

The meeting of the Iowa Harness Horseman's Association Board was called to order by President Royal Roland on July 17th, 2004 at the Keokuk County Fairgrounds in What Cheer, IA at 4:50pm. All board members were present.

The first item of business was to review the minutes from the previous board meeting. Jim Reese noted that he attended the previous meeting and was not listed as present or absent.

Motion by Larry Jenson, seconded by Kermit Hinshaw, to accept the minutes from the previous meeting as amended and the treasurer's report as presented. All Ayes.

Drug Test Report - At Bedford the randomly selected horses tested were Radiant Bab, Fantasy Streak and No Rhyme or Reason. There have not been any positive tests to date.

Photo Finish Report - They are still having problems with the laptop and it will have to be sent in for repairs again. There was a discussion on using the photo finish if it is available for non-stakes meets.

Motion by Larry Jenson, seconded by Jeff Carey, that if Kim is at any race meet that we use the photo finish equipment and pay her \$100 for doing it.

**Aye - Larry Jenson, Jeff Carey, Scott Smith, Kermit Hinshaw, Mark Holtan, Nolan Van Otterloo, Dan Roland
Nay - Jim Reese**

Starting Gate Report - Nolan reported that Darwin Van Otterloo should be available to drive the starting gate at Sioux Center for the colt races. He is going to get the information to Dan to get Darwin added to the insurance.

Roy Finn reported that a number of head numbers are missing. Everyone should make sure they return their head numbers to where they got them and look for any that might have inadvertently been put in their trailers.

The board discussed the arrangement for sending the starting gate to Sedalia for the Missouri State Fair. It was agreed to charge the Missouri State Fair \$1,000 plus two motel rooms, one each for Roy and Jim.

Promotion Committee Report - We have used all of the brochures we had printed up so Mary Lou ordered more of them at a cost of \$778.60.

The race schedule has been advertised in the SE Iowa shopper and the Humboldt area shopper.

Motion by Jeff Carey, seconded by Mark Holtan, to increase the promotion budget from \$3,000 to \$4,000. All Aye

Misc. Racing Issues

Maquoketa Races - The Maquoketa horsemen are having problems with their fair board. The scheduled race meet there may need to be moved.

Gates - Both sets of gates are currently at What Cheer.

Saving Stalls - Horses staying overnight have first preference over stalls saved for someone coming in the next morning. Horsemen with short drives need to be more considerate of those traveling long distances.

Tent Rental - Eldon and Bloomfield each spent \$1,000 per day on tent rental.

Rainouts - The board discussed what would the policy be if a partial division of races occurs and the rest get rained out. It was agreed that for this year the money would carry forward to the future races and all horses would be eligible to race for that money. It was also agreed that this policy will be reviewed prior to next season.

Race Draws - The board discussed recent problems with the draws. Kevin Banks' horses were moved at the What Cheer draw because of a clerical error by the staff at the office that was not Kevin's fault. Nero's Thunder was entered in a race at Central City that he was not eligible for. He was moved to a race he was eligible for and that was against the rules for drawing the races.

Charting - Royal is going to try to work on charting with Kim at Monticello. He has also talked to Scott Banitt and Brenda Hopp about charting at the later fairs. Everything after and including the Maquoketa races is supposed to be charted.

of Races Per Day – The board discussed how many races we were having per day. It was agreed that we have done a lot better about limiting this to a manageable number. A few places had too many overnights with their colt races and need to be reduced in 2005.

The next item on the agenda was a review of the Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission Meeting. There are a number of groups in Des Moines that are trying to get a new riverboat in Des Moines or the surrounding area. This would hurt us by pulling revenue away from Prairie Meadows.

Royal has spoken with Prairie Meadows to confirm that we are going to pay half of the cost of simulcasting to ensure that the signal is sent out. Royal is going to contact them to set up a meeting to go over issues for the fall race meet. Mark, Larry and Jeff are willing to attend the meeting depending on the date.

The annual awards banquet is scheduled for Saturday, November 6th at Prairie Meadows.

Finally the board discussed beginning preliminary negotiations with the other breeds regarding a long term agreement on purse money distribution. The recent legislation sets the total purse level for the next fifteen years, but division of the total amount will still be negotiated. It is in everyone's best interest to come to some sort of agreement that ensures what the revenue stream will be for a more extended period than the current three year terms.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 9th at Prairie Meadows.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm.