

QHRAI Board Meeting
Indiana Grand, Shelbyville, IN
April 3, 2017

Present: Dianne Bennett, Paul Martin, Vickie Duke, Butch Yike, Karen Yike, Jim Noel, Jim Hurley, Jill Patrick, Chris Duke, Vick Conway, John McCreary, Stephanie McConnell and Teresa Myers

Absent: Roger Beam, Dickie Benton, Nick Johnson

Guests: Ram & Sheri Torres, Jim Hill, Bo & Allie Baird, Betty Haffner, Kate Steele, Mary Beth Christianson and Debbie Anderson, Executive Director for Strides to Success.

The meeting was called to order by President Paul Martin. Guests were welcomed; Debbie Anderson was introduced and given the floor for a presentation of the "Strides to Success" program.

Board member attendance sheets & information packets were passed out. Inquiry was made about any new agenda items, topics for discussion added to the agenda included Rule Proposal & Graded Stakes Races.

Vickie Duke moved to approve the Minutes of the March Board meeting, Jim Noel 2nd the motion, unanimous approval

Gaming revenue report was presented. Chris Duke moved to approve the report Vick Conway 2nd the motion, approval unanimous.

Members were appointed to the Accounts Payable Committee: Chris Duke, Nick Johnson & Paul Martin. Nothing to report at this time from the committee.

Dianne gave the Treasurer's report in Roger's absence. Still working on the transition, getting the different accounts & pay avenues transferred to the new officer. Hopefully all resolved by next month's meeting. Treasury information was provided by Kahre & Associates. Jim Hurley moved to approve the Treasurer's report, Vick Conway 2nd the motion, unanimous approval.

No information from Breed Development.

Report from IHRC Meeting - The changes in the therapeutic drugs that had previously been presented to the directors was adopted. The big note is there is No change in the clenbuterol allowances. There was discussion on the Clenbuterol use and the different states rulings, hair testing and the expense associated with more extensive testing. Flipping rigs were discussed again, used as an aide only, but officials need to have further discussion.

Have not met with Indiana Grand on contract, have had conversations and will happen soon.

Jim Noel had comments about the Graded Stakes and his concern about being able to get recognition for some of our races by AQHA. Would like for QHRAI to send letters continue to push for consideration. Vickie reported that she & Dianne did have a discussion at the AQHA convention as promised, but was told the rules could not be changed to suit a state & that Indiana did not meet the criteria. It was mentioned that Norm Luba from Louisville is now a member of the executive committee; we might be able to get him to come to a meeting to have a face to face meeting to plead our case.

Dianne noted that there has been a good response to paperwork COMPLETELY filled out by those making stakes nominations/payments.

AQHA Convention: Vickie Duke gave a detailed report on the AQHA Convention, many interesting stats were provided. Racing meeting - Stressed uniformity of Drug rules between states to keep the integrity of the sport. Have concerns about the integrity of the testing process. Challenge Races will be held in Iowa in 2017, do not have anyone willing for 2018. Reports were given by different states with regards to their tribulations and attempts to combat use of performance enhancing drugs, lack of funding and what they are doing to resolve the problems. Vickie & Dianne also discussed the challenge races with Janet VanBebber, what was involved & required, approximate cost to Indiana would be \$250,000. One concern is 440 yard race if it was possible.

SSA Report:

Teresa Gross resigned as SSA Secretary. It was suggested that Rosie handle the SSA payments as she handles the other Stakes Payments to continue the uniformity of all payments. There was discussion on the stallion procurement process & handling of contracts in a timely manner. Chris Duke moved to pay Rosie McCormack to process & track the SSA payments and to pay her \$500 per month for those duties. Jim Hurley 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous. Vickie Duke made a motion to have Teresa Myers be responsible for the Stallion Service portion of the duties. Karen Yike 2nd the motion, motion passed. Procurement will still be shared as in the past. Post Office box should be closed.

The Board revisited the issue with the 2015 Brookstone Bay breeding - Board agreed to extend credit for a breeding for a 2017 SSA Stallion. The purchaser will respond to Dianne Bennett within 48 hours.

Informational Piece - Purchaser of Country Chicks Man service in 2016 reported that the breeding did not result in a live foal. His foal will be eligible for the 2020 Futurity. Country Chicks Man also sold in 2017 so no special notation will be needed.

Dianne reported that Wyndham failed to hold the dates for our SSA Banquet, they have the next weekend available, but that date coincides with Heritage Place Sale and is unacceptable. Dianne investigated the possibility of holding the Auction and Banquet at Indiana Grand. Rooms for overnight stays were discussed; there would be the possibility of shuttles to local motels. Jim Hurley moved to accept the Indiana Grand venue with regards to the Stallion Service Auction and Banquet for January 12th & 13th, John McCreary 2nd the motion, vote was unanimous.

Committee Reports:

- Youth Day: Vickie - Still need applications
- College Day: Jim - Sept/Oct - nothing with trainers, just everything else
- Scholarships: Nothing to report -
- Schooling Races: No date set up, need to get a date set up; then see if there is interest. Will work towards April 27th as a tentative date
- Speed Sale: Vick said he has talked to grounds, tentatively booked same weekend.
- Awards on Track: There was a hardware price increase, but still reasonable.
- By-Laws: Chris Duke - need to update the bylaws that were proposed & passed.
- Hall of Fame: No reports
- Long Range Planning: No reports - question about thoughts for long term entry fees for stakes races, what can we do to increase of numbers so that it continues to flourish.
- Website - Still have the old QHRAI.net - ok to cancel

No information on Benevolence

Other Business:

- Preference Date System - preference date system/clarification of SSA trials - Never lose date if you enter open races - QHRAI should take a stand, our position is that the Quarter Horse rules should be the same as last year per rule number 12 on the Preference Date System as listed in the 2017 Quarter Horse Condition Book. *An Indiana Bred will retain their previous Indiana Bred preference date when returning to a restricted Indiana Bred Race. Such a horse when entering consecutive open races shall retain the preference date of the most recent open race.*
- HB 1350 - Discussion was held on HB1350, how it affects QHRAI & what we need to do or how we can get help. Bo Baird offered to discuss the bill with the necessary people.

Ram Torres wanted to update the condition and request prayers for his brother Francisco Torres, involved in a spill March 31st he fractured his neck, this is the 4th time he has had this same injury. He is going to be ok; doctors have told him he will be able ride again

It was noted that Josue Donjuan was seen jogging horses, great news!

Jim Noel moved to adjourn, Vickie 2nd the motion. Motion passed. Meeting Adjourned 9:03pm