

April 25, 2021 Board meeting in Ankeny IA minutes of the meeting

1:00 pm Meeting started with members in attendance are Royal Roland, Tony Paris, Jim Reese, Dan Roland, Will Roland, Scott Smith, Brandon Jensen, and Joel McDanel.

The first item on the agenda is reviewing the minutes from the prior meeting in Jan, 2021. A copy was distributed to each member.

After each member had a chance to review them, Tony Paris made a motion to approve the minutes. Brandon Jenson seconded the motion.

The vote taken of all members in attendance are in favor. The minutes from Jan 24,2021 is approved.

Next item on the agenda was the Treasures report.

There was a breakdown and review of 2021 thru April 24th, 2021 Banking Summary going over income and expenses, memberships, executive secretary expenses, along with the account balances.

Dan Roland made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as it is

Tony Paris seconded the motion.

The vote taken of all members in attendance are in favor. The Treasurers Report is approved.

Next item on the agenda is the payment from S. Bernard DeMars. His February payment was not received. He did get the Iowa Sired payment done on time in March. He had sent it by certified mail. When the April payment was not received, he called asking why his horses were not on the nomination list on the website. He sent us a copy of the tracking number from the post office along with a copy of the cashier's check. Royal looked up the tracking number on the website. The receipt shows where it was mailed but is taking longer than it should and that it is still waiting to be delivered. There was a discussion regarding whether the board accepts the payment. The payment sent did include the late fee for not having received the February payment

Will Roland made a motion to accept the payment whenever it finally gets delivered or to have him wire the money to the Association.

Tony Paris seconded the motion.

A vote was taken of all the board members. All members were. The motion passed.

Next was the payment from Stephfon Mitchell. The envelope had a post mark of February 20th. It was not mailed by the 15th. He is asking for the late fee to be refunded. The board discussed this and all members agreed that he will not have his late fee refunded since the postmark is after the 15th.

Next item is the circuit book for the races being held at Kahoka, Missouri, it has the start time at 12:30 and it should be 5:30. The other discussion it for the races in Humboldt on July 3rd and 4th.

The book has the 3-year old's on Saturday -and the 2-year old's on Sunday. After the board's discussion, the agreement was that it stays as stated in the conditions book.

Next item is the Officials for the races. Scott Smith gave a run down of the new Officials. Kim Larson will do the charting for races in Humboldt and Brenda Groter Hopp will chart in What Cheer. Lesa Peters will be the starter on What Cheer and Oskaloosa and Mike McDanel will do the other races. Casey Larson has agreed to judge all the races but is agreeable to finding another judge for some of the races or to having an associate judge. Brad Dye is interested in judging some races but is waiting on the Illinois racing to see when he might be able to come to Iowa to judge. Also, Mike Morales is taking his test and is wanting to do some judging of some of the overnights. Lesa Peters also wants to sit in the judges stand and watch how the races are judged. Lyle Miller is driving the start car.

The next discussion was regarding the detention barn. The discussion from the January meeting was tabled till the July meeting but it was done today. Jason Klouser sent us his proposal for a Racing Integrity Team to support the integrity of IaHHA for finals weekend in What Cheer and 2 random races thru out the year. Dan called Jason Klouser so the board could ask any questions they have and for him to go over his proposal and what it all covered. There was a comparison of blood gas machine or TCO2 testing. There was a discussion on our collecting, storage and shipping of samples. The blood tests must be kept cold and tested within 5 days of collection.

Dan Roland made a motion to get rid of the 24 hour detention barn and all 40 horses in the finals will be tested and sent it to the lab.

Scott Smith seconded the motion.

Jim Reese and Tony Paris voted no and all other board members voted yes. The motion passed.

There was more discussion about finals day. It has been agreed upon that Dana will check in all horses into one barn. The stalls will be labeled in advance by stable and no one is allowed in until they are check in by Dana.

Dan Roland then made a motion to change the detention from no detention barn to one where all horses for the finals will report to a detention barn 4 hours before the horse is scheduled to race and the vet will administer all Lasix.

When each horse is done racing, they are required to go back to the same detention barn stall so testing can be done on each horse.

Brandon Jenson seconded the motion.

The vote was taken and all ayes. The motion passed.

Next item talked about is having schoolers the 2 weekends before racing starts. There will be schoolers on May 15, 2021 at 1pm in Humboldt for all people living in the northern part of Iowa. There will schoolers on May 22, 2021 at 1pm in What Cheer for people living in the southern part of Iowa. It will be posted on Facebook and on our website.

Next was a legislative report from Matt Eide.

The Legislative report was given by phone from Matt Eide.

Next discussion is about promotions. Dana is getting shirts and giveaways ordered and talking to Tara Spach about her promotions. She is doing refrigerator magnets, decals and wrist bands. She is looking at other items also.

The year end banquet is scheduled for November 20th, 2021. There was a discussion about the Hall of Fame from 2020. They will be recognized at the banquet this year.

Next discussion is the By-Laws of the Iowa Harness Horseman's Association. The By-Laws committee members are Jim Reese, Dan Roland, and Will Roland. They are going to review the By-Laws and make proposals of changes that need to be looked at and/or changed.

The next board meeting is July 3rd in Humboldt after the races are done.

The meeting adjourned at 3:24 pm