

**IaHHA Board Meeting Minutes**  
**1:00pm Saturday, January 21, 2017**  
**Ramada Inn - Ankeny, Iowa**

The meeting of the IaHHA Board was called to order by Royal at 1330. All board members were in attendance. Minutes from the previous meeting were read. Motion by Scott, second by Tony to approve minutes. Jim Reese gave the treasurer's report. Motion by Jeff seconded by Tony to approve treasurer's report.

Executive Secretary

Gretchen Springer gave the Executive Secretary's report including a recap of the annual meeting. The meeting had great attendance, the raffle went over well and \$415 of logowear was sold. There were two articles on the USTA website about the meeting – one about awards and another about USTA rule changes (per USTA request). Gretchen also reported on the IRG Commission meeting from earlier in January.

Social Media

Tara Spach reports we've reached 900 Facebook friends. She has been trying new things to make the page more interactive like prizes for posting. Tara also discussed the draw. She reported that it would be easier for her to do it in the afternoon/evening, and proposed 1700-1900 EST, which would be 1600-1800 CST (4pm to 6pm) here. The board discussed with her that entries can only come in by e-track, email, and phone – no texting entries. Tara reports her computer will work for the job. She reports that USTA office is close and they'll be talking to her on Monday. She will be going to watch the draw at Miami Valley in in KY in April.

Election of Officers

President – Royal

Moved by Mark, seconded by Jim – passed

Secretary – Brandon

Moved by Tony, seconded by Joel – passed

VP – Mark, Treasurer – Jim

Motion to keep these officers the same by Joel, seconded by Brandon - passed

Committee Assignments

Legislative

Jim, Mark, Royal

Officials/Racing/Drug Testing

Scott, Brandon, Joel

Promotions

Jeff, Tony

Hall of Fame

Joel, Jeff, Tony

By-Laws

Mark, Jim

Committee Reports

LEGISLATIVE

Royal recapped Matt Eide's update at the annual meeting. There was discussion on the Legislative Day held last March. Matt Eide will get an updated list of legislators for the upcoming newsletter. The

legislative committee would also like to increase IaHHA membership and associate membership to have a wider audience for our newsletter (first to come in Feb).

Some individuals/businesses have asked for a membership directory – the board decided we won't provide this in electronic form or on the website to protect members privacy.

#### OFFICIALS/RACING/DRUG POLICY

Scott will start working with officials when the schedule is set. Casey Larson is a potential new judge for the northern locations. It was discussed that it is the judge's responsibility to speak with trainers regarding non-competitive horses.

Each horse must have a Coggins on file with the Executive Secretary to race – photocopies only, no originals. The Executive Secretary will notify the judge if no Coggins is produced. It was discussed that a portable scanner/printer would be helpful for race-days.

It is the obligation of each fair to have an ambulance, a water truck, and someone to work the track.

Royal will check with the insurance company about age limits on drivers of the starting truck as this could affect who can drive the vehicle from place to place.

Drug Policy for 2017: Continue to test every winner. The presiding judge or the vet can special anyone they choose. There isn't a vet secured yet for the 2017. Last year we paid \$30 for 23 tested days.

Michael West and Jenni King still have outstanding fines/purses. The executive secretary will send a letter to each that they must pay or the IaHHA won't accept their Feb 2017 nominations. They also won't be allowed to drive or train in the state until these are paid.

The track conditioners and trailers need repairs. Motion by Mark, seconded by Tony to make necessary repairs – motion passed. Jeff will work on the rotten wood floor on the trailer.

#### PROMOTIONS

Tony would like to see some form of raceday promotion including admission, hotel stay, meal, and a 2-seat jog cart ride.

Royal requested \$500 (fair puts in \$1000) for the Progressive Pick 10. Motion by Jeff, seconded by Scott – passed. Mark will speak with the Humboldt Fair Board about doing something similar there.

Mike will pull promo trailer to all races, Jenny Mintun can as well.

The board would like 5-10 t-shirts for drivers to throw to the crowd for each meet. Gretchen will contact the USTA about getting shirts.

It was discussed that Columbus Junction does a good job with blankets for each race. It was discussed we could try this at a few other places: We'll furnish a blanket for \$65, fair can charge sponsor \$100 and fair keeps the difference. Bloomfield was mentioned as a place this may work well.

The board thanked Tony and Brandon for their work on the stallion auction at the annual meeting. Check to New Vocations for \$1700. The remainder (\$6750) will be paid into promotions next year.

#### HALL OF FAME

The committee would like some written criteria for nominations. Mark brought guidelines from other states, Gretchen will type these up for next meeting.

#### BY-LAWS

Hall of Fame criteria as above.

#### 2017 Racing

There are two new venues that approached board members about racing in 2017 – Donnellson and Webster City. Some board members assessed the track at Webster City on the way to the meeting today and report it will be fine for racing. Motion by Jeff, seconded by Brandon to add these venues – passed.

Two-year-olds will have a 5 starter max in each race until June 14.

### CHANGES IN CONDITIONS

Change #13 “feature” to “overnight”. Change from “2016” to “2017” in all places. Change rules to state coupled entries in a race must include all horses with common ownership in each division, the person entering is prohibited from dictating which of their entries are separated. Motion by Brandon, seconded by Mark – passed.

Claiming: Change claiming races to NW \$3000. Keep pacer claim at \$2500, increase trotter claim to \$4000. Motion by Jim, seconded by Joel – passed.

The claim must be presented one hour prior to first post. Cashier's Check only (no cash, no personal checks). Motion by Mark, seconded by Brandon – passed.

All times will be charted up to Running Aces qualifying times.

Clarification of item #14: Our association definition of “distanced” is 30 lengths or more. Motion by Tony, seconded by Scott – passed.

Motion to have same rules/conditions for Iowa Sired and Iowa Registered Races (including B-races, entries, splits...) with the \$65k cap as before. Motion by Jeff, seconded by Brandon – passed.

### Old Business

Aged Points: Aged horses will only gets points in designated Aged Iowa Registered Races. Motion by Joel, seconded by Royal – passed.

Qualifying standards: no qualifiers, non-competitive horses to be addressed by judge.

### Budget

There was considerable discussion on how to use additional money in the budget for 2017 race season including decreasing entry fees, raising purses, having finals, etc. The board decided:

1. Raise overnight purses to \$1000. Motion by Adam, seconded by Jim – passed.
2. Decrease nomination fees to \$100. Motion by Jeff, seconded by Brandon - passed

Motion to approve 2017 Budget by Jeff, seconded by Brandon – passed.

### Other Business

Oskaloosa needs to take better care of their track. This is the responsibility of the Superintendent of Speed.

### Future Meetings

April 30

July 4 (after races)

September 23 (after races)

November 18

Meeting adjourned at 1708.