

Board minutes from Board meeting on January 9th, 2022

Members of the board in attendance:

Royal Roland, Jim Reese, Tony Paris, Scott Smith, Jeff Cary, Dan Roland, Brandon Jenson, Mike Telfer, and Joel McDanel.

Jeff Carey made a motion to approve the minutes from September 4th 2021, meeting. Brandon Jenson seconded the motion. The vote was taken and all ayes. The minutes were approved.

Jim Reese gave a short rundown on the Treasurer's report.

Tony Paris made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Brandon Jenson seconded the motion. The vote was taken and all ayes. Treasurer's report passed.

The next item was the Election of Officers.

Royal Roland is the President

Tony Paris is the Vice President

Jim Reese is the Treasurer

Brandon Jenson is the Secretary

Scott Smith made a motion to nominate all the officers to the same office. Brandon Jenson seconded it.

The vote was all ayes. Officers will stay the same.

The next item was the committee assignments for 2022.

Legislative is Mike Telfer, Jim Reese, and Royal Roland

Officials/Racing/Drug Testing is Tony Paris, Joel McDanel, and Scott Smith

Promotions are Jim Reese, Mike Telfer, and Brandon Jenson

Hall of Fame is Jeff Carey, Tony Paris, and Joel McDanel

By-Laws are Jim Reese and Mike Telfer

The next item discussed was the by-laws. There was a discussion about voting as an IaHHA member and also must be a USTA member. The board is discussing how voting is in the by-laws and if they want to clarify how you get to vote at the annual meeting. They discussed Mike Telfer and Jim Reese going thru the by-laws and seeing if any changes need to be done.

The next item is the racing issues.

The discussion is who does nominations. They discussed having a plan B for processing them.

Then the board discussed how the entry fee on race day and the nomination fees are used for purse money.

The board discussed the claiming price for 2 and 3-year-olds.

Then the board discussed the claiming prices for the trotters and pacers in the B races.

Brandon Jenson made a motion to change the claiming prices as follows.

2 year old trotters \$6000

3 year old trotters \$7500

2 year old pacers \$3500

3 year old pacers \$4000

Jeff Carey seconded the motion. The directors all voted yes. The claiming price changes passed and are effective in the 2022 season.

Next on the agenda was the non-winners (NW) price. It has been \$3000. After discussion Jim Reese made a motion to change the NW price from \$3000 to \$4000. Scott Smith seconded the motion. There was a vote taken with these results:

The ayes were Mike Telfer, Jim Reese, Scott Smith and Tony Paris.

The nays were Jeff Carey, Joel McDanel, Brandon Jenson and Dan Roland.

The tie of 4 and 4 was then broken by Royal Roland voting no. The NW price will stay at \$3000 for the 2022 racing season.

The next discussion regarding the number of horses in each race. They split on 9,17,25,33 now. The discussion is to change the races to be 7 horse fields at the most therefore splitting on 8,15,23, 29.

Brandon Jenson made a motion to change the maximum horses in a race to 7 horse races for 2 & 3 year olds and A & B races. Mike Telfer seconded the motion. The vote taken was all ayes. The maximum of 7 horse fields passed.

After discussion about the number of horses in each field, a motion was made to also include the overnight races and the aged races in the 7 horse maximum vote. Brandon Jenson made a motion to make the 7 horse field maximum on all races. Mike Telfer seconded the motion and the vote was all ayes. There will be 7 horses maximum for all races with the exception of 2 year olds for the start of the year being 5 horse fields until June 25th.

Jackpot races at each of these 4 fairs would have an additional bonus purse of \$4000 added on one race. Fairs included in this are Allison, Nashua, Bedford, and Bloomfield. There will only be 1 race at each track that will get the extra purse. No one will know what race or division will get this until the races are done. The race will be either a 2 or 3 year olds and either a pace or trot. Not by A or B class. This is to help attract more horses and people.

Brandon Jenson made a motion for the Jackpot races to have \$4,000 added to one race at each of the places mentioned. Dan Roland seconded the motion. The vote was all ayes. The Jackpot races will continue this year.

Joel McDanel made a motion to have open draw for all races. The meaning of this is where Tara sends out a text out with the number of horses in each division while horsemen are entering horses for each upcoming race. Brandon Jenson seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Joes McDanel and Brandon Jenson voted yes and Jim Reese, Tony Paris, Scott Smith, Jeff Carey, Mike Telfer, and Dan Roland voted no. The motion did not pass.

The board discussed the FFA and aged races. Everyone agrees that there shouldn't be FFA when there is aged races. There was a discussion on how to get the aged races to get more entries. Dan Roland made a motion to include 3 year olds in the aged if the owner wants to enter them as long as they have paid their stake payments for that 3 year old. Brandon Jenson seconded the motion. The vote was taken and everyone voted yes. The motion passed so there can now be 3 year olds in the aged races as long as the stakes payment was made for that horse.

