

QHRAI Board Meeting
Indiana Grand, Shelbyville, IN
March 6, 2017

Present: Dianne Bennett, Paul Martin, Vickie Duke, Karen Yike, Jim Noel, Dickie Benton, Jim Hurley, Jill Patrick, Nick Johnson, Roger Beam, Stephanie McConnell and Teresa Myers

Absent: Chris Duke, Vick Conway, John McCreary and Butch Yike

Guests: Alicia Barr, Ram & Sheri Torres, Josue Donjuan, Jim Hill, Betty Haffner, Kate Steele and Mary Beth Christianson.

The meeting was called to order by President Paul Martin. Board member attendance sheets & information packets were passed out along with Conflict of Interest statements. Inquiry was made about any new agenda items, topics for discussion added to the agenda included PDJF, Little Britches & Strides for Success.

Dickie Benton moved to approve the Minutes of the February Board meeting, Jim Hurley 2nd the motion, unanimous approval

Gaming report was presented. Jim Noel moved to approve the report Jim Hurley 2nd the motion, approval unanimous.

Treasurer's report was called for from Roger, he is "Treasurer in Transition", and information has not been transferred yet, waiting on Mike Gross.

A report was given via e-mail from Mike Gross with regards to the pending Square/IRS issue, it was suggested by Dave Kahre that it might be best to pay the fees. Vickie Duke made a motion to reimburse Mike Gross \$316.00 from the non-gaming funds for the disputed IRS charges. Dickie Benton 2nd the motion, motion was unanimously approved.

Nothing new to report from Breed Development.

Reported that Dianne Bennett, Vickie Duke & Jim Noel were going to the Horse Racing Commission meeting on March 7th, Paul will not be able to attend, everyone is welcome to attend.

Report was given on the meeting with the Executive Director, very good meeting, many topics discussed including, test pick-ups, the use of flipping rigs, claiming races, everyone left the meeting with good feelings of cooperation.

Information item: Breed Development will have Facebook & Twitter accounts for each breed.

Rough draft of the condition book was sent to Dianne and Paul. It was discussed that the Board will not be able to enforce the requirement for membership for open stakes races, but will reconsider in the future.

Stakes information, schedule, payments, etc should be mailed on Wednesday.

Tattoer (Doug Crabtree) has been making his rounds, would like to get as many as possible done before the track opens. Information will be posted on the web-site and Facebook.

A note... Diane talked with Ben Hudson of Track Magazine; he agreed to send members a free subscription, membership list to be sent to him.

Dianne & Vickie reported that they were going to the AQHA convention, March 17th - 20th, items for discussion with appropriate individuals... AQHA challenge races, consideration for Graded Stakes races in Indiana. In the past this has been discussed, it is a pretty simple formula, based on points with consideration or points given for horses that race in Indiana and then race at another track.

Three items were discussed with regards to SSA stallions;

1. Desirio has moved, confirmed by Dianne that the new farm will honor the breeding. Two people have inquired about the service; it was discussed on how this would be handled. Paul will get contact information for the first person, call them, if they chose not to accept, the 2nd party would be notified to contact Teresa Gross.
2. A request has been made for a refund of Brookstone Bay stallion service that was purchased at the Stallion Service Auction in 2015; after much discussion the request will be revisited at the next board meeting.
3. Cold Granite Stone service was purchased in 2016, stallion was sold and no one seemed to know who bought the horse. Jim Hurley has knowledge of the new farm/owner; he will contact to see if they will honor the breeding.

Dianne has been in contact with Wyndham with regards to our banquet & Stallion Service Auction and Banquet for 2018, they do have the 12th & 13th available. Board agreed that she should reserve the Wyndham for those dates.

Committee Appointments were made:

Youth Day 2017 - Vickie Duke

Scholarships - Stephanie McConnell & Jill Patrick

Schooling Races - Dickie Benton, Jim Hurley & Nick Johnson

Speed Sale - Vick Conway & Butch & Karen Yike

Awards on Track - Dianne Bennett & Karen Yike

By-Laws - Chris Duke

Hall of Fame - Jim Noel & Paul Martin

Roger Beam requested consideration be given for a Long Range Planning Committee, committee would be tasked to develop a 3-5 yr plan, maybe even a 10 year plan for the future of QHRAI, Board agreed it would be in QHRAI's best interest - Roger Beam & Chris Duke were appointed.

Jim Noel requested that in addition to Youth Day for High School age that we also consider Little Britches & College Students. He is to come up with some ideas and report back to the Board.

Benevolence requests from Denver Saddle Club & Permanently Disabled Jockey Fund were discussed. Dickie Benton moved that Denver Saddle Club be given \$350 as in the past, Nick Johnson 2nd the motion, vote for approval was unanimous. Discussion was held on the PDJF, Vickie Duke made a motion to support the PDJF by donating \$750., Dickie Benton 2nd the motion, motion was unanimously approved.

Conflict of interest statements were signed, notarized and returned by those present. The absent Board Members will be required to complete the form and return.

Jim Noel reported that he had been contacted by Shirley Tresner, she has the connections to schedule the Governor of Indiana to attend (and maybe hand out awards) at one of the Race Days, reported availability was in June, Jim will discuss with Shirley to see if there are any other options, the Board agreed it would be really nice to have him hand out the awards for the Governors Stakes Race.

Jim Noel passed out information from Strides for Success and requested that they be given a short time to present at the next Board Meeting.

Next meeting is April 3rd at 5:30 pm, Indiana Grand, 3rd floor

Vickie Duke moved to adjourn, Dickie Benton 2nd the motion, vote was unanimous.

Adjourned 7:56pm