

laHHA Board Meeting

Tentative Minutes

January 24th, 2009

The laHHA Board of Directors met at 1:40 pm on January 24th, 2009 in Ankeny, IA. Bob Kohlwes, Scott Smith, Mark Holtan, Dan Roland, Royal Roland, Jack Wilkening, Jeff Carey, Mark Holtan and Jim Reese were present. Larry Jenson was not present.

Dan Roland presented the minutes from the prior board meeting for approval. **Motion by Bob Kohlwes, seconded by Mark Holtan, to approve the minutes. All Ayes.**

Jim Reese presented the Treasurer's Report. **Motion by Mark Holtan, seconded by Jack Wilkening, to approve the treasurer's report. All Ayes.**

The board discussed officers and committee assignments. **Motion by Dan Roland, seconded by Scott Smith, to have the same officers as 2008. All Ayes.**

The following committee assignments were made.

Legislative – Bob Kohlwes, Mark Holtan, Dan Roland
Promotion – Mark Holtan, Jeff Carey
Officials – Jack Wilkening, Scott Smith, Mark Holtan
By-Laws – Jim Reese, Dan Roland
Communication – Bob Kohlwes, Jeff Carey, Jim Reese
Awards/Hall Of Fame – Larry Jenson, Jack Wilkening

The Scholarship Committee was disbanded as the scholarships have been taken over by the new non-profit entity.

Royal presented the legislative update. It was agreed that we should do another day at the capitol to get our members face to face with their representatives. The legislative committee will arrange this and send out information. Members are also encouraged to attend the legislative coffees in their districts.

The PAC fund has around \$10,000 in it. The board agreed to continue the deduction authorizations for the feature colt stakes races.

The board discussed how to improve cooperation between the breeds. Bob Kohlwes agreed to pursue this with Lesa Peters and Jodi Siamis to see what could be done.

Matt has informed Royal that current Agriculture Secretary Bill Northey is considering a run for Governor. We need to support this as having an agriculture person in that position could be a very positive thing.

Mark Holtan gave the promotion committee update. The majority of the promotion in 2008 was limited to the posters and brochures. The board discussed the pros and cons of continuing the Pick-10 promotion. **Motion by Bob Kohlwes, seconded by Jeff Carey, to continue the Pick-10 at \$1,500.**
Aye – Bob Kohlwes, Scott Smith, Jack Wilkening, Jeff Carey
Nay – Mark Holtan, Jim Reese, Dan Roland

The board also discussed the need to get the newsletter effort started again.

Scott Smith presented the Officials Committee update. Jim Newman and Bobby Williams are lined up to do the starting again. The board discussed encouraging Bobby to get his starters license as a back-up in case something were to happen to Jim.

Ron Banks is lined up to do all the announcing that he does not have date conflicts for.

Judges are a concern this year. Dan Moy only wants to do 7-8 and does not want to have to go all the way to Humboldt any more. Jim Reese is going to do the early What Cheer meet before his horses are ready to race but once his horses are racing he will not be allowed to do both. Scott has also talked to Jim Austin from Illinois. He and his father may be able to do some of them. This may also help with expenses if they travel together. Scott is also going to check with Bebe Groter.

The issue of having two judges at the colt stakes races was discussed. That policy may have to be revised if no one can be hired. It was also agreed that the people in the starting gate should function as associate judges and the presiding judge should seek input from them when there are visibility issues.

The By-Laws update centered around the discussion of changing the non-voting associate memberships to be free to allow our membership rolls to grow.

Bob Kohlwes gave the Communication committee update. He was going to work with Jim to make sure our list of e-mail addresses is complete and accurate. The phone trees were developed in 2008 but there were concerns with knowing when and if a message made it to the other end of the tree.

The board discussed the tentative race schedule presented at the annual meeting. Sioux Center has requested a second colt stakes race. Spirited discussion centered around the availability of funds, maintaining an adequate reserve fund, the distance to Sioux Center for the majority of our membership, the lack of an all-weather surface and the inability to race on Sundays.

Motion by Mark Holtan, seconded by Bob Kohlwes, to add a tenth colt stakes race.

Aye – Bob Kohlwes, Mark Holtan

Nay – Jim Reese, Jack Wilkening, Jeff Carey, Dan Roland, Scott Smith

Motion by Mark Holtan, seconded by Jim Reese, to move the 2 year old colt races from Monticello on July 23rd to Sioux Center on Friday, July 31st.

Aye – Mark Holtan, Jim Reese, Jack Wilkening

Nay – Bob Kohlwes, Jeff Carey, Dan Roland, Scott Smith

Motion by Dan Roland, seconded by Jeff Carey, to move the 2 year old colt races from Monticello on July 23rd to Humboldt on Saturday, August 1st.

Aye – Jeff Carey, Jack Wilkening, Dan Roland

Nay – Bob Kohlwes, Mark Holtan, Jim Reese, Scott Smith

Motion by Bob Kohlwes, seconded by Jim Reese, that we move the 2 year old races from Monticello on July 23rd to Sioux Center on Saturday, August 1st.

Aye – Bob Kohlwes, Mark Holtan, Jim Reese, Jack Wilkening, Jeff Carey

Nay – Dan Roland, Scott Smith

The board then agreed to hold the Sioux Center aged races on Friday August 31st. There will not be aged races in Sioux Center the following weekend.

Dan Roland brought up the issue of two year old overnights that are split by lifetime earnings end up grouping the horses more often by who is ready at different times of the season than by quality.

Motion by Dan Roland, seconded by Mark Holtan, to go with uniform overnight conditions of FFA Trot/Pace split by lifetime earnings and 2 year old Pace/Trot split by luck of the draw.

Aye – Dan Roland, Scott Smith

Nay – Bob Kohlwes, Mark Holtan, Jim Reese, Jack Wilkening

The board discussed the rainout policy and changes that were made do to the non-profit rules. **Motion by Dan Roland, seconded by Bob Kohlwes, to go back to the rainout policy we had in 2006.**

Aye – Mark Holtan, Bob Kohlwes, Jim Reese, Jeff Carey, Dan Roland

Nay – Jack Wilkening, Scott Smith

The board discussed the subject of entries and the feedback from the membership at the annual meeting. **Motion by Bob Kohlwes, seconded by Dan Roland, that entries be allowed for owners only, not trainers. All ayes.**

Motion by Bob Kohlwes, seconded by Mark Holtan, to refer the drug testing policy to the officials committee for review and reporting at the April board meeting to investigate more stringent testing and the associated costs. All ayes.

The board set the following meeting schedule for 2009...

April 19th – 1:00 Ankeny

July 4th – 10:00 Humboldt

October 3rd – 1:00 Prairie Meadows

November 21st – 1:00 Ankeny

Motion by Dan Roland, seconded by Jack Wilkening, to adopt the proposed budget for 2009. All Ayes.

Brad Kohlwes presented their bids for the draw/programs and printing the circuit book.

Motion by Mark Holtan, seconded by Jeff Carey, to approve the bid for the draw and programs.

Aye – Mark Holtan, Jack Wilkening, Jeff Carey, Dan Roland, Scott Smith

Nay – Jim Reese

Abstain – Bob Kohlwes

Motion by Bob Kohlwes to accept the bid for the circuit book. No second.

Motion by Jack Wilkening, seconded by Jeff Carey, to adjourn the meeting at 4:48pm. All Ayes.