

Minutes from November 4th, 2023 Holiday Inn 7 Suites Des Moines Northwest

Board members in attendance at this meeting: Jim Reese, Cory Larson, Jeff Carey, Scott Smith, Joel McDanel, Larry Mather, Elvin Zimmerman. Tony Paris, & Mike Telfer

The minutes from the board meetings on September 9, 2023 & October 27, 2023.

The minutes for September 9, 2023 were reviewed. Joel McDanel made a motion to approve the minutes. Tony Paris seconded the motion. A vote was taken and it was all ayes. The motion was passed and the minutes were approved for September 9th, 2023.

The minutes were reviewed for the October 27th, 2023. Mike Telfer made a motion to approve the minutes. Cory Larson seconded the motion. A vote was taken for these minutes and all ayes so they were approved also.

Next item was the treasurer's report by Jim Reese. He reported all the expenses and income that he had throughout the time from September till now. Part of the discussion during this was if we should set the price for the ads for the YouTube production and feed. The board talked that in 2024 they would put together a package that they can give to the video company regarding this. Another item discussed was checks written out for purse money or for breeders' money. This will be discussed more either at the annual meeting or the 1st board meeting in January of 2024.

Scott Smith made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Joel McDanel seconded the motion. The vote was all ayes. The treasurer's report is approved.

Next there was a legislative update.

Matt Eide sent Mike Telfer a recommendation for PAC. He had an amount of \$12,200 figured. Matt was planning on using roughly half of this amount for 2023. There are 39 checks for this year. He has 885 to republicans, 12% to Democrats, 34 checks to Republicans and 5 checks to Democrats. The board agreed with going with what Matt Eide had given us as his recommendation.

Our PAC money balance now is \$25,816.24.

Mike says that everyone is invited to an event that Governor Reynolds is having in January.

Next thing was the horse study. There are 2 vendors they are looking at. Racing and Gaming and Entertainment LLC or Innovation Group. The IRGC is going to decide who they were going to be going with for the horse study at the November meeting. The Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission is paying for the study because it is their study. Mike has asked to get the information and questions from them so they have the information ready ahead of time. They will be talking to all 3 breeds. The board needs to discuss who will talk to the IRGC. The study will start in January and will go till March or April. The IRGC will use this information as a tool with legislative stuff in the future.

There was a lot of discussion on racing. Purse structure, A or B races, racing if distance in 2 races, entry fee with or without rainout, membership fees, clarifying what the splitting on ownership in conditions book means, etc. This will be decided at the January 2024 board meeting.

Elvin Zimmerman, Scott Smith, and Jeff Carey are up for re-election. Elvin and Jeff are at-large positions and Scott is for this district. This will be voted on at the annual meeting.

The fair meeting is December 9th, 2023 in Des Moines at 10AM at the airport Holiday Inn. Jim, Larry, and Jeff are going to this meeting. Anyone that is interested can go to this meeting. It is in room # 396.

There was a discussion on the promotion items for the annual meeting. There was a motion to spend \$2,000.00 by Mike Telfer. Larry Mather seconded the motion. All ayes. Tony Paris will take care of getting the merchandise.

Jim Reese talked about the breeder's checks. When he gets them all written out, he will meet Dana and give them to her to get out in the mail.

Another item that will need to be discussed at the 1st meeting in January is the items that Roger and Judy have been doing and who will take care of those items.

The track conditioner will be stored at Eldon over the winter, in a locked building so when they need to use it to start the year, it will be there. The building has insurance that covers anything in the building. Also, they will be responsible for getting the conditioner moved to What Cheer by the 1st week in May. Another item will be that there will be a fee, set by the board for anyone moving the conditioner, of what that person can charge the association for transporting the conditioner.

The discussion then was what to do with the aged Iowa races. Some people only want to race aged horses on limestone tracks. The board will discuss this and it will be noted in the conditions book.

The association needs to have backups for the different positions that work each day of the races. Like judge, announcer, starter, driver of the start car, clerk, charter, timer, and Facebook live if Dana cannot.

The board will discuss the post parade and warming up during the post parade.

Mike Telfer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Larry Mather seconded the motion. All ayes. Meeting was adjourned.