

# laHHA Board Meeting

## Tentative Minutes

### January 20th, 2013

The laHHA Board of Directors met at 1:00pm on January 20th, 2013 in Ankeny, IA. All directors except Joel McDanel were present.

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

Jim Reese presented the Treasurer's Report. There is just over \$4,000 in the PAC to be used on contributions. **Motion by Dan Roland, seconded by Mark Holtan, to approve the treasurer's report. All Ayes.**

The board discussed officers. **Motion by Scott Smith, seconded by Jeff Carey, to have the same officers as 2012. Nay: Dan Roland**

The following committee assignments were made.

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

#### Legislative

We are working to get the law clarified so money from Prairie Meadows can be used to pay for race day expenses and other costs related to the racetrack "enclosure" instead of just racetrack. It was agreed to send letters requesting what the grant money will be used for in the spring to ensure it is spent on something related to horse racing in some way.

#### Promotion

The board discussed tasks that could be handled by an executive secretary. **Motion by Mark Holtan, seconded by Jeff Carey, to have the laHHA employ or contract an executive secretary. All Ayes.** The Promotion Committee was assigned the task of writing a complete job description and suggested compensation package.

**Motion by Jeff Carey, seconded by Rick Huffman, to bump the fair grant from \$1500/day to \$1700/day in exchange for not charging admission to the horsemen. All Ayes**

Royal presented details for Roger's idea for a handicapping contest in What Cheer. The prize will go to the person that picks the most winners over all the race days at What Cheer in 2013. **Motion by Jeff Carey, seconded by Mark Holtan, to contribute \$300 towards the pot for the contest. All Ayes.**

#### Officials

Charting will be done at all feature colt stakes and sire stakes races plus the What Cheer early meet. Scott is working on the schedules for the officials.

#### 2013 Racing Issues / Budget

Joel McDanel joined the meeting via speaker phone

The board reviewed a tentative race schedule and agreed to some cleanup of unnecessary rules in the general conditions. Due to feedback at the annual meeting the board agreed to drop the open claiming races in favor of more races for drivers with less than ten wins.

In discussing the rainout policy it was discussed paying some nominal fee to offset horseman's expenses associated with the rainout without being high enough to encourage entry of horses not in training when rainouts are likely. **Motion by Rick Huffman, seconded by Jeff Carey, to pay \$25 per horse in case of rainout. The fee would not be paid on the same day as the rainout and would go to the owner of the horse. Aye: Rick Huffman, Brad Kohlwes, Jeff Carey, Scott Smith, Dan Roland Nay: Mark Holtan, Jim Reese**

**Motion by Rick Huffman, seconded by Scott Smith, to raise the cap on the NW class to \$2,500. Aye: Rick Huffman, Brad Kohlwes, Jeff Carey, Scott Smith, Dan Roland, Mark Holtan Nay: Jim Reese**

**Motion by Jim Reese, seconded by Mark Holtan to raise the cap on the NW class to \$3,000. Aye: Jim Reese, Mark Holtan Nay: Rick Huffman, Brad Kohlwes, Jeff Carey, Scott Smith, Dan Roland**

The board discussed qualifying standards for horses that consistently cause interference due to poor performance.

**Motion by Dan Roland, seconded by Joel McDanel, that a horse showing distanced two consecutive starts that chooses to enter the feature races shall be assigned the last post position. They can draw any post position as normal in an overnight or NW race. Aye: Joel McDanel, Rick Huffman, Brad Kohlwes, Jeff Carey, Scott Smith, Dan Roland Nay: Mark Holtan, Jim Reese**

Dan Roland left the meeting

**Moved by Jeff seconded by Scott that in Iowa Aged races mares will not receive preference in the post position draw. Ayes- Jeff Carey, Scott Smith, Mark Holtan Nay: Rick Huffman, Brad Kohlwes**

The board discussed other conditions regarding the aged races which were: no entries will be allowed and in the event of an odd number of horses, the greater number of horses will be in the division with the higher purse.

#### 2013 Meeting Schedule

April 20	Ankeny	1:00PM
July 6	Humboldt	after the races
Sept 28	Humboldt	after the races
Nov 23	Ankeny	1:00 PM

The board discussed and agreed to pursue the purchase of a new starting gate. Brad will investigate this and report.

The board agreed to sell the old brown starting gate to the Texas Harness Association for \$100. It is need of repair as the wings will not open and shut. Brad will try to get it shipped down with a semi headed that way.

The Sioux Trotting Association is requesting funding for the fronts of the stalls in the permanent barn. A grant application will be sent to them.

**Moved by Jeff and seconded by Scott to purchase a laptop computer and 1 year internet service for Jim Reese to be used in his duties as treasurer. All ayes.**

**The meeting adjourned at 5:30pm.**