

# laHHA Board Meeting

## Tentative Minutes

April 16th, 2005

The laHHA Board of Directors met at 1:10 pm on April 16th, 2005 at the Best Western Inn in Ankeny, Iowa. All directors were present with the exception of Kermit Hinshaw.

Directors reviewed the tentative minutes to the previous meeting. **Motion by Larry Jenson, seconded by Nolan Van Otterloo, to approve the minutes as read. All Ayes.**

Jim Reese presented the Treasurer's Report. We currently have 150 paid members. **Motion by Scott Smith, seconded by Mark Holtan to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. All Ayes.**

The board next discussed the hiring of race officials for 2005. Roy Finn has signed a contract to start the races again in 2005. Sioux Center has contracted with the Minnesota starter to do the July 30<sup>th</sup> races at Sioux Center while Roy is starting at Kahoka. The board stated they would also like Roy to act as a patrol judge in tandem with the presiding judges to try to get as many views as possible on violations.

Todd Hill, Dan Moy, Herb Butler and Dave Seitz are signed to judge this year. Todd still has to pass his test. Roger Roland was the only Superintendent of Speed that wanted to continue hiring his own judges. The rest all allowed their days to go in the pool that the board hired for.

Kim Larson is taking the charters test to be able to chart the races. The board discussed paying her an additional \$150 for the days that she charts the races in addition to running the photo finish equipment. **Motion by Mark Holtan, seconded by Jim Reese, to pay Kim an extra \$150 when she charts the races. All Ayes.** The current plan is to chart all the races in September as well as the Oskaloosa fair on July 25<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> and the Iowa State Fair August 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully that will allow anyone that needs charted lines for Springfield, Canterbury or Prairie Meadows to get them ahead of time.

The board also discussed the lack of a formal policy on paying officials in case of rainout. In the past some got paid and some did not. **Motion by Dan Roland, seconded by Larry Jenson, that the officials get paid in case of rainout. Rain delays are paid for just that day. All Ayes.**

Royal reviewed the April nominations. There were a net of six less nominations in April than February. There were about 20 each of the aged trotters and pacers. No nomination lists, including the March sire stakes nominations, have been mailed out yet.

The board next reviewed the laHHA Drug Testing Policy. It was previously agreed to develop a TC02 testing policy prior to the first races of the year. Royal is going to contact Iowa State to confirm the post-race testing ranges to have to policy set. The rest of the policy was discussed and it was decided to not make any other changes for 2004. It was confirmed that the multiple offense counts reset at the end of the year so any overages on bute and lasix will start over at the bottom fine.

The board also discussed reimbursement of expenses and the need to improve documentation of expenses. **Motion by Larry Jenson, seconded by Jeff Carey, to reimburse fuel costs for people moving gates, track conditioners or other association equipment. All ayes.** The board also discussed the costs associated with attending board meetings and the phone expenses involved with carrying out the board functions. This will increase this year with the need to attend the contract negotiation meetings with Prairie Meadows. Most board members have not turned in any expenses for reimbursement in the past. It was agreed to bring up the issue at the 2006 general membership meeting to get the feelings of the members on the issue.

The board discussed the issue of negotiating with Prairie Meadows. It was agreed to set up a meeting with Brad Schroeder, who will be our legal representation during the negotiations, to begin planning and initiate contact with Prairie Meadows management.

Royal distributed the pamphlets that Mary Lou had printed up for the Horse Fair. Jeff gave an update on the promotional materials that Nancy is preparing, including the posters and other items. Jeff mentioned that Nancy does not have very much money left in the account to pay for these items and that the budgeted money has not been distributed. **Motion by Mark Holtan, seconded by Dan Roland, to pay \$1000 to the Iowa Women In Harness for promotional expenses in 2005. All Ayes.**

The board continued discussion of meeting schedules. Future meetings were scheduled for July 9<sup>th</sup> at What Cheer after the races, October 8<sup>th</sup> at Prairie Meadows prior to the Family Day and for November 19<sup>th</sup> at a time and location to be determined.

Royal mentioned that we were going to have Jim start using Quicken for keep track of the books to make it easier to audit and print reports. He is going to use the laptop that was bought for the photo finish last year to do that work.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40pm.