

# laHHA Board Meeting

## Tentative Minutes

October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011

The laHHA Board of Directors met at 1:30pm on October 8th, 2011 at Prairie Meadows. Directors present were Royal Roland, Jeff Carey, Scott Smith, Rick Huffman, Bob Kohlwes and Dan Roland.

Dan Roland presented the minutes from the prior board meeting for approval. **Motion by Jeff Carey, seconded by Scott Smith, to approve the minutes. All Ayes.**

The board had extensive discussions on the ongoing track resurfacing projects.

Royal mentioned that there were ongoing discussions with the IRGC and Prairie Meadows regarding the payment schedule for 2012 and that the issue was not resolved at this time.

Bob attended an interbreed meeting to discuss joint legislative issues. Kurt Rasmussen wants to form a common group with a single lobbyist and recommended Scott Newhard. Each group would pay \$5k and Rasmussen would pay \$5k. Most directors were ok with participating but did not think it was wise to not have our own lobbyist. The decision was made to join the group but keep Matt as our personal association lobbyist.

The board reviewed the treasurer's report. Breeders awards and the track upgrade costs are the only major expenses left to pay. The PAC has just under \$10,000 in it. Matt will work on targeting the money this fall. **Motion by Dan Roland, seconded by Rick Huffman, to approve the treasurer's report. All Ayes.**

Royal mentioned that the newsletter was about ready to mail.

Steve Huffman has a proposal for 2012 to discuss at the next meeting. He would prefer zero tolerance instead of 0.05.

The membership committee announced we are up to 73 associate members. These are non-paying, non-voting memberships that receive promotional e-mails, newsletters and other information.

For the awards committee Rick Huffman proposed presenting a trophy to each owner when an award winner has more than one owner. It was agreed to consider this and discuss further at the next meeting.

Royal began a discussion of 2011 race day issues. It cost about \$275/day to video tape the races and get them on YouTube. It was agreed that the way it was done made it hard to find a particular race but the quality of the video was excellent. The directors had all received positive feedback on the videos and it helped with the judging.

There had been some complaints about the random drug tests. Those are at the discretion of the judges or random selections of race and finish ahead of time. There was one slight banamine overage and two cloudy tests that were negative on testing of the split sample. There is one bill left to pay for the testing to ISU. The board discussed the issue of therapeutic drugs like bute and what happens if races are rained out and carried over to the next day.

There were complaints about horsemen being required to pay admission at the races. There were also problems getting ambulances at some of the locations.

Garry Phillips presented a request for money for the Eldon fairgrounds to put in more waterlines and hydrants. The fairboard there has improved greatly in the last year in working with the horsemen and has made repairs to the training track and wants to get more race dates. Each fair receives \$1,000 / race day of grant money and \$1,500 / race day of expense reimbursement. The board has given some grants in the past and this year advanced the Sioux Trotting Association some of their future grant money to buy more gates. **Motion by Mark Holtan, seconded by Jeff Carey, to ask the non-profit association to give a \$3,000 grant to the Wapello County Fair for the discussed improvements.**

The board discussed estimates for the track projects. The Humboldt fair board did not meet as scheduled due to harvest. They still are requesting a number of unrelated items. The What Cheer project is starting 10/17. Cost estimate is \$99,000. **Motion by Rick Huffman, seconded by Jeff Carey to ok the What Cheer project. All Aye. Motion by Bob Kohlwes, second by Mark Holtan, to approve our estimates for what needs to be done at Humboldt. All Ayes.** Bob and Dan are going to attend the fair board meeting next Tuesday.

The next board meeting is moved to 12/3 at What Cheer.

**The meeting adjourned at 2:55 pm.**