

Iowa Harness Horseman's Association

Annual Meeting Minutes

November 19, 2022-----1400 hrs

Best Western Regency Inn, Marshalltown, IA

- I. Call To Order:** All board members were present.
- II. Legislative Report:** Legislative Lobbyist Matt Eide addressed the members about the upcoming legislative session and the delivery of PAC checks. Eide also talked about the horse study that Prairie Meadows has ordered.
- III. Treasurer's Report:** Jim Reese gave the treasurer's report.
- IV. By-Laws:** Mike Telfer went over proposed changes to the by-laws. After discussion, a motion and a second to approve the changes, the by-laws were approved by the members.
- V. Open Discussion:**
- 1) The question was brought up about whether we should eliminate the finals and split the purse money up throughout the season. After the discussion, a vote was taken by the members and the majority voted to eliminate the finals and add the purse money to the races throughout the season.
 - 2) The question was brought up about eliminating the claiming of horses in the "B" classes. After a discussion, a vote was taken by the members and the majority voted to eliminate the claiming of horses in the "B" classes and to have the purse be \$1500.
 - 3) The question was brought up if we should race an Iowa registered race on a dirt track during the season. After the discussion, a vote was taken by the members and the majority voted to race on a dirt track during one of the three off weeks so a break could be given to the horses towards the end of the season.
 - 4) A discussion about aged races occurred. After the discussion, the majority of members said they wanted the aged races to be closer together and not so spread out throughout the season.
 - 5) A discussion about having a deadline when the horses needed to be at the track occurred. After the discussion, the majority of members said they were ok with having an 11 AM deadline for having the horses to the track.
 - 6) A discussion about getting a black box for TC02 testing occurred. After the discussion, the majority of members said they wanted IHHA to use a black box for TC02 testing.

7) A discussion about having a qualifying time for “A” races occurred. After the discussion, the majority of members said they did NOT want to have a qualifying time for “A” races.

VI. Election of New Directors:

- 1) District 6 members re-elected Brandon Jenson for another three year term.
- 2) District 4/5 members re-elected Jim Reese for another three year term.
- 3) Nominations for the at-large director position were taken. Duane Roland, Chad Svendson, Sierra Phillips and Larry Mather were all nominated and seconded. After a vote by secret ballot, Larry Mather was elected to a three year term. All terms expire December 31st of 2025.

VII. Adjourn Meeting: The meeting was adjourned after the election of new directors.