

laHHA Board Meeting

Tentative Minutes

January 22nd, 2012

The laHHA Board of Directors met at 11:00am on January 22nd, 2011 in Ankeny, IA. All directors plus Garry Phillips were present.

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

Jim Reese presented the Treasurer's Report. There is just under \$10,000 in the PAC to be used on contributions. \$171,982 has been paid so far for the track projects. **Motion by Dan Roland, seconded by Bob Kohlwes, to approve the treasurer's report. All Ayes.**

The board discussed officers. **Motion by Bob Kohlwes, seconded by Mark Holtan, to have the same officers as 2011. All Ayes.**

The following committee assignments were made.

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

Legislative

Some PAC reports are due every 6 months and some are due every year. We missed a filing deadline and may get fined. Matt believes some form of internet poker will pass. We are working with the t'breds to try to get a percentage of that revenue into the horse racing purse pool. There are rumors of someone working to get another Des Moines casino. That would lower Prairie Meadows' revenue and our purses. There is also talk of extending the smoking ban to casinos. Historically that causes a 17% reduction in revenue. We need to continue to fund the PAC to protect our interests.

The board had an extensive discussion on what were allowed and disallowed expenses under the new law.

Promotion

The board discussed ways to get more people to attend and participate in the races. Discussed having low level claiming races to allow new people to buy in and see their horse race the next week. **Motion by Royal Roland, seconded by Joel McDanel, to develop claiming races within the 2012 schedule. All Ayes.**

We are exploring other games/activities between races to entertain the fans. We are also continuing to work on the quarterly newsletter.

Officials

We haven't got a new starting gate yet. The board discussed expenses related to the judges, ambulance and other race day costs.

Jill came to discuss the breeders awards. Fair breeders awards do not have to go through the IDOA. Stallion awards need to be authorized by the IRGC.

Brian Orilko is going to replace Jack Ketterer as the IRGC administrator.

2012 Racing Issues / Budget

We might be able to use the old paddock to race one day at the Iowa State Fair and put the sire stakes at What Cheer that Saturday.

Motion by Bob Kohlwes, seconded by Rick Huffman to add Eldon on August 12th in recognition of their increased cooperation with the horsemen. All Aye.

The board discussed several new and unique conditions to try. Going to have races for drivers under 10 lifetime wins and some claiming races. Overnight conditions committee will be Mark Holtan, Bob Kohlwes and Dan Roland.

Motion by Scott Smith, seconded by Mark Holtan, to change the rule on the penalty payment for late nomination to the Aged Iowa races to be due at time of starting instead of at time of entry. All Aye

Rainout policy was changed so you must race for the final money. There will be no payout without a race. Revised rainout policy will be published in the circuit book. Overnight purses rained out will be retained and allocated to the following year's purses.

The board discussed drug testing. Each test is \$145 and it usually takes 3 weeks to get the results back. There were two banamine positives in 2012, one being a race winner and one a random sample.

The board discussed the tentative budget and discussed raising aged purses in 2013.

Motion by Jeff Carey, seconded by Bob Kohlwes to accept the budget as revised.

Aye - Mark, Joel, Jeff, Scott, Rick, Bob, Jim

Nay - Dan

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

April 21st @ Ankeny

July 7th @ Humboldt

September 29th @ Humboldt

November 17th @ Ankeny

The meeting adjourned at 5:30pm.