

Iowa Harness Horse Association  
Board of Director Meeting Minutes  
January 20, 2019

The board of directors of the Iowa Harness Horse Association met January 20, 2019 at the Ramada Inn in Ankeny Iowa. Present were Royal Roland, Jim Reese, Tony Paris, Mark Mintun, Brandon Jenson, Adam Hauser, Scott Smith, Jeff Carey and Will Roland.

Minutes of the November 17, 2018 were distributed. Moved by Jeff, seconded by Will to approve. All ayes.

Jim gave the treasurers report. Moved by Jeff, seconded by Brandon to approve. All ayes

Executive Secretary Report. Gretchen gave the board her resignation letter. There was discussion about combining the position as it was done in the past with the draw and social media. It was decided to keep two separate positions. The board reviewed the duties of the position. Tony Paris volunteered to create an ad for the position.

Election of officers:

President	Royal Roland
Vice President	Tony Paris
Secretary	Brandon Jenson
Treasurer	Jim Reese

Committee Assignments

Legislative - Brandon, Mark, Jim, Royal  
Officials/Racing/Drug Policy- Scott, Will, Adam, Mark  
Promotions/Banquet- Will, Jeff, Tony  
Hall of Fame- Jeff, Tony  
By-Laws- Tony, Jim

The annual banquet was discussed. Everyone was pleased with the location and the meal. The 2020 banquet will be in the same location in Marshalltown.

#### 2019 Racing Issues-

It was agreed to maintain the use of Truesdail Labs for the drug testing. It was agreed to raise the pay for our officials in 2019.

The USTA has changed it's rules and now requires fillies to have an allowance on claiming races. It was approved to change the claiming prices for 2019 as follows:

2 & 3 year old colts & geldings pacers	\$2,500
2 & 3 year old filly pacers	\$2,600
2 & 3 year old colt & gelding trotters	\$4,000
2 & 3 year old filly trotters	\$4,100

The schedule for 2019 was approved and is attached.

#### Additional funds for 2019.

Moved by Will, seconded by Adam to add feature races for 2 & 3 year olds at Oskaloosa June 21 & 22 All ayes

Moved by Jeff, seconded by Tony to increase the purses for Iowa sired races to \$6000 and \$1500. Ayes- Jeff, Scott, Tony, Jim Nays- Will, Adam, Brandon, Mark, Royal motion defeated.

Moved by Mark, seconded by Brandon to increase the purse for the Championship from \$12,000 to \$15,000, Ayes- Adam, Brandon, Mark, Will, Royal. Nays- Jeff, Scott, Tony, Jim Motion passed

Moved by Will, seconded by Mark to increase the purse for the consolation from \$5000 to \$7000 and for "C" races from \$1500 to \$2500. All ayes

Championship Races. The 2019 championship races will be at What Cheer on September 21 and 22. The rules for the detention barn will be expanded to include- No horses shall leave the detention barn after noon on September 21, except under the direct care and treatment of a veterinarian. Violation of this rule will result in scratching. Also a horse must have been entered in at least one A class feature race during the season to be eligible for the championship or consolation races.

The budget for 2019 was presented. Moved by Brandon, seconded by Tony to approve. All Ayes.

The 2019 board meetings will be:

April 21 Ankeny  
July 4 Humboldt  
Sept 14 Humboldt  
Nov 24 Ankeny

There was a discussion regarding getting new drags for Humboldt and What Cheer that could be pulled by a pickup. Moved by Brandon, seconded by Scott to purchase new drags from Larcom & Mitchell. All Ayes. Mark Mintun will handle this.