

laHHA Board Meeting
Saturday, September 26 2015
Humboldt, Iowa

Present: Royal Roland, Dan Roland, Rick Huffman, Joel McDanel, Jeff Carey, Scott Smith, Mark Holtan, Lindsay Sponheim

Absent: Jim Reese, Brad Kohlwes

The September meeting of the Iowa Harness Horseman's Association was called to order by President Royal Roland at 3:30 p.m. at the Humboldt County Fairgrounds.

The treasurer's report was not given due to Treasurer Jim Reese being absent.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read. Joel McDanel moved to accept the meeting minutes and Scott Smith seconded, all ayes, minutes approved.

The estimated revenue for the 2016 season is projected to be almost the same as in 2015. Royal Roland has done some figuring and estimates that there are going to be 6-7 more Iowa Sired races per year and also more divisions of Iowa Registered horses so this means more money will be needed for purses. It is estimated that approximately \$140,000 more will be needed for purses next season. The board is currently looking at ways to cut money for next year and are considering any suggestions from members on how to be on budget for the 2016 season.

The Scholarship applications and Hall of Fame Nomination applications are currently being updated and will be available on the Iowa Harness Racing website as soon as they are updated.

It was discussed that Glen Wilson never sent the check back to the laHHA for the Non-winners race that America's Game won at What Cheer on Friday, July 10th. Joel McDanel proposed that the association reimburse the 2-6 place finishers as if they finished 1-5, but not change the official results. The board discussed this proposal, and Joel moved to accept the proposal, Dan Roland seconded, all ayes, and proposal was approved.

Dan Roland made it aware to the board that Dan Coon should be contacted about how to go about working on the tracks for next year. Discussion with him is to include when the best time to add material to the track is whether it be winter or early spring, grading tracks, etc. Mark Holtan estimates the budget for the track work at approximately \$8,000.

Royal brought it to the board's attention that there have been no positive tests this year, but there have been some issues with horses being entered on a certain drug or medication and not having said drug in their system when tested or having more than one drug/medication in their system at one time. He suggested that the drug policy be amended for next season so trainers note when entering horses that those said horses racing on a NSAID or what happens if a horse is entered on a NSAID and none is detected by the lab.

Mark Holtan has talked to the Humboldt County Fair Board and is working on getting the starting gate a space to be parked for the winter. The Fair Board is also looking into tearing down Sturtz's barn next year and adding a lean-to on to the big metal shed and putting more permanent stalls in there. They are looking for funding and Mark suggested that the association give them a no interest loan for approximately \$50,000-\$100,000 that they are required to pay back. More discussion will happen on this subject at a later date.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:02 p.m.