

laHHA Board Meeting

Tentative Minutes

April 22nd, 2012

The laHHA Board of Directors met at 1:00pm on April 22nd, 2012 in Ankeny, IA. All directors except Bob Kohlwes 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. **Motion by Mark Holtan, seconded by Scott Smith, to approve the treasurer's report. All Ayes.**

Legislative

Delores Mertz has been appointed to the Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission. We had a good relationship with her when she was in the legislature. We need to make sure we have a presence at each IRGC meeting. Dan had a conference call with Jill Paxton and the new IRGC administrator Brian Orilko to discuss stallion awards and getting rules passed to hopefully allow us to pay race day expenses out of the Prairie Meadows funding.

2012 Nominations

Total nominations were down six from 2011

Race Day Issues

There will be claiming races at the fairs for the first time this year. Most of the details are covered under rule 10 of the USTA rule book. The following issues/policies were agreed to.

- 1) Entered horses must have a signed registration or transfer form submitted with their entry fee and a current coggins
- 2) Per USTA rule scratched horses can be claimed but horses can't be claimed from a cancelled race
- 3) Claimants must be USTA and laHHA members
- 4) No personal checks, cashiers check or cash
- 5) Claims must be submitted 30 minutes prior to first scheduled post
- 6) Claims are subject to Iowa Sales Tax and claimant pays the transfer fee

The track projects are almost done. Humboldt has some dirt work to do on the drop-offs off the edge of the track. What Cheer still needs the fence put up on the backstretch.

Royal is working with Lesa and Rhonda to develop a backup system for if the EMTs are late or called away during the races.

The State of Missouri has added \$4,000 to the Missouri Owned Trot and Pace at Kahoka. Kahoka is reimbursing the laHHA for doing the draw and programs for them.

The board discussed the trade off between having to help load gates versus tearing down gates around horses that just raced. We may have to start charging stall rent again to help pay for loading gates if members won't help load their gates after the races.

A number of fairs are requesting additional funding. Garry e-mailed requesting funds for unspecified projects at Eldon. Alan called requesting money for a tiling project in Sioux Center. Humboldt is building a portable announcing stand. They are using part of their money from 2011 and got a community matching grant. They still need to raise \$16k more to complete the project. The board discussed the issues specifically and as a general concept. It was agreed that the board's position is to support infrastructure improvements at the fairs. The 2012 budget has been finalized so the best that could be done this year is to advance the regularly scheduled fair grant monies early for fairs that submit specific project proposals and estimates. Going forward all requests will need to include detailed estimates and post-project documentation as we have to report these expenditures to the IRGC and our auditors.

Jeff found a vet that might be able to handle some of the drug testing at races in SE Iowa. Rick said there are a couple new vets in Sigourney also. We are going to test all Sire Stakes races this year also.

The board discussed the alcohol testing policy. USTA rule is 0.05%. The board agreed that drivers could be suspended and/or fined but that we are not going to scratch horses that are in to go pending a hearing.

2012 Charting/Photo Finish Schedule

MAY 27	WHAT CHEER, IA	Both
JUNE 9	OSKALOOSA, IA	Both
JUNE 23	BEDFORD, IA	Photo
JUNE 30	WHAT CHEER, IA	Both
JULY 4	HUMBOLDT, IA	Both
JULY 7	HUMBOLDT, IA	Both
JULY 13,14,15	WHAT CHEER, IA	Both
JULY 22,23	OSKALOOSA, IA	Both
AUG 3	SIOUX CENTER, IA	Both
AUG 4	SIOUX CENTER, IA	Both
AUG 11	WHAT CHEER, IA	Photo
AUG 18,19	HUMBOLDT, IA	Both
AUG 25,26	HUMBOLDT, IA	Photo
SEPT 1,2	WHAT CHEER, IA	Both
SEPT 8,9	WHAT CHEER, IA	Photo
SEPT 15,16	HUMBOLDT, IA	Both
SEPT 22,23	HUMBOLDT, IA	Both
SEPT 29	HUMBOLDT, IA	Both

Discussed having the draws available via webcam. Going to investigate the details

Promotion

Ellen Taylor is going to bring the HHYF to Iowa on June 24th at Royal's house.

Our ad has been booked for Apples and Oats. The circuit book cost about \$1,000 to put together, print and mail. Date cards should be done in the next week or so. Jeff though the posters were ready or almost ready.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00pm.