

laHHA Board Meeting

Tentative Minutes

January 22nd, 2011

The laHHA Board of Directors met at 10:35 pm on January 22nd, 2011 in Ankeny, IA. Larry Jenson was absent. Jeff Carey and Rick Huffman arrived late.

Dan Roland presented the minutes from the prior board meeting for approval. **Motion by Bob Kohlwes, seconded by Mark Holtan, to approve the minutes. All Ayes.**

Jim Reese presented the Treasurer's Report. **Motion by Dan Roland, seconded by Bob Kohlwes, to approve the treasurer's report. All Ayes.**

The board discussed officers. **Motion by Scott Smith, seconded by Bob Kohlwes, to have the same officers as 2010. All Ayes.**

Jeff and Rick arrived to the meeting.

The following committee assignments were made.

Legislative – Bob Kohlwes, Dan Roland, Mark Holtan
Promotion – Mark Holtan, Jeff Carey, Scott Smith
Officials – Scott Smith, Rick Huffman
By-Laws – Jim Reese, Dan Roland
Communication – Rick Huffman, Jim Reese
Awards/Hall Of Fame – Larry Jenson, Scott Smith, Bob Kohlwes

Promotion

Royal presented an idea to give discounted Hoof Beats subscriptions to each household with an associate member to try to cultivate new fans. Pros and cons were discussed. The cost would be \$8.

Motion by Royal Roland, seconded by Bob Kohlwes, to pay for a Hoof Beats subscription for each household with an associate member that does not already have an laHHA member.

Aye – Bob, Scott, Jeff, Rick

Nay – Mark, Jim, Dan

The board discussed again focusing on getting the quarterly newsletter going again. Allison is interested in helping. It was agreed that this was a more important thing to get sent to associate members.

Officials

Scott Smith presented the Officials Committee update. Everything is good with the starting gate for 2011 with Jim and Lyle.

It was agreed Steve and Kally did a good job last year and we should focus on each of them having first chance to work the races closest to their homes. When at all possible two day weekend meets should be worked by the same judge to avoid double travel expenses.

Discussion on charting centered around the cost of the charting versus providing a service to our members that need charted lines to go race out of state. It was agreed that any locations not listed to be charted would be charted at requestors expense with 10 days notice provided Kim was available and willing.

The judges have mentioned often about how helpful the video camera was a few years ago. Mark mentioned that the Humboldt county fair had bought some equipment for broadcasting the motorcycle races and it might be possible to use that to show the horse races and stream to the internet. It was agreed to research this idea further before this summer with the thought of piloting it at Humboldt in 2011 and possibly expand it in future years. It could also be used to show replays to the audience between races.

By-Laws

No activity

Legislative

The quarter horse group has still not agreed on the purse division. Kurt said that Prairie Meadows may be willing to make a one time extra payment of \$900,000 in 2012 with the expectation that the new hotel would bump casino revenue enough in 2013 so no one would have to take a dollar for dollar cut with the currently discussed percentages. Hopefully this will be resolved in the next week or two so the legislation can move forward. The legislation would also include removing the 2021 sunset clause and the 8 year referendums.

2011 Racing Issues / Budget

The board reviewed the proposed schedule and budget. It was discussed whether the non-profit association should be the fair grants. The Fair Grants item on the budget is actually what is paid for daily expenses at the races for judges and such.

Motion by Jeff Carey, seconded by Bob Kohlwes to change the standard overnight purse from \$600 to \$800 instead of the proposed \$1,000. All ayes.

Motion by Scott Smith, seconded by Jeff Carey, to move an additional \$10,000 to the Sire Stakes funding to allow for a 3rd county fair sire stakes race.

Aye – Dan, Jeff, Scott, Bob, Jim, Rick

Nay – Mark

Motion by Dan Roland, seconded by Mark Holtan, to chart at Humboldt on June 4th, Oskaloosa on July 24th and 25th, Sioux Center on August 5th and 6th, and every date after and including August 20th.

Aye – Mark, Bob, Jeff, Rick, Scott, Dan

Nay - Jim

The board discussed the breeders award change voted on in 2008. Foals of 2009 that are two year olds in 2011 will have the county fair breeders award paid to the owner of the mare at time of foaling the same as paid by the IDOA. Foals of 2009 and prior will continue to pay the breeder of record according to the USTA.

The board discussed the rainout policy, specifically a suggestion to pay a nominal fee per horse to cover some expenses in case of rainout. It was decided to make no changes to the rainout policy at this time.

The board discussed the drug testing policy. The following items were clarified and agreed on...

- A judge can special any horse in any race, including B class and overnight races
- Any race can be chosen under the random horse/race policy, including B class and overnight races
- B races will not be part of the regularly scheduled races to be tested
- Testing will only be done on the days where there are feature colt stakes races
- USTA fines and purse redistributions do count towards fines stipulated under the IaHHA drug testing policy

The board discussed the draws and programs. It was agreed it went much better in 2010 and complaints were down. Becky and Amy have indicated to Bob that they would like to continue to do the work.

Motion by Jeff Carey, seconded by Scott Smith to accept the budget as revised. All Ayes

Royal and Rick gave an update of the Eldon issues. It was agreed they could use the conditioner to repair the back training track at the Eldon fairgrounds.

The following meeting dates were set for the board in 2011.

April 23rd @ Ankeny

July 4th @ Humboldt

October 15th @ Prairie Meadows

November 19th @ Ankeny

Motion by Mark Holtan, seconded by Dan Roland, to have the association pay for lunch due to the length of the meeting. All Ayes.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30pm.