

QHRAI Board Meeting
Indiana Grand, Shelbyville, IN
May 1, 2017

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

Absent: Butch Yike, Karen Yike & Vick Conway

Guests: Ram Torres & Betty Haffner

The meeting was called to order by President Paul Martin.

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 Small Stable Rules, Graded Stakes Races and Benevolence Requests.

Jim Hurley moved to approve the Minutes of the April Board meeting, Chris Duke 2nd the motion, approved unanimously.

Gaming revenue report was presented. Jim Noel moved to approve the report Dickie Benton 2nd the motion, motion approved.

Treasurer's Report was given by Roger Beam, Vickie Duke moved to approve the report, Nick Johnson 2nd motion was approved unanimously.

Breed Development issues were discussed, need representation. Dianne Bennett reported she did get confirmation that they will commit to the Indiana awards again. Dianne will discuss with Jessica about coming to a meeting and see about monthly representation.

IHRC - Discussion on HB1350, possible benefits to Quarter Horse Racing. Also, Megan Arszman communicated with Dianne about a seminar for owners & breeders on Marketing Stallions & Farms. She has requested Dianne's assistance.

Indiana Grand information - Stewards meeting report was given by Paul Martin. Assistance was requested with regards to the "dress code" for all in the paddock. The use of flipping rigs will be allowed, ground rules will be established and communicated. QHRAI did have representation at the ITOBA banquet also at the Centaur Equine Center Grand Opening.

Board discussed "hair testing" and the possible problems, need more research and information so that QHRAI is prepared for the future efforts to eliminate drug abuse. Checking with other Tracks to see how they are handling the testing.

Dianne noted that payments have been coming in, are having trouble with the mail house, getting the payment booklets printed & mailed. There has been a good response to request for COMPLETED forms.

AQHA - Graded Stakes Jim Noel called AQHA to talk to Janet VanBebber, she was not available, he was told that they are looking at the "Grading system" and would like input from all, she encouraged him and the group to send a letter. Chris Duke will follow up.

Tip sheet - AQHA will not pay for tip sheets, Indiana Grand doesn't have the funds available

SSA Stallions - Issue has come up on a stallion service, California Cash 37, that was purchased thru SSA, information has not been sent to individual, because so much time has elapsed she is requesting a refund. Board discussed this issue, requested confirmation that the fee was in fact paid and will revisit at the next meeting.

Committee Reports:

- Youth Day: V. Duke - 6 applications so far, promises of more. Would like at least 8-10
- Scholarships: S. McConnell & J. Patrick - Four applications so far, question was raised about the application stating "equine related field". Roger Beam moved to change the wording from "enrolled in an equine related field" to "enrolled with equine aspirations" for future scholarship considerations. Chris Duke 2nd the motion, motion passed unanimously.
- Schooling Races: Went very well, all those involved really stepped up & helped, took about 21 track employees, plus EMTs. Questions have been asked about another date, is there a need? Wanted to note that Steve went above & beyond working with the horses in the gate.
- Speed Sale: Marion County Fairgrounds - October 22nd
- Awards on Track: Ordering SSA awards
- By-Laws: Review updated bylaws changes that were approved previously.
- Hall of Fame: Nothing to report
- Long Range Planning: Will need to look at statistics at the end of the year

Benevolence:

- Shanley Jackson was given \$500. as an emergency benefit approved by the executive Board. He believes he will be off six weeks. John McCreary moved to give Shanley an additional \$2,000, Vickie Duke 2nd motion. Passed unanimously.
- Duane Swingley believes a benefit was not given to him when his wife passed away, Dickie Benton moved to give Duane Swingley \$1,000, providing he has not been given the benefit amount, Roger Beam 2nd the motion, unanimous approval.

- Strides For Success was at April's meeting for a presentation on their program. Chris Duke moved to award the Strides for Success \$1,500., Jim Noel 2nd the motion, unanimously approved.
- Johnson Co FFA has requested a donation for an all purpose facility to be built at their FFA Leadership Center. Jim Noel moved to donate \$1,500 towards the building, Dickie Benton 2nd the motion, approved.
- It was brought to the Boards attention that Julie Veltman has broken her leg twice in the last year without any benevolence from our group, Chris Duke moved that she be given \$2,500, John McCreary 2nd the motion, unanimously approved.

Chaplain - Vickie Duke made a motion to compensate Otto Thorwarth \$10,000 per year for Chaplain duties for 2017. Dickie Benton 2nd the motion, unanimous approval.

Other Business:

Small Stable Award guidelines need to be established

Otto holds Bible Study Thursday evenings

Ram mentioned the shortage of riders, he will make some phone calls trying to get some more riders here.

Roger moved to adjourn Jim Hurley 2nd motion, meeting adjourned. 8:49pm