

IaHHA Board Meeting
Sunday, April 24, 2016
Ramada Inn Ankeny, Iowa 1:00 P.M.

Board Members Present: Royal Roland, Jim Reese, Mark Holtan, Joel McDanel, Scott Smith, Jeff Carey, Tony Paris, Dan Roland, Brandon Jenson, Executive Secretary Lindsay Sponheim

The scheduled board meeting of the IaHHA took place on Sunday, April 24, 2016 at the Ramada Inn in Ankeny, Iowa at 1:00.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the board members. Joel McDanel moved to accept the minutes of the and Jeff Carey seconded. All ayes, minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Jim Reese presented the board with the Treasurer's Report Mark Holtan moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, Dan Roland seconded. All ayes, minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Matt Eide joined the meeting via telephone to give his Legislative Report. The Legislature is set to adjourn later in the week and both parties have been very disciplined with their spending this session. There were no large horse issues this session. Matt reminded everyone that this is an election year and to keep up good relations with legislators.

Dan Roland proposed a rule change for the Iowa Department of Agriculture and the process in which a horse receives and Iowa Registered Number. Dan proposes that since the USTA is going mostly paperless with Registration Papers in recent years that it not be required for an owner to send in the physical/original USTA Registration Papers on a horse to be physically stamped with an Iowa Registered number. Both Matt and the Board believe that this could be a great idea and that we need to get together to prepare and meet with the Iowa Department of Agriculture to propose this change.

On March 16, 2016 a horse day at the Capital was held in which all three racing breeds attended to keep up good relations with legislators and inform people coming into the Capital about the importance of horse racing in the State of Iowa and the economic impact that horse racing has on the State of Iowa.

The IaHHA Drug Policy was discussed and some changes are set to take place in 2016. The changes are as follows:

1. Pre-race TCO2 Testing is going to be eliminated for the 2016 season. Random post-race TCO2 testing will still be done and those to be tested will be decided by the presiding judges. If a post-race TCO2 test is ordered by the judge it will be collected 1.5 hours after the completion of the chosen horse's race.
2. Drug testing will randomly occur in 2016 at Overnight races where Iowa Aged Races are held.
3. During the 2016 racing season The Clerk of Course at each track will keep a list of Race Day Medication Changes which will consist of the Horse's Name, Medication change whether it is added or removed on race day, and the signature of the owner or trainer of the horse. Changes must be made to the Clerk an hour prior to race day post time. The medication change list will

be turned over to the presiding judge one hour prior to race day post time and subsequently sent with the judge's sheets to the charter for the entry of race day results with the USTA.

4. Blood samples will be drawn from the winner of every race on the day's race card and urine samples will be collected from as many of the winner's as possible for the day. At the end of the race day all urine samples collected will be sent to ISU VDL along with their corresponding blood samples. Also the presiding judge and the Veterinarian will meet privately after the races and randomly decide which samples will be sent to ISU VDL along with the urine samples. For each race day 5 or 6 samples will be sent to ISU VDL for complete drug test evaluation.

Committees were chosen for 2016:

- Executive Committee – Royal Roland, Mark Holtan, Jim Reese
- Legislative Committee – Dan Roland, Mark Holtan, Jim Reese
- Promotions Committee – Jeff Carey, Mark Holtan, Tony Paris
- Officials & Drug Review Committee – Scott Smith, Joel McDanel, Brandon Jenson, Tony Paris
- By-Laws Committee – Jim Reese, Dan Roland, Mark Holtan
- Hall of Fame Committee – Joel McDanel, Jeff Carey, Tony Paris
- Membership Committee – Tony Paris, Brandon Jenson

The board has made a decision to not allow a horse to race that is owned by a race day's presiding judge. Any judge will not be able to preside over a race day's card if they own a horse that is entered in that day's card. Also, Royal let the board know that Ken Sweetland would like to become a judge in the future so the IaHHA could invite him to come to the races and be an associate judge and learn with our judges to get a grasp on the job.

Qualifying standards were on the table for discussion and the board is looking into the following times:

- 2:15 for 2-year-old pacers
- 2:30 for 2-year-old trotters
- 2:10 for 3-year-old pacers
- 2:15 for 3-year-old trotters

The board is not implementing these standards for the 2016 season, but they are going to review horses that do not meet these standards during the 2016 racing season and discuss the possibility of a qualifying standard for the "A/Feature" races being with the 3 Stakes Race of the Season for the 2017 racing season at the November 2016 IaHHA Board Meeting.

Executive Secretary Lindsay Sponheim reviewed the 2016 Iowa Horse Fair. It went well and a lot of racing schedule cards were handed out to the public. The board suggested having a voucher at the 2017 Horse Fair for the public to bring to the races to show they heard about the IaHHA at the horse fair. The IaHHA has currently received two monetary grants and is still waiting to hear about a third to help with the cost of promotional items. Lindsay also suggested that the IaHHA have a logo made for use on promotional items, website, letter heads, etc. She met a graphic designer in New Jersey that has made logos for Tony Alanga and others in the industry and the board is behind going ahead with this venture.

Mark Holtan read a letter from a concerned IaHHA member and the meeting was then adjourned at 3:15