

IaHHA Board Meeting
Tentative Minutes
April 20, 2013

The IaHHA Board of Directors met at 1:20 pm on April 20, 2013 in Ankeny, Ia. Present: Jim Reese, Mark Holtan, Joel McDanel, Scott Smith, Jeff Carey, Royal Roland and Rick Huffman. Absent: Dan Roland and Brad Kohlwes.

The minutes from the January 20, 2013 were presented. Moved by Jeff Carey, seconded by Mark Holtan to approve. All ayes.

Jim Reese gave the treasurers report. Motion by Mark Holtan, seconded By Jeff Carey to approve. All ayes.

Legislative

_House File 381 which would expand the use of Prairie Meadows funds to include construction at harness racing tracks in Iowa was approved by the House 98-0 and now awaits approval in the Senate.

Mark Holtan, Tom Johnston, Royal and Barb Roland attended the Iowa Racing and Gaming commission meeting at Counsel Bluffs on Thursday to present the audit of the non- profit organization. There were no questions by the commission.

2013 Nominations

The total number of nominations was down five from February 15th. 59 aged horses were nominated- an increase from prior years.

Race day Issues & Officials

Scott Smith gave the report. Steve Huffman, Garry Phillips, Kally Mouw and Steve Mouw will serve as presiding judges this year.

Tony Paris will announce all races all races except Sioux Center.

An announcer is needed for Sioux Center.

All feature races, Iowa Sired races and the May meets at What Cheer and Humboldt will be charted.

The board agreed that drug testing will occur at all feature and Iowa Sired race meets and could also occur at meets with Iowa aged Races.

Brad Kohlwes has been researching a new starting gate. It will take about 4 months to construct one. It is hoped a decision regarding this will be made at the next meeting. Brad also volunteered to take the starting gate to a person who can make needed repairs. Scott is to make sure the gate gets to Colo.

Promotion Committee

_ Moved by Mark Holtan, seconded by Jeff Carey to give the \$150 won at the Iowa Horse Fair to the Legacy Harness Foundation. All ayes.

Jeff is working on a poster with the 2013 race dates.

Royal is going to take care of the date cards.

Awards Committee

No activity.

Member Communications

No activity.

Executive Secretary Position

Extensive discussion ensued regarding the details of the position.

Mark read the job duties. See attached list for complete list.

Agreement on the following:

Advertise the positions via a mailing to members and on the USTA website with resumes due by June 1.

The position will be full time effective January 1 ,2014, with a salary of \$30,000 and \$2000 travel allowance.

The position will be part-time from June 1 to December 31 2013 with a salary of \$1000 per month.

The board will meet on Monday June 3rd at 5PM in Ankeny to interview and decide on a candidate.

Fair Grants

It was decided to continue with the \$1500 per racing day regular grants for repairs and maintenance for 2013.

Special grants awarded:

Taylor County Fair \$2,500 towards sound system improvements

Linn County Fair \$8,000 Lime

Sioux Trotting Association \$8,000 stall fronts

Humboldt County Fair up to \$5000 cement pads for manure pits.

Wapello County Fair \$5000 toward bathroom

Keokuk County Fair \$3000? Windows/ventilation in Big barn

Next meeting July 6 after the races at Humboldt.

Minutes taken by Royal Roland

