

laHHA Board Meeting

Tentative Minutes

November 20th, 2010

The laHHA Board of Directors met in Ankeny, Iowa at 1:00 pm on November 20th, 2010. All directors were present with the exception of Rick Huffman. Also present was Kurt Rasmussen.

Kurt spoke first as a representative of the thoroughbred organization and encouraged the breeds to meet prior to the beginning of the legislative session to work out a compromise. He said the priorities for the t'bred group were eliminating the 2021 sunset clause, getting a minimum number of racing performances in the code, funding for the breed associations in the purse pool and passing account deposit wagering. Prairie Meadows wants the 8 year referendum requirement removed.

Kurt also discussed changes in the Prairie Meadows board. Directors leaving the board due to term limits are Michael Galloway, Tom Whitney, Gerry Nugent, Sunny Richter and Jack Bishop. They will be replaced by similar but hopefully less influential people. The RACI board will elect new officers in December and he hopes his wife, Lynnette, will be the new chairman. Kurt then left the meeting after agreeing to set up a meeting between the three breeds.

Directors reviewed the minutes from the October meeting. **Motion by Jeff Carey, seconded by Bob Kohlwes to approve the minutes as presented. All Ayes**

Jim Reese presented the treasurers report. **Motion by Larry Jenson, seconded by Jeff Carey, to approve the treasurers report as presented. All Ayes**

The board then discussed what our priorities are under proposed legislative changes. The following items were discussed...

- 1) Funding codified to ensure future racing
- 2) Racing at Prairie Meadows
- 3) Some form of pari-mutual racing
- 4) Racing at the county fairs
- 5) Division of the 11%
- 6) Having a "season" of racing dates
- 7) Elimination of the sunset clause

The board also discussed the need to have someone in attendance at the RACI and IRGC meetings. Bob agreed to attend the RACI and Des Moines area IRGC meetings. Royal will coordinate making sure someone is at the other IRGC meetings.

Larry Jenson presented the Hall Of Fame committee report. They have not received any nominations to the Hall of Fame. The board agreed to take nominations through December 15th. Nominators must present a few paragraphs in writing of the accomplishments and why they feel the nominee is worthy of being inducted. The horse of the year award went well in the first year and ballots will be mailed out with the letter regarding the hall of fame.

Royal presented the Promotion committee report. Dal Grooms met twice with Jeff Nelson of Prairie Meadows. She also wrote a few articles that were published in local newspapers. She has since accepted a new position and most likely will not be available for future work.

Mark Holtan presented the Scholarship report. Somehow the link to the form got removed from the website. Dan will get it added back on.

Scott Smith gave the officials committee report. Jim has had the catalytic converter fixed on the starting gate. Mike recommended it be sent to Ohio after the 2011 season for a full tune-up / examination. Rick Magee has appealed the positive test on Searchfortheshark. The split sample was sent to UC Davis on 11/19. laHHA policy states that judges may issue additional penalties.

Royal presented a report on breeders awards for 2010. The mare bonus was \$40,090 and the stallion bonus was \$16,381. Foals of 2009 that will be two year olds in 2011 will be the first foals under the new breeders award policy of paying the same person as the Iowa Department of Agriculture. This will allow mares bought in foal and brought into the state to receive awards for the person that registered them with IDOA.

The budget discussion was tabled until the January meeting pending a resolution with the racing commission and Prairie Meadows.

The board discussed the upcoming annual meeting. It was agreed to again cap member expense at \$15/person for dinner with the association paying everything above that amount. Royal was not sure who the speaker was going to be.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00pm.