to \$350 was proposed to provide refreshments for exhibitors at the NCQHA sponsored shows.

Shows – For 2025, A total of \$435.00 was provided for sponsorship of NCQHA affiliated shows. This year it was proposed that we provide support of \$100 each to District 4's Little River Circuit, and District 5's Endless Summer Show. It was also proposed that we sponsor a class at the Carolina Spring Ranch Show (District 3) for \$35. Additionally, the Amateurs pledged to provide \$200 of extra prize money for both the Non-Pro Showmanship and Non-Pro Trail at the Tar Heel Summer Classic show in June.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business

Manual of Operating Procedures (MOP) Revisions

No changes

2024 Award Winners– The winners of the pattern horse year-end awards provided by the NC Amateur Quarter Horse Association were announced:

- Amateur Pattern Horse
 - High Point: Ellen Miles and SHIRLEY SHES METALIC
 - Reserve: Sarah Miller and MR BOOMER LIGHT
- Level 1 Amateur Pattern Horse
 - High Point: Nanette Herbert and COLORFULLY KRYMSUN
 - Reserve: Laura Dickerson and BOWTIE N BOOTS
- Select Amateur Pattern Horse
 - High Point: Terry Garrett and XTRA WALK THIS WAY
 - Reserve: Joanne Karpinski and CERTAIN IM INVITED

SELECTION OF JOHN MONTROSS AMATEUR SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

RECIPIENT – Kayla Roumpf was selected as the recipient with the award which was presented at the Annual Awards Banquet. Those in attendance were reminded to thank John and Laura Montross for their continued support of this award.

Budget and Sponsorships

Income – Based on a discussion of a best-case scenario, a budget of \$2,150 was proposed for planning purposes from the following:

• Reserved Number Program	\$1200
• Feed Tag Program	\$ 250
• 50/50 Raffle	\$ 200
• Chinese Auction	<u>\$ 500</u>
• Total	\$2,150

Expenses – Expenses of \$2,015 were proposed for 2026 to be distributed as follows:

• Year End Awards	\$630
• Hospitality Activities	\$350
• Show Sponsorships	\$735
• Supplies/Postage	\$ 50
• Therapeutic Riding Support	<u>\$250</u>
• Total	\$2,015

Laura Dickerson moved that those participating accept the budget as proposed. The motion was seconded by Coy Herbert and was accepted unanimously.

Nomination and Election of Officers for 2025

Based on interest expressed, those in attendance proposed Lauren Blankenship Rosenberg as the nominee for president, Laura Dickerson for vice president, Callie Adams for Treasurer, and Teena Middleton for Secretary. The slate of officers was formally presented, and none opposed. Coy Herbert made a motion to accept the slate of officers as presented. The motion was seconded by Grace Pearce. The slate of officers stands.

Nominees for directors were announced as follows:

Sarah Miller (District I)
Amy Brown (District II)
Betsy Wetherall (District III)
Linda Falls (District IV)
Shannon Fisher (District IV)
Brittany Roberson (District V)
Ryan Archer (District V)
Matt Peddy (District V)

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Laura Dickerson made a motion to accept the slate of Directors as presented. The motion was seconded by Callie Adams. The slate of Directors stands.

Adjourn: A motion to adjourn was proposed by Laura Dickerson and seconded by Coy Herbert. The motion was approved and the meeting was adjourned at 1:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted this 2nd day of February, 2026 by Teena Middleton