

## Tentative IaHHA Board Minutes

The IaHHA Board met on January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2004 at Marshalltown, Iowa. The meeting was called to order at 7:55pm. All directors were present. Also present was Judy Roland and Lenora Coulter.

The first item of business was to approve the minutes from the conference call meeting. There was a correction as the minutes listed the meeting on a Monday instead of Tuesday. The date listed was correct. **Motion by Jeff Carey, seconded by Larry Jenson to approve the minutes as amended. All Ayes.**

The second item of business was the treasurer's report. Jim presented an account level statement of income and expenses. He stated that the report had been audited by Roland and Dieleman. **Motion by Larry Jenson, seconded by Jeff Carey to approve the treasurer's report as presented. All Ayes.**

The next item of business was the issue of starting gates. Judy Roland and Lenora Coulter stated that their preference was that the association find someone else to start the races and that the association would buy their equipment. Their asking price was \$10,000 for all of their cars plus the back pads, head numbers and two way radios. Judy stated that the newer car is a 1985 Mercury with a Howard starting gate on it. There is also a 1978 Olds with a home made gate and a 1969 Electra. There was a great deal of discussion regarding liability issues with the association owning the gate. **Motion by Joel McDanel, seconded by Jeff Carey, that the association buys out Judy and Lenora at their asking price including all three gates and all related equipment.**

**Aye: Larry Jenson, Jeff Carey, Joel McDanel, Jim Reese, Mark Holtan, Scott Smith**  
**Nay:**

**Abs: Jim Coulter, Dan Roland**

There was further discussion of purchasing a new gate and hiring someone else to start the races. A committee (Chair: Dan Roland, Jeff Carey, Joel McDanel) was formed to investigate our options. The committee will report back at the next board meeting.

The next item of business was to finalize the 2004 race schedule. Central City has done a great deal of work on their track but it is still in very poor condition. They have requested to race on June 27<sup>th</sup> in addition to the regular July 13<sup>th</sup> date. **Motion by Joel McDanel, seconded by Jim Coulter to add racing at Central City on June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2004.**

**Aye: Joel McDanel, Scott Smith, Mark Holtan, Jim Coulter, Jeff Carey**

**Nay: Larry Jenson, Jim Reese, Dan Roland**

The board agreed that Scott would go out and check on the fairgrounds two weeks prior to the scheduled races and if the track had not been satisfactorily improved then the races would be cancelled prior to the draw.

The Hawkeye Colt association has requested that the Sires Stakes races for 2004 be scheduled for June 18<sup>th</sup> at Eldon, August 14<sup>th</sup> at Humboldt and August 21<sup>st</sup> at Humboldt. Those will fit in the schedule.

There was further discussion of the problem with having races at Monticello, Kahoka and Oskaloosa back to back. **Motion by Mark Holtan, seconded by Jeff Carey, that we have one draw for the Monticello and Kahoka Iowa Registered Colt races and horses would declare which place they want to race (not both). The \$96,000 cap money will be divided between the two locations so as the purses will be the same at both locations. Rainout policy will apply as always. All Aye.**

Discussion proceeded to the rules for the colt races. It had been discussed previously about how to split fillies and colts. **Motion by Mark Holtan, seconded by Joel McDanel, that for Iowa Registered Colt races colts will always be split from fillies as long as extra divisions are not created on more than four divisions. Four divisions and under colts are always split from fillies.**

**Aye: Joel McDanel, Scott Smith, Mark Holtan, Jeff Carey, Dan Roland**

**Nay: Jim Reese, Jim Coulter**

**Motion by Joel McDanel, seconded by Dan Roland, that the board reconsider the decision to split the cap money \$48,000 per gait.**

**Aye: Jeff Carey, Joel McDanel, Mark Holtan, Jim Coulter, Scott Smith, Dan Roland, Larry Jenson**

**Nay: Jim Reese**

**Motion by Joel McDanel, seconded by Dan Roland, to split the cap money \$24,000 per class (age/gait) as was previously done.**

**Aye: Dan Roland, Larry Jenson, Mark Holtan, Joel McDanel, Jeff Carey, Jim Coulter, Jim Reese**

**Nay: Scott Smith**

Discussion went to entry fees and nomination payments. It was discussed the need to balance the cost to prevent entering horses that aren't in training with avoiding being punitive. It was also discussed the unfairness of horses racing for different purses being required to pay the same entry fee.

**Motion by Larry Jenson, seconded by Mark Holtan that the entry fee for all Iowa Registered Colt races be set at 1% of the actual purse. All Aye.**

**Motion by Mark Holtan, seconded by Jim Coulter that the nomination payment be \$100 each February 15<sup>th</sup> and April 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**Aye: Jim Reese, Mark Holtan, Jim Coulter, Scott Smith, Royal Roland**

**Nay: Jeff Carey, Joel McDanel, Larry Jenson, Dan Roland**

**Motion by Dan Roland, seconded by Joel McDanel that the board reconsider the decision to make the open colt races not be restricted to Iowa Owned or Registered horses.**

**Aye: Jim Coulter, Scott Smith, Joel McDanel, Jeff Carey, Larry Jenson, Jim Reese, Dan Roland**

**Nay: Mark Holtan**

**Motion by Dan Roland, seconded by Jim Reese, that the open overnight colt races be restricted to Iowa Owned or Registered horses.**

**Aye: Joel McDanel, Jim Reese, Jim Coulter, Scott Smith, Dan Roland**

**Nay: Jeff Carey**

**Abs: Larry Jenson, Mark Holtan**

Mark gave an update on the purchase of a new video camera for the photo finish. He is still working on that.

Royal gave a legislative update. He stated that the thoroughbreds are working very hard to implement at law that says 11% of casino revenue would go to horse purses. Our position is that we are against this unless the law states a minimum percentage of the 11% that would go to each breed.

**The meeting was adjourned at 11:55pm**