

The IaHHA Board Meeting we called to order at 7:20pm January 10th, 2003 in Marshalltown, IA. All board members were present.

The first item on the agenda was the minutes for the previous meeting. **Motion by Joel McDanel, seconded by Larry Jenson, to accept the minutes as presented.** All aye.

The second item on the agenda was the Treasurer's Report. **Motion by Rick Mishler, seconded by Joel McDanel, to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented.** All aye.

The third item on the agenda was the conditions for the Iowa Registered Colt Stakes. Motion by Rick Mishler, seconded by Mark Holtan, to adopt the Hawkeye Colt Stakes conditions with the following changes marked in bold print.

- 1) All **Iowa Colt Stakes** payments are due postmarked February 15th or April 15th.
- 2) Annual Membership is **\$20.00**. Each colt owner listed must be a member of the **Iowa Harness Horseman's Association**. If a colt is sold after the nomination, the purchaser must be a member. A husband and a wife need only one membership.
- 3) If an owner is found not to be a 2003 member of the **IaHHA** a penalty of **\$20.00** will be assessed in addition to the regular membership fee. The penalty and fee must be paid before the colt may start.
- 4) **Monies will be: Five – 45-25-15-10-5%; Four – 45-25-15-10%; Three 45-25-15%; Two – 45-25%; One – 45%; If less than five entries the purse for the extra places will be retained by the IaHHA.**
- 5) **All two and three year olds must be registered with the Iowa Department of Agriculture as an Iowa Foaled Horse.**
- 6) Season trophies will go to the highest point colt and highest point filly in each division. **Points are only awarded for Class A races.** Point given as follows: First – 10; Second – 6; Third – 4; Fourth – 3; Fifth – 2; Points awarded at meets other than Prairie Meadows.
- 7) All owners must be 2003 USTA members and each colt must have met current USTA requirements. (Please see the **Iowa Colt Stakes** nomination information sheets for the specific rules regarding ownership.)
- 8) If a race cannot be held due to rain out or other causes, the **funds** from the Iowa Harness Horseman's Association for the particular meet or class or a particular division of a class will be carried forward to future scheduled races. The money will be divided by the number of remaining meets for that class. If the final race meet is rained out, an alternate site and date will be determined by the board and the money will be raced for. However, if at the final race meet a partial card is rained out then the money for those rained out races will be divided among the horses entered to race. Entry money paid to start and not contested will be refunded. The **funds** for Iowa Registered races will be divided among the horses entered to start.
- 9) A two year old does not have to make a nomination payment to be eligible to race as a three year old.
- 10) In the event of an entry of two horses of the same sex, only one can be drawn into the mixed division of the opposite sex.
- 11) Definition for colt and filly races. All stallions and geldings will be called colts and all mares fillies.
- 12) When more than **eight** two or three year old colts are declared in, the colts and fillies will race in respective divisions. In the event of one split, making two divisions, two starters from the same stable will not be considered an entry unless a different sex..
 - A. When there are two divisions, the fillies and colts will be divided by sex; however, there must be at least five in a field but not more than eight.
- 13) If there are three or more divisions, a stable (all horses trained by one person) may mark entry – (two or more horses starting in a race when owned or trained by the same stable or by the same management), if they have two colts or fillies of the same sex. The fillies will be named into the first division until those divisions have been completed or until all the fillies have been entered. Should more fillies be entered than can be raced in the first division, the rest will be entered in the second division. An incomplete division of fillies shall be completed with colts. The colts will draw into the remaining divisions to complete the field.
- 14) As a condition of nominating to the Iowa Colt Stakes races, I hereby agree to post race blood or urine testing of horses competing in these races. In the event of a positive test, **I agree to the penalties established by the Iowa Harness Horseman's Association.** The association will follow the medication rules of the Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission. The purse money will be held pending the results of the testing.
- 15) Any situation not covered by the above rules will be solved by the Iowa Harness Horseman's Association Board of Directors.

In the discussion of the conditions the following motions were made and voted upon.

Motion by Joel McDanel, seconded by Mark Holtan, that entries to force splitting of colts are based on ownership only. Aye – Joel McDanel, Jim Reese; Nay – Larry Jenson, Rick Mishler, Dan Roland, Jim Coulter, Mark Holtan, Dale Hein; Motion defeated.

Motion by Mark Holtan, seconded by Joel McDanel, to pay Roger Roland \$500 to administer the nominations for the Iowa Registered Colt and Aged races, including all paperwork related to the above. All Aye.

The next item on the agenda was the 2003 Race Schedule. After much discussion on the problems with getting someone in Sac City to be responsible for making sure the grounds is ready to race a **motion was made by Jim Coulter, seconded by Rick Mishler to not race at Sac City in 2003**. Aye – Rick Mishler, Dan Roland, Jim Coulter, Mark Holtan, Dale Hein; Nay – Larry Jenson, Joel McDanel; Abstain – Jim Reese;

It was further discussed to try to talk Central City to move their June 29th request to sometime the weekend of July 5-6 and to ask Eldon to move their request for September 13th to September 14th.

Dan Roland presented a tentative proposal for staging a few sires stakes races. The plan involved contributions from the stallion owners, nomination payments by the foal owners and money from the association. The stallion owners are planning to meet Saturday morning and a more thorough proposal will be presented at the next board meeting.

After discussion of the fair grant forms that had been returned by the fairs there was a **motion by Jim Reese, seconded by Mark Holtan, to pay the 2002 grants at \$500 per race day, plus Spencer's 2001 grant money and to include with the checks applications for the 2003 grants due back May 1st**. All Aye

It was discussed that we need to try to find some more judges for this summer. It was agreed that Dan would contact The Horseman and Fair World, Hoof Beats and Illinois Horseman to place ads for bids on the judging job.

Next a By-Law Review Committee was established to review the election rules, non-Iowa resident board members and the number of board members. The committee consists of Dale Hein (defeated by Scott Smith), Dan Roland, Mark Holtan and Jim Reese.

Motion by Joel McDanel, seconded by Mark Holtan to have Larry order 96 brown gates. All Aye. Joel was also going to check with Korwin regarding the cost difference between a gooseneck trailer and a bumper-hitch trailer for the gates.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30am. The next board meeting is scheduled for February ??? at ???, IA.