

Iowa Harness Horse Association  
**Board of Director Meeting Minutes**  
January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020

The Board of directors of the Iowa Harness Association met Sunday, January 26, 2020 at the Ankeny Ramada Inn. Present were Royal Roland, Jim Reese, Brandon Jenson, Scott Smith, Jeff Carey, Will Roland, Mark Mintun, Tony Paris, Dan Roland and Dana Meyer.

Minutes of the November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting were distributed. Mark Mintun moved and Tony Paris seconded to approve. All ayes.

Treasurer's report was distributed and discussed. Jim Reese went thru the money collected for banquet for memberships, PAC and meals. Then Jeff Carey moved to approve the Treasurer's report and Scott Smith seconded. All ayes.

The election of officers was discussed. Up for re-election are Royal Roland, President, Tony Paris, Vice President, Brandon Jenson, Secretary and Jim Reese, Treasurer. Scott Smith made a motion to re-elect all officers as they are now. Dan Roland 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and the vote was taken and all attendees voted ayes.

2020 committee assignments are as follows:

Legislative committee is Royal Roland, Jim Reese and Mark Mintun  
Officials/Racing/Drug Policy is Mark Mintun, Scott Smith, Will Roland, and Brandon Jenson

Promotions Banquet is Tony Paris, Jeff Carey and Dan Roland

Hall of Fame is Dan Roland and Will Roland

By-Laws is Jim Reese and Jeff Carey

Legislative Reports- reminded Directors about the importance of PAC contributions. A raise for Matt Eide was discussed with a motion being made to increase his pay to \$17,000.00. Mark Mintun made the motion

and Tony Paris 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. A vote was taken with all members voting ayes.

Trusdail is the company currently being used by the IaHHA for drug testing. There was a discussion regarding whether IaHHA should continue with Trusdail or check with other testing facilities. The officials committee is to look into options. The committee will have a recommendation at the next board meeting. Mark Mintun made the motion and Tony Paris 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All directors voted ayes.

Kim Larson informed the board that she will only be doing the charting at Humboldt. Sharon Permenter from MI had stated that she would be interested in doing the charting duties at the other races meets. Will Roland made a motion to agree to these charting changes and Mark Mintun 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All directors voted ayes.

The future of Iowa sired races was discussed. It has been brought up to discontinue Iowa sired races. The board discussed having the Iowa Sired races for the next three years with two meets each year. A motion was made to end Iowa Sired races after 2022 by Brandon Jenson. Will Roland 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. A vote was taken. No votes by Scott Smith, Jeff Carey, Tony Paris and Jim Reese. The yes votes were Brandon Jenson, Mark Mintun, Will Roland and Dan Roland and Royal Roland. Motion passed. Dates for the Iowa Sired racing for 2020 will be on June 28<sup>th</sup> in What Cheer and July 18 & 19 in Humboldt. There was further discussion regarding the number of meets. Will Roland made a motion for the purse money of \$216,000 each year for Iowa sired races to be split evenly between two meets for each of the next three years. Brandon Jenson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. A vote was taken with Jim Reese voting no and all other board members voting yes. The motion passed.

The Iowa Harness schedule is set as follows.

May 24 <sup>th</sup>	What Cheer
May 31 & June 1	Oskaloosa
June 6	Humboldt
June 13	Bedford
June 17 & 18	Eldon
June 20	West Liberty
June 27	Allison
June 28 (IA Sired)	What Cheer
July 3 & 4 (Reg)	Humboldt
July 10, 11, 12 (Reg)	What Cheer
July 14	Bloomfield
July 18 & 19 (IA Sired)	Humboldt
July 23	Monticello
July 26 & 27 (Reg)	Oskaloosa
Aug 1	Nashua
Aug 2	Kahoka
Aug 8 & 9 (Reg)	Humboldt
Aug 15 & 16 (Reg)	Humboldt
Aug 22 & 23 (Reg)	What Cheer
Aug 29 & 30(Reg)	What Cheer
Sept 5 & 6 (Reg)	What Cheer
Sept 12 & 13(Reg)	Humboldt
Sept 19 & 20(Reg)	Humboldt
Sept 26 & 27 (Finals) (Reg)	Humboldt

Championship Races on finals weekend was discussed. The discussion was about the conditions and whether or not to limit the amount of horses that can enter into those races. A motion was made by Jeff Carey to continue the Championship racing conditions as it has been in the past. Will Roland 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All ayes.

Carry forward of purses when rain outs occur was the next item of discussion. Discussion included how the purse money would be carried forward, by division or class, or equally. A motion was made by Jim

Reese for a rain out purse money to be carried forward equally for all divisions and classes. Dan Roland seconded the motion. Scott Smith, Brandon Jenson, Mark Mintun and Jeff Carey voted against the motion and Tony Paris, Will Roland, Jim Reese, Dan Roland and Royal Roland voted for the motion. The motion passed.

Conditions were discussed in regards to non-winners of \$3000 /B races. Current conditions say the races would be split the same as overnights. That would be split by earnings. Mark Mintun made a motion to change the split to being by sex with the provision that each race must have at least four entries. Dan Roland seconded the motion. All members voted aye. The motion passed.

The Iowa Harness Horse Association budget was reviewed. Mark Mintun made a motion to approve that budget. Brandon Jenson seconded the motion. All Ayes. Motion passed.

Uses of additional funds available for 2020 were discussed. The following was agreed to:

Three fair races have been added. Allison, Nashua, and West Liberty. Purse total for those are \$35,000.

Add aged races at Allison and Nashua \$12,000

Remove \$6,000 cap on A races.

Jackpot races-

One race at each of these 4 fairs would have an additional \$4000 bonus purse on one race. Fairs included in this are Allison, Nashua, West Liberty, and Bloomfield. After the races are concluded, there will be 1 race drawn at random to get the extra bonus. The race will be either a 2 or 3 year old, not an aged race. This is to help attract more horses and people. Allison and Nashua will have aged races.

Increase purses by \$6000 for championship races

A races \$18,000 B races \$9,000 C races \$3,000

There was some discussion on a training facility. A committee was setup for looking into getting a training facility. Brandon Jenson, Will Roland, Jeff Carey have volunteered to be on this committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 4pm.