

**IaHHA Board Meeting**  
**April 29, 2018**  
**Ankeny, IA**

The April meeting of the IaHHA Board of Directors was called to order by President Royal Roland. Present were board members Royal Roland, Mark Holton, Jim Reese, Scott Smith, Brandon Jenson, Tony Paris. Absent was Adam Hauser, Mark Mintun, and Jeff Carey.

**MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORTS**

Motion to approve minutes by Mark H, seconded by Brandon. All ayes.

Motion to approve treasurer's report by Tony, seconded by Brandon. All ayes.

**SOCIAL MEDIA & SECRETARY REPORTS**

Social Media/Entries:

Tara will continue with mobile text alerts this race season. She's ordered more decals for Facebook giveaways.

For entries, the IaHHA will continue to encourage members to use the online entry system. The draw will be sent out to all board members the night of entries and will be posted at 8:00AM the next day if there are no objections.

Executive Secretary:

Website- Gretchen will work with Danny Houk to develop a new website. The board agrees to follow his recommendations to have our own server. The board would like all information currently on the old website on the new website.

Stallions – Reminders sent to all 2017 bid winners to remind to pay remainder of stallion fee on live foal. Letters were sent to all 2018 stallion auction donators to notify of the winning bidders.

Print materials: Race Posters (board would like sent to key people at all venues), Circuit Books (print 100 extra, spread among board members), Schedule cards (2,000 as last year)

Send out mailing with information from this meeting for members including nomination lists, information about new drug testing, EHV/coggins reminder

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Legislative Committee

Legislative Day at the capital was held on March 14. The board would like to commend those that attended, especially Jim Reese for organizing the event.

Discussion to encourage members of the importance of the PAC.

Officials/Racing/Drug Testing Committee

*Drug Testing:* The board went over the drug testing proposal sent from Truesdail Labs. Motion to use Truesdail by Jim, seconded by Mark H. All ayes.

Discussion that the judge has the ability to test any horse in the race. Board will encourage judge to choose from finishers 1-4 for testing on 5 races daily.

All four members of the committee will get testing results. The committee will notify the presiding judge immediately if there are any positives. Brandon will print and place in the drug testing binder so members can see who was tested the previous week.

A member voiced concerns again about nebulizers. The board stands by their previous statement:

*The board has read and reviewed USTA rule 21.12 and concluded that there is no restriction of the use of nebulizers in this rule. All horses are subjected to drug testing for any illegal substances.*

The board will decide in a future meeting the drug testing policy for finals. Only a vet will be able to administer any medications (injections, nebulizers, etc) for finals horses.

*Vet Services:*

What Cheer and Oskaloosa – Royal will speak with Dr. Branstead

Humboldt – Mark will speak with previous vet

Sioux Center – Alan Sandbulte will arrange vet as last year

*Officials:* Discussed officials for all Iowa-Registered and Iowa Sires Stakes meets

South/East: Steve Huffman (judge), Jim (starter), Tony (announcer), Eric Plowman for possible associate judge

North/West: Casey Larson (judge), Mike (starter), Tony (announcer), Kowles for possible associate judge

Tony called during the meeting about a possible controlled accellerator. This will not be an option for fair racing.

*Pylons:* The board wants pylons rules enforced as written by the USTA.

*Coggins/EHV:* Motion that all horses must have proff of EHV vaccination within the past 365 days to race in Iowa in 2018.

Motion by Tony, seconded by Mark H. All ayes. Acceptable proof includes health papers, vet receipts, or purchase receipts

*Fairs:* Two fairs lost this year - Columbus Junction and Central City. Consider new locations in Northeast Iowa for next year including Nashua or Maquokata.

Eldon is in the process of updating stalls. When this is complete, Tony will give them the check.

Humboldt needs a manure pit and a new roof. Joel will bring a bid for the concrete and Brandon will bring a bid for the roof to the next meeting.

Oskaloosa will continue to hire Randy McClure for track maintenance.

*Partial Cards:* Board reiterated rain out policy for when a partial card is cancelled. Purses will be divided evenly for all feature race entries and evenly for all B race entries. Gait is not a consideration. If a card is not completed, no points will be given to any horses racing if the races are not carried over to another day.

There is no carryover for purses for Aged Iowa races.

*Race dates/conditions:* A member voiced a complaint that they are being discriminated against because 3YOs race on Sundays. The board discussed, and conditions will remain as they were last year.

#### Promotions Committee

The promo committee has selected logo #5 for new logowear.

Gretchen will stock promotrailer with pick-a-winner giveaways.

#### Hall of Fame

No new business

#### By-Laws

No new business

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

The board discussed getting calls returned from the executive secretary the same day they are received. Gretchen reports she will try to get back the same day and confirms board members would like a call back regardless of the time of day.

Gretchen requests texts from board members, board agrees, and board members would like text responses the same day.

All IaHHA expense reports are due to Jim the first week of the following month.

Motion to adjourn by Jim, seconded by Mark H. All ayes.