

# laHHA Board Meeting

## Tentative Minutes

April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011

The laHHA Board of Directors met at 1:00 pm on April 30th, 2011 in Ankeny, IA. All directors were present. Also in attendance was laHHA lobbyist Matt Eide.

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

Jim Reese presented the Treasurer's Report. There is still \$3,953 in the PAC. **Motion by Larry Jenson, seconded by Scott Smith, to approve the treasurer's report. All Ayes.**

Matt presented the legislative update. The bill is on the calendar to be voted on by the House on Monday. The ADW language is causing some heartburn for some legislators. Matt is reviewing the new legislative maps that were approved to see how that will affect our members.

Royal presented statistics on the county fair nominations. The raw numbers were about the same as February with a couple new ones and a couple not paying.

The board discussed race day issues. The fine for Rick Magee has been paid and redistributed. We continue to research videotaping our races for either live streaming and/or later download on the internet. Humboldt fair does not have the equipment we thought they did for video.

Scott Smith presented the officials committee report. The schedules are pretty much all complete. He needs to get the contracts printed and mailed. Steve had some suggested changes, such as testing other than the 1<sup>st</sup> place horse more often so people don't think they can get by with drugging if they don't win. This is currently determined by the vet on a case by case basis. Steve also recommended implementing some sort of breathalyzer testing, both random and pre-race. The board agreed this was something that should be pursued with the intent to implement some policy in 2011.

The board spent time discussing the benefits of charting races for qualification and horse sale purposes versus the time and expense of doing so.

**Motion by Jeff Carey, seconded by Bob Kohlwes, to chart all colt stakes races and qualifiers on the following dates... 5/30, 6/5, 7/3, 7/4, 7/9, 7/10, 7/11, 7/25, 7/26, 8/6, 8/7, 9/4, 9/5, 9/11, 9/12, 9/18, 9/19. All Ayes.**

The promotion committee provided posters for distribution. Roger and Dan are working on a Horse Racing Bingo game that could be used in place of pick the winner.

Under other business the board discussed ideas on long-term goals and direction for the association should the bill pass. Priorities included maintaining our political influence, a quality racing surface to replace Prairie Meadows, a central location, control of the facility, attendance at the races, having a quality training facility for people to use, maintaining the racing season and returning purses to prior levels. It was agreed the directors should solicit input from their area members to help in formulating a plan.

Mark presented a request from the Sioux Trotting Association for a grant to buy 100 more gates. **Motion by Mark Holtan, seconded by Bob Kohlwes to ask the Iowa Horse Racing Foundation (non-profit) to prepay 2 years of grant money (\$7,000) to Sioux Center to purchase the gates and trailer. All Ayes.**

**Motion by Scott Smith, seconded by Mark Holtan, to restore the daily expense payment to fairs from \$1,200 to \$1,500. All Ayes.**

**The meeting adjourned at 5:00pm.**