The next item was the 2022 racing schedule. The schedule is as follows:

2022 IOWA HARNESS RACING SCHEDULE

May 29		What Cheer
June 4		West Liberty
June 11		Bedford
June 15,16		Eldon
June 18		Humboldt
June 25		Allison
June 26	Iowa Sire Stakes	What Cheer
July 3,4	Iowa Registered	Humboldt
July 8,9,10	Iowa Registered	What Cheer
July 12		Bloomfield
July 16		Nashua
July 17		Kahoka, MO
July 21		Monticello
July 24		Oskaloosa
July 30, 31	Iowa Registered	Humboldt
August 6,7	Iowa Registered	Humboldt
Aug 13,14	Iowa Registered	What Cheer
Aug 20,21	Iowa Registered	What Cheer
Aug 27,28	Iowa Registered	Humboldt
Sept 3,4	Iowa Registered	What Cheer.

Sept 10,11	Iowa Registered	What Cheer
Sept 17,18	Iowa Registered	Humboldt
Sept 25	Iowa Sired	Humboldt
Oct 1,2	Iowa Registered Finals	Humboldt

Brandon Jenson made a motion to accept this schedule and Joel McDanel seconded the motion, The vote was all ayes. The schedule is accepted as shown.

Next, there was a legislative report from Matt Eide.

The budget was the next item. The purse structure is \$257,400.

Tony Paris made a motion to approve the purse structure and Brandon Jenson seconded the motion. The vote was all ayes. The motion passed.

The next item is the Iowa Sired Stakes.

The board continued a discussion from the annual meeting, last November. After a lengthy discussion, Jeff Carey made a motion that a ballot is sent out to all 2021 members of IaHHA to see if the board should reinstate the Iowa Sired races uninterrupted. Jim Reese seconded the motion. The motion was then up for discussion. The discussion included the ballot being sent to all 2021 IaHHA members. Then it was discussed if they needed to be USTA members also or just IaHHA members. The by-laws state that in order for the IaHHA members to vote on issues such as this, they must also be a USTA member. It was discussed that all the IaHHA members need to be looked up on the USTA website to verify who had a current USTA membership in 2021. Those members would have a ballot sent to them. The vote was taken on this motion. Tony Paris, Scott Smith, Jeff Carey, Jim Reese, and Mike Telfer voted yes and Dan Roland, Brandon Jenson, and Joel McDanel voted no. The motion passed.

Jeff Carey stated he would get the ballot put together along with a letter clarifying what the letter and ballots is for, and then the ballots would be printed and sent out by the end of January and must be returned the Feb 15th, 2022.

The results of the votes send back is as follows:

% from total ballots sent out is:

42% yes

25% no

33% no reply

% from total ballots sent back in is:

63% yes

37% no

Jim Reese, Joel McDanel, and Dana Meyer were present for the ballot opening and counting.

The 2022 budget was the next item on the agenda. Everyone looked over the proposed budget sheet and had the option to ask any questions. Jeff Carey made a motion to approve the budget and Tony Paris seconded the motion. The vote was all ayes. The budget was approved.

The next item is the date for the 2022 banquet. It was discussed to keep it in November. Dana Meyer was going to check on available dates of either November 12th or 19th.

Added after minutes were typed: The 12th of November is not available and the 19th is available so the banquet will be Nov 19th in Marshalltown again.

The next item is the Board meeting dates for the rest of 2022. They are as follows:

April 23rd – Saturday at noon at Ankeny Diner

July 3rd – Sunday after the races are done for the day in Humboldt

September 3rd – Saturday at noon after the races are done for the day in What Cheer

Other items discussed were Tony Paris getting a speaker or entertainment for the annual meeting. Tony Paris and Joel McDanel will look into options. The radios that are currently used on race days, are very outdated and may not work properly. The board members feel it is time to replace the ones they have. Dana Meyer will be checking on radios and get a quote to have approved by the Officials/Racing/Drug Testing committee.

Added after minutes were typed: The radios are ordered from Electronic Specialties. Then they started discussing the live Facebook feed on race days. Tony Paris will reach out to Barry at XR to see if he can be at the April meeting.

The final item was the resignation of Dan Roland. The board accepted his resignation as of today (Jan 9th, 2022) and said he can help out if needed until he is replaced. The board decided to see if there was someone that would be willing to fill the position, so it will be added to the letter that is going out with the ballot. The person would fill the remaining months of Dan Roland's position which is the end of 2022. It is an at-large seat. Mike Conte was voted in by the board to serve till the end of this year.

The motion was made at 3:30 by Tony to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Mike Telfer. A vote was all ayes and the meeting was adjourned.