

The IaHHA Board meeting was called to order at 1:30pm May 5th, 2002 at Prairie Meadows. Board members in attendance were Royal Roland, Mark Holtan, Jim Reese, Jim Coulter, Larry Jenson, Rick Mishler, Joel McDanel, Dale Hein and Dan Roland. Also in attendance were USTA Director Judy Roland, Hawkeye Colt Association Directors Alan Sandbulte, Scott Smith and Dennis Allgood, and IaHWA members Mary Lou Lawless and Lesa Roland.

The first order of business was the minutes from the previous meeting. **Motion by Rick Mishler, seconded by Mark Holtan to accept the minutes as presented. All Ayes.**

The second order of business was the treasurer's report. Jim Reese detailed the stakes payments received. It was noted that IaHHA memberships were still needed from Junior Meinders, Joe Kilburg, Brian Larson and Andy Niesley for horses staked to the Aged Iowa Registered Pace. These are different from the Hawkeye Colt Association memberships collected by Roger Roland for colt stakes nominations. Dan Roland will contact these members regarding these being paid. **Motion by Jim Coulter, seconded by Dale Hein to accept the treasurer's report as presented. All Ayes.**

Judy Roland presented her report on the April 18th Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission meeting. She attended that meeting along with Royal Roland, Roger Roland and Mike Conte. She stated that the board usually considers the issues prior to the meeting and the meeting is the formal vote on the issue. If someone knows their issue will not be approved then they usually ask it to be withdrawn from the agenda prior to the meeting. To get on the agenda it must be requested two weeks prior to the meeting. Prairie Meadows withdrew their agenda item to have the thoroughbred contract approved. Judy also stated that a racing commissioner indicated to her that they would like to see proof that the standardbred industry is a growing, viable industry. This was the last Racing Commission meeting for Bill Hansen and Rita Sealock. Next month Steve Chapman joins the Racing Commission. It is unclear what will be done with the seat for the nominee who withdrew from consideration. The next Racing Commission meeting is May 16th at 8:30 am in Council Bluffs. The new chairman of the Racing Commission is Poweshiek county attorney Mike Mahaffey.

The next item on the agenda was the photo finish. Mark Holtan is in the process of purchasing a special VCR and monitor that will allow for 30 frames per second with frame by frame advance. This should eliminate problems with trying to stop the tape at the right time directly on the camera. It was discussed that we will need someone to operate the camera at each fair. Preferably there would be 3-5 people who know how to use the camera so there is a higher degree of familiarity with it but one person is not responsible for running it all the time. **Motion by Mark Holtan, seconded by Dale Hein, to allocate money for the purchase of the camera and a payment of \$50 per racing day for the operator of the camera. All Ayes.** Anyone who would be interested in learning how to run the camera should contact Royal Roland or Mark Holtan.

A discussion then ensued on how the camera was to be used in deciding finishes and who could view the tapes. It was decided that the new camera should be used at all stakes races. If a fair is racing only overnights they can use the camera if it is not needed for stakes races elsewhere but they are responsible for getting the camera there and making sure there is someone to operate the camera.

It was also agreed that the judge should quickly review the tape of every finish before declaring the race order official. This would also allow time for competitors to file a complaint with an official as sometimes the order of finish is announced before a complaint can be filed. There was much discussion on what should happen if there is a disagreement on the order of finish. **Motion by Dan Roland, seconded by Mark Holtan, that a person with a material interest in the outcome of a race can review the tape at the conclusion of the day's races if they think they were placed incorrectly. All Ayes.** In the event that someone reviews the tape and still believes they were placed incorrectly then the normal appeal process as designated in the USTA rulebook would apply.

The next discussion was regarding contract negotiations with Prairie Meadows. The negotiating committee will be meeting with Prairie Meadows management at 1:00 on Monday, May 13th. There was extensive discussion on what we believe to be a fair agreement with Prairie Meadows.

For time consideration the agenda item on Overnight Conditions for 2003 was skipped for this meeting and will be discussed further at the next meeting.

The final agenda item was a discussion with the Hawkeye Colt Association board regarding what will happen in 2003 if there are no Hawkeye Colt races. This will be an ongoing discussion at each board meeting for the rest of the year and it was agreed that each meeting for the rest of 2002 should be a joint meeting between both boards. Each person was given a few minutes to give their opinions. The general feeling was that if there are no Hawkeye Colt races that there should only be one organization and one board. Most directors thought that in that case the number of board members should be expanded, but a specific number was not decided on. It is agreed that the outcome of the Prairie Meadows negotiations will have a definite affect on what decisions are made. A final decision will probably be made prior to the October Hawkeye Colt Association banquet.

The date of the next meeting will be determined after the May 13th meeting with Prairie Meadows.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm.