

laHHA Board Conference Call

Tentative Minutes

October 16th, 2010

The laHHA Board of Directors met at the Prairie Meadows Horsemen's Lounge at 1:00 pm on October 16th, 2010. All directors were present, as well as summer fair judges Steve Huffman and Kally Mouw, and members Garry Phillips, Mary Ann Phillips, Aaron Mitchell, Gary Liles and Wanda Wilken.

Directors reviewed the minutes from the July meeting. **Motion by Larry Jenson, seconded by Bob Kohlwes to approve the minutes as presented. All Ayes**

Jim Reese presented the treasurers report. Outstanding bills still to pay for drug testing and breeders awards. There is currently a balance of \$4,488.64 in the PAC account. **Motion by Bob Kohlwes, seconded by Scott Smith, to approve the treasurers report as presented. All Ayes**

The summer fair review began with a presentation from Garry Phillips regarding problems with the Wapello County fair for the horsemen training there. The back jog track is overgrown with grass and access to the main track has been limited due to the car races. Aaron is being charged to camp at the fairgrounds but has repeatedly had the hot water turned off on the showers. The horsemen feel the fair grant funds have not been used in support of horse racing as required by the grant applications. **Motion by Mark Holtan, seconded by Bob Kohlwes, to send a letter to each member of the Wapello County Fair Board encouraging them to support racing and training at the fairgrounds and outlining specific issues with proposed solutions. All Aye. Rick Huffman also agreed to attend the next fair board meeting as a representative of the laHHA Board of Directors.**

Steve Huffman and Kally Mouw gave a brief update of the judges perspective of the races this past summer. Steve wanted to see a greater deterrent to late drivers changes. There were also reports of drivers drinking alcohol between races. There was a positive test at the second to last Humboldt meet. Searchfortheshark tested positive for banamine at 220 ng/ml, which is 11 times the legal limit of 20 ng/ml. This was also the 5th positive test for the trainer in the past 90 days. Due to the severity of the overage and history of the trainer the judge felt it required a more severe penalty under his USTA jurisdiction and issued a \$400 fine as well as placing the horse last and redistributing the purse.

Royal presented an update on the contract situation. Prairie Meadows has again put in for no harness racing dates. The commission usually makes their decision at the November meeting. We are going to attempt to have a meeting with Prairie Meadows after the meet but prior to the November IRGC meeting, but expect that to be a formality with them rejecting any proposal that includes racing dates at Prairie Meadows for 2011. We are compiling statistics to show the detrimental affect of the shorter meet and racing on the thoroughbred surface to present to the commission. **Motion by Scott Smith, seconded by Jeff Carey, to propose \$1.2 million for the fairs as well as a 17 day Prairie Meadows meet on a scraped racetrack for \$935,000 in 2011. All Ayes.**

The November elections are crucial to our organization as former Governor Branstad as been outspoken in his support of the county fair program and the current governor has not. Bob suggested another late contribution to the Branstad campaign and solicited donations from the board members. Most contributed with Bob instructed to also solicit the membership at large. **Motion by Larry Jenson, seconded by Dan Roland, to also contribute and additional \$2,000 from the PAC. All Ayes**

Mark Holtan presented the promotion update. Scholarship applications are available on the website and need to be returned by December 15th.

Larry Jenson said the Hall of Fame committee needs nominations prior to the November board meeting. Nominations should include a background on the nominee. Lorenza Gooch and Lee Herron recorded their first wins in 2010 and will receive a blanket at the annual membership meeting. Scott Smith, Will Roland and Dan Roland each recorded their 250th win in 2010.

Royal presented an update on discussions with Kirkwood on building a track by their facility. Royal, Jeff and Jodi met with the school's board of directors and president. They are open to discussions on construction of a 5/8ths mile track but would like to see an outline of benefits to the school, the horse program and the students. Similar discussions with the college at Iowa Falls are also continuing, but they would need to acquire more land for the track.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30pm.