

The IaHHA General Membership Meeting we called to order at 2:30pm January 11th, 2003 in Marshalltown, IA.

The President's report included a review of the 2003 race schedule with changes made at the previous night's board meeting.

The second item on the agenda was the minutes for the previous meeting. **Motion by Jack Wilkening, seconded by Bill Mintun, to accept the minutes as presented.** All aye.

The third item on the agenda was the Treasurer's Report. **Motion by Milt Traylor, seconded by Ron Allgood, to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented.** All aye.

The Legislative Update was presented by Laverne Schroeder. The legislature is going to have to change the gambling code this year to adjust the tax rates on the slot machines. The thoroughbreds are going to try to get in the code that a fixed percentage of the slot machine profits at Prairie Meadows goes to horse racing purses. We need to make sure that the provision does not get added unless it spells out what portions go to each breed. Laverne emphasized repeatedly the need for our members to write letters to our representatives. He is going to work with Royal to draft a sample letter to assist members in writing their own letters.

The next item was the election of directors. Scott Smith was elected to represent district 2.

Motion by Alan Sandbulte, seconded by Ken Buck to nominate Larry Jenson.

Motion by Joel McDanel, seconded by Ron Allgood to nominate Rick Huffman.

Motion by Bill Mintun, seconded by Duane Roland to nominate Merlin Van Otterloo.

Motion by Mark Holtan, seconded by Phil Hutchins to nominate Rick Mishler.

Motion by Dan Roland, seconded by Duane Roland to nominate Alan Sandbulte.

Motion by Mike Conte, seconded by Jim Coulter to nominate Jeff Carey.

Motion by Lesa Roland, seconded by Kermit Hinshaw to nominate Dale Hein.

Motion by Nancy Carey, seconded by Alan Sandbulte that nominations cease.

Each member was allowed to vote for two candidates. The top two vote getters are elected to three year terms as At-Large Directors.

The final vote count was as follows...

Jeff Carey – 39

Larry Jenson – 31

Rick Huffman – 28

Dale Hein – 28

Merlin Van Otterloo – 22

Rick Mishler – 17

Alan Sandbulte – 11

Jeff Carey and Larry Jenson were elected to serve.

The final open discussion time included limited conversation on drug testing, the race schedule, colt stakes races at the State Fair.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25pm.