

QHRAI Board Meeting  
Horseshoe Indianapolis, Shelbyville, IN  
January 9, 2023

Directors present: Roger Beam, Vickie Duke, Tim Eggleston, Stephanie McConnell, Jill Patrick, Jessica Vazquez, Gary Fouts, Abbie Haffner, Nick Johnson, Teresa Myers and Executive Director Dianne Bennett.

Directors attending electronically: Pam Hann, James Hurley & President Paul Martin

Directors absent: none

Breed Development: Chris Duke

Guests: Jim Noel

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Stephanie McConnell

President Stephanie McConnell welcomed the newly elected members to the Board, Gary Fouts, Abbie Haffner, Nick Johnson & Teresa Myers. She also reviewed the purpose of the organization and Director responsibility.

#### Election of Officers

President - 2 year term, Vickie Duke nominated Paul Martin, Stephanie McConnell 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion; a call for additional nominations was made. Teresa Myers moved to close the nominations, Tim Eggleston 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion approved unanimously. Paul Martin will be QHRAI President 2023-2024

Vice-President- Pam Hann nominated Stephanie McConnell, Abbie 2<sup>nd</sup> the nomination. A call for additional nominations was made. Teresa Myers moved the nominations be closed, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nick Johnson, approved unanimously.

Treasurer - Tim Eggleston nominated Jim Hurley, Jill Patrick 2<sup>nd</sup> the nomination. A call for additional nominations was made. Teresa Myers moved the nominations be closed, Vickie Duke 2<sup>nd</sup> motion approved unanimously.

Secretary - Tim Eggleston nominated Teresa Myers, Jill Patrick 2<sup>nd</sup> the nomination. A call for additional nominations was made. Jill moved the nominations be closed, Jessica Vazquez 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, approved unanimously.

Industry Relations position was discussed by Paul Martin and Board. Teresa Myers made a motion to appoint Tim Eggleston to the position, Gary Fouts 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed unanimously.

Board member attendance sheets & information packets were passed out. No additions to the Agenda.

Minutes for the November Board meeting were presented for approval; Vickie Duke moved to approve the minutes, Abbie Haffner 2<sup>nd</sup>, approved unanimously.

The November/December Gaming revenue report was presented by Vickie Duke. Tim Eggleston moved to approve the report, Teresa Myers 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, unanimously approved.

Discussion held about approval for the reoccurring monthly charges to include;

- **Equine Promotion and Welfare fund** - Horse Angels, Inc., \$750 per month; Otto Thorworth Ministries, \$500 per month
- **Association Fund** - Admuncie, LLC, \$638 per month for website hosting; Teresa Myers \$1,300 per month for Stake Race payment processing; Teresa Myers \$500 per month for SSA Secretary; Verizon Wireless, amount varies per month for hair testing scheduler phone service;
- **Non-gaming Fund** -; RJL Solutions \$3,500 per month
- **Benevolence Fund** - Jonathan Otto Thorwarth - \$1,333.33 per month for Chaplain Services; Jessica Vazquez \$500 per month for Hispanic Liaison.

Motion was made by Vickie Duke to approve the reoccurring charges as listed above, Tim Eggleston 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion approved.

The Treasurer report for November/December was presented by Jim Hurley as prepared by Dave Kahre. Tim Eggleston moved to approve the report, Jessica Vazquez 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion approved unanimously.

#### Breed Development

- Discussed Breed Development Rules. Mare registration Emergency rule was approved. Discussed at length other mares & sire changes that had been suggested. Feedback was given for Chris to take to the Breed Development meeting.

#### Indiana Horse Racing Commission

- Application was presented by Stephanie, she did an excellent job presenting, and application was approved.
- Conflict of Interest will be emailed
- Hair Testing - Continued discussion about changes with hair testing and piroplasmiasis testing, Dr. Peterson would be happy to meet with a group, need a few dates. Committee members: Roger Beam, Pam Hann & Tim Eggleston.

#### Horseshoe Indianapolis

- Quarter Horse Stall application due January 25th
- Capital Items were approved

#### Stake Nominations, Payments, Schedule and Racing Season 2023

- Teresa Myers reported on Stakes Payment discussion with trainers on requests. Discussed the online payment system quotes from three parties. Tim Eggleston mad a motion to hire Big Sky to do the online payment system, Abbie Haffner 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion approved unanimously.

## Stake Nominations, Payments, Schedule and Racing Season 2023 continued

- Discussion on late fees for Stakes payments. Abbie Haffner made a motion to change the late fees on Open races with trials to double the missed payments with the exception of the final payment. Late payments are not accepted on final payment. Nick Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> motion, motion passed unanimously.

## SSA Committee

- Auction is going well, horses and bidders about normal for the same time. Auction ends 1/15/23. Discussion on starting prices and Farm Fees, should make all horses consistent, will discuss next year prior to Auction..
- Year End Awards - Committee Stephani McConnell, Jessi Vazquez, Tim Eggleston, Jill Patrick & Teresa Myers. Will bring recommendation back for Board Approval in February.
- Jacket/Vest - Discussion about what type of jacket/vest - shorter light windbreaker with hood was the consensus. Tim Eggleston made a motion to comp jackets for the Board members, Jessica Vazquez 2<sup>nd</sup> motion carried.
- Banquet - March 11<sup>th</sup> - Board meeting March 10<sup>th</sup>, Directors travelling a distance will be reimbursed for overnight stay. Vickie Duke moved to hire Rachel for Emcee, Tim Eggleston 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed unanimously.
- Silent Auction - Committee members Kelli Eggleston, Abbie Haffner, Emily Hutchinson & Teresa Myers. Roger Beam made a motion to donate \$1500 for Silent Auction items, Nick Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed unanimously. Request Board members to get donations.
- Hall Of Fame - bring ideas to February meeting

## Committees:

- Youth Day: Discussion on possible dates, 6-24, 7-15 & 6-17 dates in order of preference
- Scholarship: Nothing new to report
- Membership: Renewal notice was sent in December
- Speed Sale: Roger will report back in February with the results of the survey.
- Awards on Track: Will report back in February on prices for Halters/Shanks
- By-Laws: No updates
- Long Range Planning: Roger will report back in February with the results of the survey.
- Newsletters: Discussion on an online digital newsletter instead of mailing due to costs. Thought is most people look at the magazine and wouldn't look at the digital, discuss more in February
- Web-site - Discussed, more info available in February

## Lobbyist:

- Economic Impact Meeting - Report has to be approved & will then be released to public
- Meeting with Senator Ford - Dianne reported
- Discussion about Horseman's Day for Legislators, 1<sup>st</sup> week of March.

AQHA Conference: Fort Worth, Texas February 24-27 - Stephanie McConnell & Chris Duke will be going to represent Quarter Horse Racing. Teresa Myers made a motion to pay expenses for both attendees for the Conference, Tim Eggleston 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Other Business:

- Gee O'Neal's father passed away unexpectedly, they have a serious need for any donations for funeral expenses. Discussion, Vickie Duke made a motion to pay \$1,000 towards funeral expenses, Abbie Haffner 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. Motion passed unanimously
- Tim Eggleston commented on Oaklawn Park Race Track, impressive crowds, entire town was geared towards Horse Racing.

Next Meeting date - February 13<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 p.m. Horseshoe Indianapolis 3<sup>rd</sup> floor  
Refreshments will be provided, but no meal.

Roger Beam moved to adjourn, Tim Eggleston 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed unanimously. ☺ 9:08 pm