

IaHHA Board Meeting
Tentative Conference Call Minutes
May 3rd, 2007

The IaHHA Board of Directors met at 9:00 pm on May 3rd, 2007 by Conference Call. Directors present were Mark Holtan, Bob Kohlwes, Rick Mishler, Larry Jenson, Royal Roland, Scott Smith, Jim Reese and Dan Roland. Jack Wilkening was not on the call.

The tentative agenda for the call included rescheduling/canceling the Spencer stakes races, discussion of selling the extra starting gate(s) and reviewing the changes to the drug testing policy.

Royal mentioned that Morris Brown had originally said they would purchase the extra gate for the \$2,000 asking price and later called back to say they would not. Mark mentioned that he had received a few calls asking the board to reconsider the \$2,000 price and instead go to the \$1,200 price originally offered to Minnesota. Mark made a motion to reconsider that decision and did not receive a second to his motion. It was agreed that the \$1,200 had been a special price because the car in Minnesota had been vandalized. Larry mentioned that Van Otterloos had expressed interest in purchasing it. Royal reminded everyone that prior to the last board meeting the Fargo people had inquired about it because Minnesota had said they would no longer send theirs to Fargo. Since Fargo would need it to be able to conduct races it was agreed to offer it to them first and to then auction it in some manner if Fargo did not want it for the \$2,000 price.

Next the board discussed the Spencer colt stakes races. A number of directors expressed concern about taking a race off the back end of the schedule when trainers are so far behind because of the weather. Others were concerned about the number of race opportunities within 30 days of Prairie Meadows. **Motion by Mark Holtan, seconded by Scott Smith, to move the races rather than spreading the money out across the rest of the races scheduled. All Ayes.**

A lengthy discussion of when and where to race them followed. Mark said they would really like to have them at Humboldt but they could not house two days of horses at one time. Royal said they could be held at What Cheer on the 8th and 9th. Other locations were also discussed but were either unable or unwilling to host the races. There was debate on whether two weekends would create more travel. It was agreed that some big stables wouldn't really be affected because they would need more trucks to haul all their horses but the smaller stables may have increased travel expenses. There was also discussion on the number of race dates at What Cheer vs. Humboldt and the number of race meets at each location. **Motion by Rick Mishler, seconded by Bob Kohlwes, to split the meet with the three year olds raced at What Cheer on Sept. 8th and the two year olds to be raced at Humboldt on September 15th with each set of races potentially carried over one day because of rain but with purses to be paid out to horses entered if the following day was also rained out. Aye: Mark Holtan, Bob Kohlwes, Rick Mishler, Larry Jenson, Scott Smith, Dan Roland; Abstain – Jim Reese**

Jim mentioned that that some horses were staked in the name of someone who had presented a bad check to the association in the past and had not made restitution. The board discussed the recent financial responsibility suspensions by the USTA as well as options we may have. The rule book states that the owner, trainer and driver must be current IaHHA members to race a horse in Iowa. **Motion by Larry Jenson, seconded by Dan Roland, to allow the board to suspend the IaHHA membership of any member who submits a bad check to the association. Suspended members will not be allowed to race until restitution is made. All Ayes.**

The final topic of discussion was the drug testing changes made at the prior board meeting. There was some confusion about the blood gas (TCO2) testing policy. It was agreed that we were keeping that the same as past years, we were just changing blood collection to urine collection. Dan had contacted Iowa State and they thought they could provide some vet students to help with the collection for a reasonable price, probably just reimbursement of expenses. That will be investigated further prior to the stakes races.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25pm.