

IaHHA Board Meeting

Tentative Minutes

September 23rd, 2006

The IaHHA Board of Directors met at 1:00 pm on September 23rd, 2006 at Prairie Meadows. Directors present were Royal Roland, Scott Smith, Dan Roland, Larry Jenson, Nolan Van Otterloo and Jim Reese. Mark Holtan arrived at 1:20. Rick Mishler and Kermit Hinshaw were absent.

The board reviewed the minutes from the July 1st meeting. **Motion by Scott Smith, seconded by Nolan Van Otterloo, to approve the minutes as presented. All ayes.**

Jim Reese presented the Treasurer's Report. The PAC account currently has around \$12,775 in it. Payments still to be made for 2006 include the programs, drug testing, breeders awards and the lobbyist. **Motion by Larry Jenson, seconded by Nolan Van Otterloo to approve the treasurer's report as presented. All Ayes.**

Royal presented the Legislative/Contract update. Prairie Meadows has sent a letter to the president of each association asking them to come to an agreement and bring that agreement to Prairie Meadows. The board is placing an emphasis on the contract being for a minimum of 3 years and preferably 5 years.

Royal also gave a more detailed update on the PAC. There was discussion about the publication contributions on the web site. Most directors agreed that it was fair for the general membership to know who was contributing and who was not. All contributions have to be reported to the state quarterly and can be looked up on the State of Iowa website. It was discussed that some of the people who did not contribute the \$50 for winning a feature race had contributed large checks at the beginning of the summer. It was agreed that the most accurate and fair thing to do would be to publish all contributions or link to the State of Iowa website.

Scott Smith gave the officials committee update. The board discussed the confusion with Spencer where Todd Hill called Garry Phillips to go start the races for him and neither one contacted the Starting Gate Coordinator. Conrad Rapp had been contracted to start the Spencer and Sioux Center races, so there was no reason for Todd or Garry to need to be there. It was noted that Garry had filled in a number of times this summer when Todd was unable to attend. **Motion by Larry Jenson, seconded by Mark Holtan, to pay Garry for his fuel and one night's motel at Spencer on submission of an expense reimbursement form. All ayes.**

Both Garry Phillips and Gene Williams of Illinois have mentioned they may be interested in being the starter for 2007. The board agreed that whoever was the regular starter should make the commitment of not racing any horses to avoid the conflict of interest.

Mike Wobkenburg did a preliminary inspection of the starting gate when he brought his gate over for the Prairie Meadows meet. He said someone had wired around the part that slows the wing as it approaches the car and that is why the chain keeps breaking. He said there are a number of other things that need fixed and he would be willing to take it back to Ohio this winter to work on it if someone could pick it up next spring to bring it back.

The board also discussed the judging at the fairs in 2006, and specifically the use of video cameras to assist in making decisions. Some directors thought it was inappropriate to use the cameras without a specific policy regarding what can and can't be used. Other directors felt the judges should use whatever was available to best make the correct decision. It was agreed that decisions need to be made in a timely fashion to allow the program to continue. It was agreed to carry this issue over to the next meeting.

Dan Roland presented the By-Law committee update. There has been concern about directors missing meetings regularly and the lack of a means to remove directors who refuse to participate. Proposed by-law changes must be presented to the membership at least one month prior to the annual meeting and be voted on by the membership at that meeting with a 2/3rds requirement to pass changes. **The following addition to the By-Laws was proposed by the By-Law committee to the board of directors as new Section 2 under Article VIII and approved by the board for presentation to the membership for a vote at the annual meeting in January.**

Motion By Scott Smith, seconded by Nolan Van Otterloo, to present the proposed by-law changes to the membership for a vote at the annual meeting. All ayes.

A director who misses three (3) consecutive regularly scheduled board meetings may be removed from the board by a unanimous vote of the remaining directors. In such case a replacement will be appointed by the board to serve the remainder of the term of the removed director.

The promotion committee announced that the Family Fun Day at Prairie Meadows will be October 7th. There will be barn tours but no tests and classes. Prairie Meadows is going to have activities for the kids at the grandstands.

Hall of Fame nominations will be discussed at the November board meeting.

The deadline for scholarship applications is December 1st. Contact Mark Holtan for an application. The scholarship committee is Mark, Dan Roland and Scott Smith.

The board briefly discussed the rainout policy and agreed to discuss it further at the November meeting.

The board discussed the problems with the draws this year. Royal stated that the Roland and Diehleman office was not going to do the draws and programs in 2007. They were willing to do the purse checks and 1099's. The board agreed the appropriate thing to do was to take bids to do the draws and programs. Bids should detail how the entries would be taken and show enough help was available to do the job.

The board has set the following schedule for 2006 board meetings.

Nov. 18th @ 1:00 – Ankeny, IA

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05pm.