

The meeting of the Iowa Harness Horseman's Association Board was called to order by President Royal Roland on December 4, 2004 at the Best Western Motel in Johnston, Iowa at 1:05 PM. Directors present: Royal Roland, Mark Holtan, Jim Reese, Larry Jenson, Kermit Hinshaw, Scott Smith, Jeff Carey. Directors absent: Nolan Van Otterloo, Dan Roland. Special guest: Nancy Carey, Hall of Fame Committee Chair, Promotion Committee member.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed. Motion Smith – Reese. All Ayes

Treasurer's report was reviewed by the board, end of year balance projected to be Approx. \$155,000. Motion to approve report, Jenson – Carey. All Ayes

Nancy Carey reported to the Board on the work of the Hall of Fame Committee and distributed materials for the Board review.

Following a review of documentation, the Board selected the following for induction into the Iowa Harness Horse Hall of Fame:

Dr. Dale Hein, Living Hall of Fame.

Alice Weber into the Immortal Hall of Fame.

Robison and Lady Order are horses placed into the Hall of Fame.

In other discussion the Board affirmed that a Driver of the award will be presented annually to the driver with the most wins and to the driver with the highest UDRS earned while racing at races on the Midwest Harness Horse circuit (Sedalia races excluded).

Nancy Carey will develop a budget and plan for promotional activities for next year and present it to the board at the January 2005 meeting of the Board.

Royal updated the Board on legislative actions and issues. Most significant to us is the issue lobbyist Vern Shroeder is working on at this time. He is working with the Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission to develop a rule to split the 1% funding from Prairie Meadows between the three racing groups/breeds. We will need to submit the proposed rule to the commission. A proposed rule submitted to the Commission must be brought to discussion and vote by the Commission with sixty (60) days. Our proposal would require association approval (may be in the form of a petition signed by the membership) and may necessitate the need for individuals to contact Commission members to ask for their support of a fair and equitable split of the 11% payout of gaming revenues for horse purses by Prairie Meadows. The rule would ask for no reduction of current purse levels and could include provisions for up to 16% for harness racing purses. The proposal will be ready for the membership to review at our District meeting in January.

The Department of Agriculture, Horse and Dog breeding program is experiencing budget shortfalls and is considering the establishment of fees to be charged for inspection, registration, transfer etc. During discussion, it was felt that some of the practices for inspection of foals could be changed or drastically modified. However, the Board noted that other horse breeds and dog breeders have more difficulty with some of the rules regarding residency and establishing Iowa foaled or whelping status. A letter will be sent to Morris Boswell describing our suggestions.

Prairie Meadows ended with a \$17,000 reserve in purses from this meet. Money will be carry-overed into 2005. Plans are being developed to build a new paddock, the plan would require us to use barn A1 as our paddock in 2005.

No positive tests from the drug testing program were reported to the Board. Only one instance of bute overage was found on the fair circuit and fine was paid.

The pros and cons of a black box for testing on the fair circuit and at Prairie Meadows was discussed. The Board will ask the membership at the January meeting if the majority of people wish to continue testing as is now done and if the membership wants to look at a way to bring "black box" testing to Iowa.

The Board reviewed some of the promotions that were used last summer and agreed that if a fair wanted to use a "county wide or regional shopper" to advertise races in the area they should get a request to Royal Roland, Mark Holtan or Kermit Hinshaw.

The Board then began consideration of the budget for 2005.

Motion to accept proposed operating expenses Holtan – Jenson All Ayes

The Board voted to work toward a balanced budget for 2005 and not include use of any cash reserves into the budget.

Ayes: R. Roland, Carey, Hinshaw, Reese, Smith

Nays: M. Holtan, L. Jenson

Since a tenth race was added in 2004 to reduce cash reserves it was decided to revert to the nine race format from 2003.

A motion was made to race Iowa Registered colts in Kahoka, Mo. Reese-Carey

Ayes: Reese, Carey, R. Roland

Nays: Hinshaw, Holtan, Jenson, Smith

A motion was made to race to races Aged Iowa races in Kahoka, Mo. Holtan – Jenson

Ayes: Holtan, Jenson, Reese, Roland

Nays: Hinshaw, Smith, Carey

A motion was made to keep all other items the same regarding single class, purse structure, entries etc. Jenson – Smith

Ayes: Jenson

Nays: Smith, Holtan, Hinshaw, Carey, Reese, R. Roland

A motion was made to races all classes of Iowa Registered horses for \$24,000 (Two year old Pace, Two year old Trot, Three year old Pace, and Three year old Trot). All purse moneys to be paid out. An additional condition will be added to each class for horses who are Non-Winners of \$1500 in 2005 and who have been nominated. Mixed races will be permitted in this condition with splits on 10 and 19.

This condition will be available to horses after the first Iowa Registered class races are contested. Holtan – Carey

Ayes: Holtan, Carey, Hinshaw, Smith, R. Roland

Nays: Jenson, Reese,

The board discussed how to further balance the budget.

