

## IaHHA Board Meeting

### Tentative Minutes

January 19, 2014

The IaHHA Board of Directors met at 1:22 p.m. on January 19, 2014 in Ankeny, Iowa. Board of Directors present: Joel McDanel, Mark Holtan, Brad Kohlwes, Scott Smith, Jeff Carey, Jim Reese, Dan Roland, and Royal Roland. Also present: Executive Secretary Amy Kohlwes. Not present: Rick Huffman.

The minutes from November 23, 2013 were presented. Moved by Mark Holtan, seconded by Jeff Carey to approve. All ayes.

Jim Reese gave the treasurers report. Moved by Brad Kohlwes, seconded by Joel McDanel to approve. All ayes. It was brought up if the association receives an insufficient funds check the remitter will be charged a \$35.00 fee.

#### Election of Officers

Brad Kohlwes motioned to leave all current officers in their same positions, seconded by Jeff Carey to approve. All ayes.

#### Committee Assignments

Dan Roland motioned to leave all committee assignments the same as last year. Seconded by Brad Kohlwes. All ayes.

Legislative/Contract Committee: Royal Roland, Mark Holtan, Dan Roland, and Brad Kohlwes

Promotion Committee: Mark Holtan and Jeff Carey

Official Committee: Rick Huffman, Scott Smith, and Joel McDanel

By-Law Committee: Dan Roland, Mark Holtan, and Jim Reese

Membership Committee: Brad Kohlwes and Rick Huffman

Hall of Fame Committee: Brad Kohlwes, Joel McDanel and Jeff Carey

#### Legislative

Our main goal of the 2014 Legislative session is to introduce a bill that will change the language in the law to allow Prairie Meadows monies to be spent on other things besides purses, such as breeder's awards and race day-expenses. Long term goals need to be established to determine what direction we want to see the association going towards in the future, and get any and all changes in this bill as we may not get another chance.

#### Promotions

Promotions were discussed. It was agreed that we should order shirts, hats, etc. to help promote Iowa Harness Racing in 2014.

### Officials

Director Smith stated Steve Huffman expressed interest in being our Judge at the southern race tracks and Kallen Mouw, Steve Mouw or Harv Sandbulte expressed interest in doing the northern race tracks. Contracts will be sent out. Directors discussed purchasing wireless cameras to place around the tracks. Director Dan Roland will look into cost, and how to set them up to help the judges enforce rules.

### By-Laws

It was discussed that the IaHHA meetings are not closed session meetings. Anybody is welcome to attend. Only 9 votes from the directors are to be counted for any issues. It was agreed to make a change that in order for anyone to receive any monies from the IaHHA those people must be an IaHHA member, and be in good standings. This will include breeders to receive breeder's awards.

### 2014 Racing Issues

All races in 2014 will start at 12:30 unless otherwise noted. Aged horses will race a total of thirteen times, Iowa Registered will race ten times and Iowa Sired will race three times. Overnight conditions were discussed. If a horse is entered as a claimer and receives a positive drug test, the person claiming can refuse the claim. If there is a problem collecting a drug test from a horse it will be communicated to the presiding judge on what they would like do. The drug testing of the first race, and missing subsequent races because the vet was busy was discussed. Mark Holtan motioned to add a second urine catcher on race day, and mix up when the vet starts the testing, Seconded by Brad Kohlwes. All Ayes. The issue of which horses should be drug tested and that it should be more random. Dan Roland motioned random drug testing may occur at any track for any race contested. Seconded by Joel McDanel. All ayes. Current Coggins tests are needed for every horse at every race per USTA rules, and will be enforced this year. The issue of drivers and slow quarters was brought up. It was decided that this is a Judges call and the board will instruct the Judges to emphasize the rules on slow quarters and halves this coming year. Discussions were made on the colt and filly rules for aged races. Royal Roland motioned to have fillies draw inside on all aged races, seconded by Brad Kohlwes. There were 3 ayes and 4 nays. Rule change did not pass. Director McDanel also motioned to add a \$2500 claiming option to the Aged races. It was not approved.

### Other Issues

Directors agreed both the Humboldt track and What Cheer track need more than annual maintenance. Director Kohlwes stated he can get use of graders at any time, we would need to supply an operator. Mike McDanel is willing to go two days before a race to any track in Iowa to help make it the best he can for all race days.

Jeff Carey motioned to check into getting the executive secretary a credit card for association expenses. Seconded by Mark Holtan. All ayes.

Future meeting dates will be April 27, 2014 in Ankeny, July 5, 2014 in Humboldt, September 21, 2014 in Humboldt and November 23, 2014 in Ankeny. Annual Meeting and Banquet is scheduled for January 10, 2015 in Marshalltown.

Motion to adjourn by Dan Roland, seconded by Jeff Carey. All Ayes. Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Minutes taken by Amy Kohlwes, Executive Secretary