

Board Meeting
Sunday September 21, 2014
Humboldt, Iowa

Present – Royal Roland, Jim Reese, Jeff Carey, Scott Smith, Joel McDanel, Brad Kohlwes, Mark Holton, Dan Roland, Lindsay Sponheim

Absent – Rick Huffman

Members Present – Bob Kohlwes, Mike McDanel, Larry, Brandon, Bryce, & Brady Jenson

The regular meeting of the IaHHA was held at the Humboldt County Fairgrounds at approximately 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 21, 2014. The board minutes of the previous meeting were given to each of the board members.

It was discussed and finalized by the board to keep track of board members attendance at regularly scheduled board meetings and posting it on the website.

Jim Reese proceeded by giving the Treasurer's Report. The treasurer's report was moved by Dan Roland and seconded by Mark Holtan.

Royal Roland discussed Prairie Meadows's revenue. For months 1-6 their revenue was down 7% and for the last two months revenue has been up 2%. Next year we are expecting to get less money from Prairie Meadows. It was discussed that next year if we needed to cut money from the budget possibly purses not exceeding \$6,000. Royal, Jim, and Barb attended a Meet & Greet with the Governor a couple weeks ago. Royal reported that the Governor is a very big supporter of the horse racing industry, and as long as he continues in office we have a good support system.

It was discussed that the Scholarship Applications and Hall of Fame Nominations need to be updated and placed on the website so people can start filling them out and getting the returned to the association.

In reviewing the summer the board talked about the use of the backstretch cameras. They were helpful at times and Mark Holtan suggested getting some type of stand for the backside and actually have a person run the camera to catch more of the races on the backside. Putting a camera in the starting car was also discussed. Mark Holtan talked about possibly making the starter a parole judge. Also, allowing the starter to be used by the presiding judge to give opinions on call/inquiries as a second pair of eyes on the racetrack. Royal recommended to the board that we need to cultivate more people to be judges for next year. It was decided to discuss at the annual meeting in January about horses entering two days in a row.

Mike McDanel reported that the starting gate is not running correctly. At times it will only open so far then there will be a clicking noise and it won't open any further. As recommended by the board the

starting truck will be shipped back to Ohio where it was built for repairs. Mark Holtan told the board that there is room in Humboldt at the fairground for storing the truck over the winter.

The Board came to the conclusion that a strict drug testing policy needs to be written up and sent out with the stakes payments next year. Joel McDanel offered one of his horses at the last meeting to be used at a test subject for our drug testing system. On September 20th the horse was given a whole box of baking soda, 2 teaspoons of powdered sugar, and some warm water. The horse was left alone in his stall for four hours and then the vet drew blood. The horse was then taken out and jogged four laps, taken in and hosed off, and let stand for one and a half hours and blood was drawn again. The sample was sent off to Iowa State with the rest of the test samples for the weekend.

The trailer that was purchased for the IaHHA is being kept at Brad Kohlwes's right at the moment and he is building shelves in it to hold everything. Brad also discussed building a water wagon this winter for the association. He is going to bring details with him to the next meeting.

Mark Holtan told the board that he would like to add more material to the Humboldt track. The material they added this year was too powdery and more coarse material is needed. He suggested \$4,000-\$5,000 to add more product.

The board discussed the potential causes of the large number of horses breaking in the first turn at Humboldt. It was pointed out that the USTA rules require the horses to be released 200 feet from the first turn and that starts are occurring after this point currently. The conclusion was that next weekend at the Sire Stakes meet Mike McDanel would let the horses go farther away from the finish line as a test to see if this helps.

Mike has offered his time next year in early May both at Humboldt and What Cheer to provide the opportunity for schooling races. Joel McDanel also suggested that at the early meets next year that there only be five horses on the gate, especially in the 2 year old races to ensure that all horses see the gate and get used to being behind the gate.

Next Board meeting will be held at the end of November 23, 2012 in Ankeny.

Minutes taken by Lindsay Sponheim, Executive Secretary