

# IaHHA Annual Membership Meeting

## Tentative Minutes

### January 15th, 2011

The IaHHA Annual Membership Meeting began at 2:00 pm on January 15th, 2011 at the Best Western Inn in Marshalltown, Iowa.

IaHHA President Royal Roland began the meeting with the President's report. We have a tentative agreement for 2011 with Prairie Meadows for \$1,000,000 and 10 days of racing for \$550,000 of purses with us reimbursing Prairie Meadows for one half of the cost of converting the track capped at a maximum of \$100,000. We are also very close in negotiations with the other breeds on a legislative compromise that would guarantee us 9.5% of the purse pool and count the county fair purses in the what counts as purses. It is possible that there will be no harness racing at the Iowa State Fair in 2011.

Royal read the minutes for the 2010 annual meeting. **Motion by Ron Allgood, seconded by Bernie Nanke, to accept the minutes as presented.**

Jim Reese presented the Treasurer's Report. There is approximately \$41,000 in the savings account plus the expenses prepaid for 2011. The PAC currently has \$3,953.64 after paying out \$13,850. The PAC has been very helpful in establishing contacts with legislators. **Motion by Judy Roland, seconded by Bernie Nanke, to accept the treasurers report as presented.**

IaHHA lobbyist Matt Eide gave the legislative update. He stated the results of the governors election has already had a profound effect on the attitude of the commission. Two of the commissioners have terms expiring in April and we are trying to influence who is selected for those positions. There are 35 new legislators.

The next item on the agenda was election of directors. **Jim Reese was re-elected from District 5. Mark Holtan was re-elected from District 6.**

There was one at-large director with an expiring term.

**Dan Roland was nominated by Judy Roland, seconded by Gail Conte.**

**Adam Hauser was nominated by Stan Swisher, seconded by Ron Allgood.**

**Joe Kilburg was nominated by Keith Carey, seconded by Roger Pohlman.**

**Motion by Nancy Carey, seconded by Bob Kohlwes, that nominations cease. All Ayes.**

**Dan Roland was re-elected to a three year term.**

Jill Paxton of the Iowa Department of Agriculture was in attendance. The department continues to do anything they can to help and support the horse industry. They are going to look into the issue at the Iowa State Fair

Royal led a discussion of the drug testing policy and the issue with the appeal of the positive for Searchfortheshark. There were a number of outspoken comments that the policy should be more strict. The board will discuss this further at the next meeting.

Gary Phillips gave an update on the problems with the fair board at Eldon. The board is going to continue to monitor the situation and do what they can to help.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35pm.