

January 24, 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, Jeff Carey, Dan Roland, Brandon Jensen, and Joel McDanel.

#### Treasurers Report

There was a breakdown and review of 2020 Banking Summary going over income and expenses, start truck expenses, drug testing, executive secretary expenses, video taping, photo finishing and charting, along with the account balances.

Jeff Carey 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 topic on the agenda was the results of the ballots for the positions that were open on Board of Directors.

A ballot was sent out to all 2020 members with a membership application along with the ballot of all the nominees. The ballot was for the At-Large position vacated by Mark Mintun and the position held by Jeff Carey who was up for re-election. Brandon Jensen and Dana Meyer opened all the envelopes that were returned and counted each ballot that was enclosed with the membership application and payment.

Jeff Carey retained his position and Joel McDanel was elected for the open at-large position. The subsequent election of officers that expire on Dec 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021 will be held at the annual banquet in November of 2021. District officers are elected by caucus of the district members, adopted by the membership, at-large directors are nominated by the floor and elected by members at the annual meeting of the association.

This was followed up with the Election of Officers for the Board.

Royal Roland. President, Tony Paris, Vice President, Jim Reese, Treasurer, Brandon Jensen, Secretary  
Jeff Carey made a motion to leave all the same as listed above.

Brandon seconded the motion.

A vote was taken and the results were all ayes. All Officers will remain the same.

Next item on the agenda was the Committee Assignments. They are as follows:

Legislative is Jim Reese, Dan Roland and Royal Roland

Officials/Racing/Drug Policy is Brandon Jensen, Tony Paris, Scott Smith, Will Roland, and Joel McDanel

Promotions Banquet is Tony Paris, Jeff Carey, and Dana Meyer

Hall of Fame is Jeff Carey, Scott Smith, and Joel McDanel

By-Laws is Jim Reese, Dan Roland, and Will Roland

Next was a legislative report from Matt Eide.

The Legislative report was given by phone from Matt Eide.

Next item on the agenda is the Racing issues.

The discussion was about the lab for Drug testing, charting, and other judging items.

Then there was a discussion about the splitting of B races. The current conditions allow for split by sex and allows for uneven fields. It was decided to continue with that policy.

The schedule was up for discussion next. The schedule agreed upon is as follows:

### **2021 Iowa Harness Racing Schedule**

What Cheer	May 30
Bedford	June 5
West Liberty	June 12
Eldon	June 16,17
Humboldt	June 19
Allison	June 26
What Cheer-Sire Stake	June 27
Humboldt	July 3,4
What Cheer-Ia Reg	July 9,10,11
Bloomfield	July 13
Kahoka	July 15
Humboldt-Ia Reg	July 17,18
Monticello	July 22
Oskaloosa	July 25
Nashua	July 31
Humboldt-Ia Reg	Aug 7,8
What Cheer-Ia Reg	Aug 14,15
Humboldt-Ia Reg	Aug 21,22
What Cheer-Ia Reg	Aug 28,29
What Cheer-Ia Reg	Sept 4,5
Humboldt-Ia Reg	Sept 11,12
What Cheer-Ia Reg Finals	Sept 18,19
Humboldt-Sire Stake	Sept 25

Dan Roland made a motion to use a minimum of \$400,000 of our reserve funds to help cushion the budget for 2021 and create a plan to pay back the \$400,000 within the next 5 years.

Brandon seconded the motion. Dan and Brandon voted yes on the motion and Jim, Tony, Joel, and Jeff voted no. Motion did not pass.

Brandon made a motion that we change the purse monies for finals weekend to \$15,000 for the A races and \$5,000 for the B races and no C races. Dan seconded the motion. Jim made a motion to amend the motion Brandon made to include \$1,500 for the C races. Joel 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion of Jim's to include the C Races. Joel and Jim voted yes and Tony, Jeff, Dan and Brandon voted no. The amended motion did not pass. Next they voted on Brandon's original motion for the purse monies and not include C races. Jim voted no and Tony, Jeff, Dan, Brandon, Joel voted yes. The voted passed with the finals racing \$15,000 for the A races and \$5,000 for B races and no C races.

Jeff then made a motion to not change the Iowa Sired purse monies. Tony seconded the motion. Jeff, Tony and Jim voted yes, Dan Brandon, Joel voted no. Royal then voted no. The motion did not pass.

Jeff then made a motion to lower the amount of the purses on Iowa Sired and Iowa Aged races by 7.5%, drop 1 Iowa Registered, leave the finals at the amounts passed on the vote previously and any remaining money needed throughout the season will be taken out of the reserve money.

Dan seconded the motion. Tony, Jeff, Dan, Brandon, Joel all voted in favor of the motion and Jim voted against the motion. The motion passed.

Joel made a motion to do away with the detention barn for the finals. Brandon seconded the motion. The discussion led to the motion being tabled until the July board meeting with all board members agreeing with that.

There was discussion about the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act of 2020. You can read this at <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/1754/text>.

The last item of discussion the when the Annual Banquet will be held. The discussion between all attendees was to try to do it again in November. It will be at the Best Western Regency Inn in Marshalltown, Iowa again. It will be posted online when the date is set to everyone can book their rooms if needed.

The budget for the IAHHHA was the last item on the agenda. A report was passed out to all board and the members. Jeff made a motion to approve the budget. Brandon seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all members voted in favor for approval. The budget was accepted as proposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.