

laHHA Annual Membership Meeting

Tentative Minutes

January 20th, 2007

The laHHA Annual Membership Meeting began at 2:10 pm on January 20th, 2007 at the Best Western Inn in Marshalltown, Iowa.

Members reviewed the tentative minutes to the 2006 annual meeting. **Motion by Jack Wilkening, seconded by Jim Coulter, to approve the minutes as read. All Ayes.**

Jim Reese presented the Treasurer's Report. We have \$41,151.06 retained from 2006. **Motion by Bob Kohlwes, seconded by Kim Larson, to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. All Ayes.**

laHHA lobbyist Matt Eide presented the legislative update. Matt mentioned that it was the first time the democrats controlled both houses and the governorship since 1965. Jack Kibbie was the only democratic legislator in office in 1965 that is still in the legislature. We currently have two bills to try to protect the county fair funding. One is with Rep. Delores Mertz in the Agriculture committee and one is with Rep. Tom Schueller in the State Government committee. We are going to try to have another horseman's rally at the capitol.

The next item on the agenda was a vote on the proposed change to the by-laws. The wording of the change is as follows...

A director who misses three (3) consecutive regularly scheduled board meetings may be removed from the board by a unanimous vote of the remaining directors. In such case a replacement will be appointed by the board to serve the remainder of the term of the removed director.

There was a brief discussion on the change. The change passed unanimously.

As part of the 2006 Review / 2007 Preview period Royal discussed what happened in the negotiations with Prairie Meadows that led to the reduced fair funding. We are getting an extra \$150,000 and 4 more race dates at Prairie Meadows in 2007. The board is currently negotiating with Prairie Meadows regarding ways to target more of that money to Iowa Registered horses.

Among other items discussed as part of the review were Drug Testing, 2007 Fair race dates and the draws. It was agreed that the current drug testing policy is not as effective as it could be. The board will discuss this and make changes for 2007. There has currently only been one bid to do the draws and programs. Bids need to be submitted prior to the January 28th board meeting. A unanimous show of hands supported letting the fillies draw inside when a mixed division is raced.

The next item on the agenda was election of directors. **Jack Wilkening was elected from District 1. Royal Roland was re-elected from District 3.**

There was one at-large director with an expiring term.

Bob Kohlwes was nominated by Becky Roland, seconded by Mike Smith.

Gary Liles was nominated by Jack Wilkening, seconded by Dennis Allgood.

Adam Hauser was nominated by Stan Swisher, seconded by Jack Wilkening.

Motion by Nancy Jenson, seconded by Dennis Allgood, that nominations cease. All Ayes.

After the ballots were counted, Bob Kohlwes was elected to a three year term.

Motion by Jack Wilkening, seconded by Merlin Van Otterloo, that the meeting be adjourned. All Ayes.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:32pm.