

## **IaHHA Board Meeting Agenda 1:00pm Sunday, April 30 2017 Ramada Inn - Ankeny, Iowa**

The April meeting of the IaHHA Board of Directors was called to order by President Royal Roland at 1:07pm. Minutes from the previous meeting were read. Motion to approve minutes by Brandon, seconded by Scott – passed. Treasurer's report by Jim Reese. Motion to approve reports by Jeff, seconded by Scott – passed.

### Executive Secretary Report

- **Nominations** are complete and posted to the website. Outstanding fines/purses from Michael West and Jenni King were paid with their nominations.
- The first **newsletter** went out in February, the next is planned for May. Encouraged Board to give input on content
- The **Iowa Horse Fair** was the first weekend in April. A big thank you to all who contributed: Jodi Siamis, Michelle Haparanta, Justin Van Otterloo, Warren Van Otterloo, Jim Reese, Will Roland, and Silver D Moon. We distributed approx 50 race schedules, obtained one associate membership, and had one potential interested owner. Attendance was low at breed demonstrations and fair in general. Board discussed value of Horse Fair in future years.
- The **Circuit Books** have been at the printer for greater than two weeks. Royal spoke to Premier Printing and books will be sent out next week. The Circuit Book has been posted online and there were questions sent to the Executive Secretary about the conditions and the draw rules. Issues will be addressed in next newsletter and on website.

### Social Media / Draw

Royal has a set of draw rules he'll send to the board for members to review. We will continue to use the IaHHA phone for the draw, Royal gave Gretchen the phone to mail to Tara. The phone has a plan through July. The Board will continue to encourage members to enter online.

Tara was at Hoosier last night learning about the draw. The Board discussed having point people that will be available by phone if Tara has questions. Joel, Adam, and Royal volunteered to assist by phone. After the draw is complete, Tony and Royal will review on E-track before entries are posted. Mark volunteered to review as well for the Humboldt meets.

The Board will have Tara continue the practice of posting the number of horses entered in each race on Facebook as well as sending a group text to members before the box closes.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### Legislative

Some Board members voiced support for setting a **legislative day** at the capital again this year. No date was set.

The Board discussed a recent issue with the **IA Dept of Ag** telling some stallion owners in past years that they could take their stallions out-of-state to race, and this year saying stallions must remain in the state. Royal stated the rules were unclear. Jeff reports the Dept of Ag said that they are only interested in what their inspectors see. The Board will defer to the Dept of Ag, which uses current Iowa code to determine stallion residency.

99D.22 Native horses or dogs. Section 2, subsection (c) states:

*To be eligible for registration as an Iowa thoroughbred, quarter horse, or standardbred stallion, stallion residency from January 1 through July 31 for the year of registration shall be met. However, horses going to stud for the first year shall be eligible upon registration with residency to continue through July 31.*

### Officials/Racing/Drug Testing

**Veterinary Services** -We still need a vet for drug testing for the 2017 racing season. The Board would like to have one vet that travels to all race meets for consistency. Local vets can be used for back-up. The board discussed when there is no drug testing as scheduled, that information should be available to all members. A sign will be posted at the entries table.

Scott reported on **race meet officials**. Casey Larson will judge at Webster City, Humboldt, and Sioux Center. Steve Huffman will judge all other race days. Jimmy and Mike will be starters. There will be charted lines at the first two meets (Humboldt 5/19 and What Cheer 5/28), then no charted lines until July 2. Note there will be no charted lines for the June Sires Stakes at What Cheer. Tony will announce all races except Sioux Center, where Harv Sandbulte will announce.

Royal reports the **starting gate** insurance policy does not have a maximum age for the designated drivers. The starting car

needs oil change, greased, and chains tightened. Brad will work on this.

A couple weeks ago Jim Reese received a call from an auction company that the IaHHA **gate trailer** with 91 gates was in Jefferson County, WI. The gates were stolen from the What Cheer fairgrounds and consigned to an auction. The VIN's were removed, but the auction company found registration papers in a plastic bag taped in the fender by Earl McKay. A police report was filed with Keokuk County, no arrests have been made. Roger & Judy Roland drove to WI with the title to get the trailer back this week. The association will reimburse them \$375. The Board discussed hitch locks. Gretchen will speak with NUTZ in Ottumwa about getting IaHHA graphics/stickers placed on the trailer and each gate.

Mark needs 10-12 teeth for the **track conditioner**. Jeff is working on a new deck for the trailer.

#### Promotions

The board would like the promotions trailer stocked for the season. We already have an inventory of t-shirts and sweatshirts. Board members would like caps as well, Gretchen will order.

We have applied for the USTA Matching Funds Grant for fair promotions. Gretchen will call Tara regarding website giveaways as well.

#### Hall of Fame

Gretchen brought Hall of Fame guidelines for nomination compiled from other states. The board had no objection to the guidelines. In the next newsletter we will ask for Hall of Fame nominations as the committee would like nominations by the end of summer.

#### By-Laws

No business

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. The Board will pay **Julie Miller** \$500 for speaking at the Annual Meeting. Jeff will get her address.
2. **Gates:** see above
3. The board discussed recent issues with distributing **breeders fees** following the death of a member. Fees will be distributed as follows:
  1. Surviving spouse
  2. If the estate is open the check is written to the estate
  3. If the estate is closed the Iowa Harness Horse Association will retain the money

Motion by Jim, seconded by Scott – passed.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. There have been repeated complaints regarding the condition of the tracks at Eldon and Oskaloosa on race days. Tony has secured Randy McClure of Eldon to blade, condition, water, and drag the tracks before the Eldon meet and the two Oskaloosa meets at a cost of \$200 per meet. Tony will be the Board contact for Randy. The board decided the \$200 will come out of the \$1,700 paid for each meet.
2. The track maintainer will be at What Cheer after the flea market this weekend.
3. IaHHA has donated funds to previous members following barn fires in the past. Motion to give \$500 to Dan & Jeri Roland made by Brandon, seconded by Mark – passed.
4. The next Annual Meeting will be held Jan 13, 2018. Tony would like Prairie Meadows contacted regarding cost to hold there instead of Adventureland Inn. Gretchen will report at next board meeting.
5. Two-year-old races will have a maximum five horse field until the June meet in Oskaloosa.

Meeting adjourned at 3:07pm.