

IaHHA Board Meeting

Tentative Minutes

October 8th, 2005

The IaHHA Board of Directors met at 10:30 am on August 8th, 2005 at the Prairie Meadows horseman's lounge. Directors Royal Roland, Jim Reese, Jeff Carey, Mark Holtan, Scott Smith and Dan Roland were present. Directors Kermit Hinshaw, Larry Jenson and Nolan Van Otterloo were absent.

Directors reviewed the tentative minutes to the previous meeting. **Motion by Mark Holtan, seconded by Scott Smith, to approve the minutes as read. All Ayes.**

Jim Reese presented the treasurer's report. Breeder's awards are estimated to be between \$60k and 70k this year. There are about \$20k in current outstanding bills. **Motion by Jeff Carey, seconded by Scott Smith, to approve the treasurer's report as presented. All Ayes**

The board reviewed the summer racing season. There were no positive drug tests and there did not seem to be a problem with the one hour delay for blood gas testing. A better system needs to be devised to notify the horses that are the random testers so they are aware they will be tested later.

The Columbus Junction group is going to present a proposal to do the draws and print the programs again this year. Roland & Dieleman were paid \$16,122.65 to do it this year. It was a great help to have people using fax and e-mail to send in their entries.

The board discussed the NW \$1,500 in 2005 colt races. There was debate about raising the cap or staggering it through the summer. The board decided they need more feedback from the membership on the issue before finalizing races for 2006. The membership needs to be reminded that when entering in these races to specify if they want moved up to the feature race if the cheaper race does not fill.

The board reviewed the 2005 budget. Most items were fairly close to expected. The legal budget was slightly higher with the contract negotiations.

Committee Reports

The promotion committee reported that the Family Fun Day will have sign in from 2:00 – 2:30 and start barn tours from 4:15 to 5:00. The New Owners seminar will be on October 22nd starting at 1:00. Members should invite local people that might be interested in investing.

The legislative committee reported that Royal and Brad Schroeder will be making a presentation to the Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission at their October meeting. Matt Eide has been hired to replace Vern Schroeder as our lobbyist. **Motion by Mark Holtan, seconded by Jeff Carey, to have the negotiating committee approach the racing commission regarding problems with the contract negotiations. All Ayes.**

Dan reported that we have been approached by "The Signature Series" representatives in Ohio about modeling our aged series after their program and then sending our top two point earning aged pacers and trotters to race in a multi-state county fair championship race. They are hoping to have the race at Delaware, Ohio on Little Brown Jug day. **Motion by Jeff Carey, seconded by Scott Smith, to have the aged Iowa Registered races be part of the Signature Series.** *(Note: The board of directors would have to formally accept our application to participate and the Delaware County Fair will have to agree to host the race. Neither of these things have happened at this time.)*

In other business, the board discussed directors missing multiple meetings. It was noted that Illinois removes directors after missing a certain number of meetings. It was agreed to discuss this with the general membership at the annual meeting in January.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm.