

IAHHA Board Meeting Saturday, November 19th

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

The scheduled board meeting of the laHHA took place on Saturday, November 19th 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 meeting and Mark Holtan seconded. All ayes, minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jim Reese presented the board with the Treasurer's Report Joel McDanel moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, Tony Paris seconded. All ayes.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Matt Eide joined the meeting in person to give his Legislative Report. The Legislature is has seen majority of the house being republican held. There were no large horse issues this session. The governor's race for 2018 is still up in the air on whose running. Matt said Guy Vander Linden of Mahaska County will be a good fit in the ways & means committee. Also no decrease in expected funding from Prairie Meadows and a +1.5% increase over last year is projected. No change in the lahha funding as provided in Iowa law could occur til 2019 when thoroughbred contract is up.

NEW BUSINESS: The fair convention will be held December 12th in Des Moines and two new tracks are showing interest Hamilton County Fair in Webster City and Lee County Fair of Donnellson.

EXECUTIVE SECERTARY: WE had six applicants to interview for the open position. We held interviews with Tara Spach, Julie Strange, Joe & Michelle Praught, Gretchen Springer and Jerry Conners. After the interviews the board discussed the hiring of the position. After discussion the board moved it would be the best interest to separate the position to two people. Jim moved to split the position into two positions seconded by Dan Roland. All ayes, and was approved. The social media and draw will be handled by Tara Spach of Georgetown, Kentucky and the local secretary position would be Gretchen Springer of Eldon, Iowa. Both was contacted and accepted the position.

BANQUET/PROMOTIONS: The board appointed Jeff Carey and Tony Paris to help with banquet planning on meals, trophies, guest speaker and entertainment. The board discussed the pricing of the meal with the increase the last couple years the board thought it would be necessary to move from \$15.00 to \$20.00 and keeping kids at \$5.00 for the upcoming January 14th 2017 meeting. Jeff Carey made a motion to increase from \$15.00 to \$20.00 on the cost and keeping kids at \$5.00 seconded by Tony Paris. All Ayes.

IHHA SCHOLARSHIP: The application is on the website and have till December 12th to fill out and submit.

OFFICALS & DRUG REVIEW: Scott Smith discussed Casey Larson who got his license and was an associate this summer at Sioux Center and Humboldt. He will be able to help filling the lack of judges in northwest Iowa area. The non-payment of fines for the two positives was discussed but tabled to next meeting. Changing of claim time to 1 hour prior to post time along with making it a cashier's check

instead of cash for safety reason and easier to control. This was tabled to next meeting. Also testing procedures for 2017 also tabled to next meeting.

BY-LAWS: Joel brought up the review of the Aged Iowa point system needing relooked and it was tabled to next meeting.

HALL OF FAME: There was four people that had been submitted for review. The board voted to elect two of the four into the Iowa Harness Horse Hall of Fame. The first person was Mark Holton and the second was Julie Miller. The horse to go into the hall of fame is Hot Pans.

MEMBERSHIP: The 2017 memberships will be sold at the upcoming banquet.

BUDGET: The money shows a 1 to 1.5% increase from Prairie Meadows for 2017 season and the board discussed moving the overnights from \$750 to \$1000 and changing the A-Class entry fee from \$100 to \$75.00 this was tabled to the January meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: Qualifying standards and this was tabled to the next meeting due to Dan Roland going to do some fact finding on this topic. Will be discussed in January meeting.

Closing: Brandon Jenson moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:00pm and was seconded by Scott Smith.

Next Meeting will be January 22nd at 1:00pm at Ramada Inn in Ankeny, Iowa