

# laHHA Board Meeting

## Tentative Minutes

### November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012

The laHHA Board of Directors met on November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012 in Ankeny, IA. All directors were present.

The board reviewed 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. Breeder's Award checks have been written and will be mailed out next week. Checks for two and three year olds go to the owner at time of foaling. Aged horses go to the owner at time of conception. Fewer members paid the extra \$15 with their membership to support the PAC this year. We must keep a political presence to protect what we have. **Motion by Rick Huffman, seconded by Mark Holtan, to approve the treasurer's report. All Ayes.**

#### **Prairie Meadows / Legislative Update**

There is a group wanting to put a casino in Ankeny. They previously tried Urbandale. The IRGC by-laws say there must be 100 miles between casinos. They would also need to pass a casino referendum as they have only passed a racino referendum. It is not likely but we need to continue monitoring the situation.

The board discussed creating an Executive Director position to allow someone to focus on the jobs that don't seem to get done like the newsletter, attending IRGC meetings etc... Matt said there are companies who specialize in this sort of work and suggested getting information from one of them for comparison to hiring someone. The board created a committee of Mark Holtan, Jeff Carey and Bob Kohlwes to investigate the idea and report back at the next board meeting.

There is a fundraiser for Terry Branstad at Prairie Meadows December 8<sup>th</sup>. The recent election did not have any significant change on the composition of the legislature. It would be good for us to find more Senate Democrats friendly to our cause.

#### **Awards Committee**

Judy Liles, Cliff Card and Keith Carey were nominated and elected to the Hall Of Fame. Horse of the year ballots will be mailed out soon.

#### **Scholarships**

The scholarship forms are available on the website. Applications are due December 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Officials Committee**

There was one bute overage and one illegal substance detected. We do not fine for the absence of declared medicine. The board discussed milkshaking a horse and sending in the sample for testing as a test of our process for TC02 testing. Mark said Iowa State's position is that if the numbers are coming back low then whether the horse was given a milkshake or not that it was not in a performance affecting state.

#### **Long-Term Planning**

The board continued discussion on the development of a five year plan. The plan is to continue with the 10 Iowa Registered stakes races and 3 Iowa Sired stakes races. There was continued push for building a 5/8<sup>th</sup> mile track somewhere.

The board discussed the fair grant program and what is and is not allowable work to use the fair grants for. After extended discussion it was agreed that we need to get an opinion from the Assistant Attorney General who works with the IRGC.

The board discussed race conditions and the claiming races that were started in 2012. **Motion by Rick Huffman, seconded by Mark Holtan, to make the condition on the B class colt stakes races NW \$2,000 in 2013 also eligible \$2,500 claimers. All Ayes.** The board also discussed creating a stewards list for bad performers and if horses on that list wanted to go in the A class then they would be assigned the last post position.

The annual meeting is January 12<sup>th</sup>. Directors up for election are Rick Huffman (District 1), Royal Roland (District 3) and Bob Kohlwes (at-large).

**Sire Stakes @ 10am; Iowa Horse Racing Association (non-profit) @ 11am; USTA @ 1pm; laHHA @ 2pm; Open Forum @ 3pm; Banquet @ 6:30**