

Minutes from Annual Meeting – January 11, 2014

The IaHHA Annual Membership Meeting began at 2:00 p.m. on January 11, 2014 at the Best Western Inn Marshalltown, Iowa. Board of Directors present: Joel McDanel, Mark Holtan, Brad Kohlwes, Rick Huffman, Scott Smith, Jeff Carey, Jim Reese, Royal Roland and Dan Roland. Also present: Executive Secretary Amy Kohlwes.

IaHHA President Royal Roland began the meeting with the President's report. He gave an overview of the 2013 racing season.

IaHHA lobbyist Matt Eide gave the legislative update. He said not a lot should be happening in the legislature this year. Horse related legislation is to adjust our Prairie Meadows funds so that they can be used for other race related things. Representative, Tom Sands continues to be our greatest supporter along with Dave Maxwell, Jeff Danielson and Mike Gronstal. Branstad is going for re-election.

The next item on the agenda was the election of directors. Mark Holtan was re-elected from District 6. Jim Reese was re-elected from District 4 and 5.

There was one at-large director with an expiring term. Adam Hauser was nominated by Mike McDanel and Dan Roland was nominated by Judy Roland. Motion by Janice Molgaard, seconded by Bob Kohlwes that nominations cease. All ayes. Dan Roland was re-elected three year term.

Open Forum Discussion:

During the open forum the group discussed that Judge Steve Huffman pointed out it is USTA rule that all horses need to have a coggins test no matter what. If you get to a race without one you will be scratched and will still have to pay the entry fees. Coggins tests are good for a year.

Discussions were also made on the upkeep of the Humboldt and What Cheer tracks. Members were concerned about dips and no passing lanes. It was agreed by members of the board that they would try harder to make them better but the members need to remember we are having volunteers do the work and it would cost way more than the \$1500.00 allotted to pay someone to do it.

Comments on what needs to happen at the Bedford races. Many think the stake races need to be raced at the better tracks and maybe put aged or overnights at the poorer tracks.

Discussions were made on putting a trainer entry back into the draw or split all horses by money earnings. Membership voted to keep all entries and splits the same as 2013.

It was discussed about paying someone a donation to take down or put up gates. Many agreed we can't get anybody to help even if we pay them too. Nancy Robertson said she would be in charge of getting help in Oskaloosa.

Slower quarters in a race were also discussed. If a driver is caught doing this they will either get a fine or days off. Membership figured days would affect them more than getting a fine unless it is a steep fine.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Minutes taken by Amy Kohlwes, Executive Secretary

