

The IaHHA Board Meeting we called to order at 7:15pm December 6th, 2002 at the Heartland Inn in Ankeny, IA. All board members were present.

The first item on the agenda was the minutes for the previous meeting. Motion by Dale Hein, seconded by Jim Coulter, to accept the minutes as presented. All aye.

The second item on the agenda was the Treasurer's Report. Motion by Mark Holtan, seconded by Larry Jenson, to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. All aye.

The third item on the agenda was outstanding bills. Presented for payment were \$8,635.76 to Schroeder Law Firm for work done on contract negotiations with Prairie Meadows, \$6,608.45 by Mary Lou Lawless for promotional work, \$641.92 by Royal Roland for reimbursement of cost of IaHHA Board conference calls during Prairie Meadows negotiations and \$102 for reimbursement of insurance expenses for the Horse Clinic that the IaHHA sponsored. It was discussed that at last year's annual meeting the board had discussed capping the payment for Mary Lou's work at \$4,000. The minutes of that meeting were checked and that was correct. Motion by Rick Mishler, seconded by Dale Hein to pay the other bills as presented and to pay Mary Lou \$4,000 for her expenses. All aye.

The fourth item on the agenda was Fair Improvement payments for 2003. Royal stated that the grant applications had been mailed out to the different fairs and needed to be returned by December 28th so that the checks could be written in 2002. The payments will be \$500 per race day.

The fifth item on the agenda was Hall of Fame elections. This discussion was tabled until Saturday morning.

The sixth item on the agenda was committees and assignments. After discussion of our political activities and goals there was a motion by Rick Mishler, seconded by Mark Holtan to create a new Political Activities committee separate from the Promotional committee. All Aye.

Committee assignments for 2003 (pending 2003 Director Elections) are as follows...

Promotional Committee - Joel McDanel (Chair), Rick Mishler, Mark Holtan

Political Activities Committee - Rick Mishler (Chair), Dan Roland, Mark Holtan, Royal Roland

Hall Of Fame Committee - Larry Jenson (Chair), Dale Hein, Jim Coulter

The contract signed with Prairie Meadows was reviewed. There was discussion about the wording of the contract and how that related to the IaHHA sponsoring Iowa Registered races at Prairie Meadows. The sentence of contention stated "The IHHA commits to use the funds described above to provide purses for standardbred races at the Iowa county fairs and the Iowa State Fair and to otherwise grow and nurture the standardbred horse industry in Iowa and to provide purses of not less than \$30,000 per day for the live standardbred races held at Prairie Meadows". Some directors felt the first part of that sentence meant that money should only be used at Iowa fairs. Other directors felt the second part of the sentence covered the Kahoka races as long as the funding was restricted to Iowa Registered races because it was "nurturing the standardbred horse industry in Iowa". Motion by Joel McDanel, seconded by Dan Roland to race all classes of Iowa Registered races at Kahoka. Aye - McDanel, Coulter, D. Roland, Hein, R. Roland; Nay - Mishler, Jenson, Holtan

The next item on the agenda was the 2003 racing schedule, purse allocation and conditions. After significant discussion the following conditions were set.

Iowa Registered Colts

- Nomination - \$125 each February 15th and April 15th
- \$6,000 cap per Class "A" race
- \$2,000 cap per Class "B" race
- \$24,000 cap per group (age/gait) per location
- 9 races per group (age/gait)
- Owner selects to enter in the A or B class at time of entry
- \$60 entry fee for class A; \$20 entry fee for class B
- If more than four class A races within a group then the class A and class B will be cut an equal percentage to fit within the \$24,000 cap.
- Mixed divisions can be created within the A or B class to make even fields as done in previous years
- There is no minimum number of entries for either class
- No points awarded for year end trophies for Class B races

Bedford (3yo only), Humboldt, What Cheer, Oskaloosa, Kahoka, Sioux Center, Des Moines, Maquoketa, Humboldt (2yo only) Spencer

Aged Iowa Registered

Money the same as last year...

- \$50 nomination April 15th or \$100 before the first race
- \$25 entry fee per race
- \$2,000 cap per race (unless after rainouts)
- \$6000 cap per gait per race
- One race per fairgrounds on the 2003 Iowa Circuit

Open Colt Overnight Races

No nomination payment required

- \$25 entry fee
- \$1,200 cap per race
- \$2,400 cap per group (age/gait)
- 7 locations for races

Oskaloosa, Eldon, Sioux Center, Monticello, Humboldt, Sac City, Humboldt

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30am to resume at 8:00am at the Village Inn in Ankeny, IA.

The December 7th meeting was called to order at 8:05am at the Village Inn in Ankeny, IA. Present was Jim Reese, Royal Roland, Jim Coulter, Dan Roland, Joel McDanel, Dale Hein, Larry Jenson and Rick Mishler. Absent was Mark Holtan.

Motion by Rick Mishler, seconded by Jim Coulter, to only pay the number of places up to five that there were starters in a race for all races (stakes and overnight). Discussion centered on the number of races last year that had fewer than five performers. Aye - Coulter, D. Roland, McDanel, Hein, Jenson, Mishler; Nay - Reese

Motion by Rick Mishler, seconded by Larry Jenson, to elect Pete Vande Velde to the Iowa Harness Racing Living Hall of Fame. Jim Reese was concerned that Pete would think he was only being elected because of miscommunications made on last year's elections. Aye - Coulter, D. Roland, McDanel, Hein, Jenson, Mishler; Nay - Reese

Edith Mouw was the only candidate for the Immortal Hall of Fame. Elected unanimously

Motion by Larry Jenson, seconded by Dale Hein to elect Bostonian Sue to the Iowa Harness Racing Horse Hall of Fame. Discussion centered on the fact that Hall of Fame horses should have been superior performers and should be Iowa foaled and/or horses that raced primarily in Iowa. All aye.

Motion by Jim Coulter, seconded by Rick Mishler to have the same rainout policy as 2002 with the clarification that the last race (fair or makeup race) must actually be raced. All aye.

Motion by Joel McDanel, seconded by Dan Roland, to make the overnight colt races discussed the previous night be limited to Iowa Owned or Registered horses. Aye - McDanel, D. Roland, Hein; Nay - Mishler, Jenson, Reese, R. Roland, Coulter.

There was a lengthy discussion on the subject of drug testing. Among the topics discussed were the types of drugs the policy would be designed to stop, the requirements for a fair testing process, the number of locations that should be tested, and what penalties to be set. Motion by Rick Mishler, seconded by ?? to table the discussion to the next board meeting but include \$4,000 in the budget for drug testing in 2003. Aye - McDanel, Coulter, Hein, Mishler; Nay - Jenson, D. Roland, Reese.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15am. The next board meeting is scheduled for 7:00pm Friday January 10th at Marshalltown, IA.