

# laHHA Board Meeting

## Tentative Minutes

### September 27th, 2008

The laHHA Board of Directors met at 1:30 pm on September 27th, 2008 in the horseman's lounge at Prairie Meadows. Bob Kohlwes, Scott Smith, Mark Holtan, Dan Roland and Royal Roland were present with Jack Wilkening arriving late. Rick Mishler, Larry Jenson and Jim Reese were not present.

Dan Roland presented the minutes to the prior board meeting for approval.

Royal presented the Treasurer's Report for Jim. The PAC has a decent balance. The preauth forms really helped with collection.

#### **Summer Fair Issues**

Mark Holtan presented the report on fair drug testing. The lab said all of the samples were in a good state when they arrived. One sample came back cloudy and on follow-up was deemed negative.

Royal brought up the issue of Prince Aidid. Evidently he had not been Iowa Registered until last week. He was inspected by the state and represented at the auction as being Iowa Registered but had not been. Trent had put the tattoo number of his horses on his stakes registration instead of the Iowa Registered number and the office workers had not caught the difference. Trent didn't realize it until Prairie Meadows called regarding his stakes nomination with them, at which time Trent got the paperwork processed with the IDOA and called Royal to inform him. Discussion centered on how to improve the process to prevent this from happening again and it was agreed that it would not be appropriate to try to go back and redistribute the purse monies.

The board discussed the first year with Jim Newman as the starter. It was agreed that while there were some inconsistencies, in general Jim did a good job for his first year and it is hoped he will continue in the position.

The board discussed the javelin Dan Moy uses to mark the finish line. At some locations it was close to where win pictures were being taken, leading to a potentially hazardous situation.

#### **Prairie Meadows Issues**

Royal told the board that he had been notified by Derron that since the contract had not been approved by the racing commission that they did not feel bound by it and were submitting 14 days as their proposal for 2009. He was uncommittal about the fair money and directed Royal to speak to Gary Palmer.

#### **Legislative Issues**

Matt is working on a list of proposed donations for the PAC.

#### **Promotions Committee**

Larry has a list of people who earned first win or milestone win blankets. The promotion committee will work on arranging sponsors.

#### **Membership Communication Committee**

Royal encouraged all the directors to contact their members regarding the Economic Impact Study and the importance of returning their surveys.

Lastly the board assigned a track committee to work with Prairie Meadows regarding the day to day surface of the racetrack. Assigned were John Hendricks, Brandon Jenson and Stan Swisher.

The next meeting will be November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2008 in Ankeny.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15pm.