

On April 27th, 2008 the IaHHA board met via conference call at 8:00pm. All directors were present for the call

The first item of discussion was the stakes nomination of Mike Smith. At the April 20th board meeting a list was provided of the nominees who had made the February payment but not the April payment. Most of these were single horses by people who do not normally stake to our program. The exception was Mike's stable of six horses.

Scott had checked with his parents who confirmed they had sent the payment on April 14th. Prior to the conference call the Smith's provided copies of their check registers and bank statements identifying the payees and which checks were still outstanding.

The board spent a great deal of time discussing the issue. It was agreed that everyone believed the Smiths had made a good faith effort to send the payment. It was also agreed they had been long time supporters and participants in the Iowa stakes program. While it was clear that the rule stated that the payment must be received postmarked April 15th or prior, most directors viewed this as an exceptional circumstance. There was concern how this would affect future missed payments, including at least one that the nominee admitted forgetting to send until shortly after the deadline this year. The majority of the board felt these cases should be evaluated on a case by case basis. The board also discussed a final penalty payment as an option for future years.

Motion by Bob Kohlwes, seconded Rick Mishler, that we accept, in leau of postmarked envelope, proof of cancelled checks before and after on bank records, as evidence payment was made prior to April 15th but not received by the association to allow Mike Smith's nomination.

Aye – Bob Kohlwes, Rick Mishler, Larry Jenson, Mark Holtan, Jack Wilkening, Jim Reese, Scott Smith

Nay – Dan Roland

The board also discussed a request for payment received by Mark Holtan from Gennie Mintun regarding promotional work in early 2007. The board had previously requested documentation on what work was done in 2007. Mark had received from Gennie that she had done 3 magazine articles for the Illinois Standardbred, as well as submitting articles to the newspapers in Humboldt and Bedford for one meet each. The board discussed why we would be paying someone to write for the Illinois Standardbred if the magazine was also paying and could decide who to hire and fire. The board also discussed the job description that was created in the spring of 2007 and how the work produced fit into those requirements.

Motion by Dan Roland, seconded by Mark Holtan, to pay Gennie \$500 for promotional work in 2007.

Aye – Mark Holtan, Rick Mishler, Larry Jenson, Bob Kohlwes, Scott Smith, Dan Roland
Nay – None

Abstain – Jack Wilkening, Jim Reese