

QHRAI Board Meeting  
Horseshoe Indianapolis, Shelbyville, IN  
February 13, 2023

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

Directors attending electronically: Pam Hann & James Hurley

Directors absent: none

Breed Development: Chris Duke

Guests: none

The meeting was called to order by President Paul Martin

Board member attendance sheets & information packets were passed out. Two additions to the Agenda to be discussed under New Business.

Minutes for the January Board meeting were presented for approval; Jill Patrick made a motion to approve the minutes, Abbie Haffner 2<sup>nd</sup>, approved unanimously.

The January Gaming revenue report was presented by Vickie Duke. Jill Patrick moved to approve the report, Abbie Haffner 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, unanimously approved.

The Treasurer report for January was presented by Jim Hurley as prepared by Dave Kahre. Vickie Duke mad a motion to approve the report, Nick Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion approved unanimously.

#### Breed Development

- Chris Duke reported on Breed Development meeting. He presented several requests for future rule changes to consider and an emergency rule that was approved to increase awards for breeders (mare owners) to 17.5%.

#### AQHA Affiliate

Tim Eggleston made a motion to approve the request for QHRAI to be an official Affiliate of AQHA, Jessie Vazquez 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion approved unanimously. Stephanie McConnell will be the new contact with AQHA

#### Indiana Horse Racing Commission

- Paul reported on the meeting held. Items discussed, Hair testing prices are increasing to \$175, very likely 2<sup>nd</sup> test will still be required, 360 whip discussion, Piroplasmosis discussion is still ongoing.

#### Horseshoe Indianapolis

- Quarter Horse Stalls - requested to separate Quarter horses in different barns, being considered for 2024
- Jockeys pay was discussed, Roger Beam moved to increase jockey pay to 10% or 100.00, whichever is greater. Jessica Vazquez 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed unanimously.
- Mounted Police - Discussed a request for support, needing funds for a new facility.

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

- Teresa Myers reported on Online Stakes Payment system. System is ready to go live; Big Sky did an excellent job getting the system set up. In person has been approved, waiting on preferred location.
- Discussion on date change on Stakes schedule, Blue River Derby trials moved to July 3<sup>rd</sup>

### SSA Committee

- Auction is doing well; currently the net is \$117,000 which is up from the final figures in 2022. Discussed an issue with a buyer, Board consensus was to follow the rules, all bids are final.
- Year End Awards - Committee's recommendation for year-end awards was presented, Tim Eggleston moved to approve the recommendation for year-end awards, Jill Patrick 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion approved unanimously.
- Jacket - Deadline February 14<sup>th</sup>
- Banquet - March 11<sup>th</sup> - Board meeting March 10<sup>th</sup> - Emcee Tammy Knox
- Silent Auction - Committee members Kelli Eggleston, Abbie Haffner, Emily Hutchinson & Teresa Myers. Committees working at getting donations, Board members are encouraged to get donations.
- Hall Of Fame - Nominations given to Jill Patrick, open to any other nominations. Board voted, Hall of Fame inductees, Mike Smith & WH Design By Dash.

### Committees:

- Youth Day: June 24<sup>th</sup>
- Scholarship: due May 15<sup>th</sup>
- Membership: 154 members at this time
- Speed Sale/Survey results: 68% of survey results were in favor of moving the sale to not limit numbers of consignments. Discussed results of the survey. Discussed options of locations, dates & race. Committee: Stephanie McConnell, Gary Fouts and Abbie Haffner.

Discussion about the race, Abbie Haffner made a motion to have two races for the 2024 Speed Sale Stakes, a \$35,000 added fillies race and a \$35,000 added colts/geldings race that go thru the sale ring in 2023. Pam 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, 11 for, 1 against.

- Awards on Track: Discussion on Halters/Shanks for finalist in Stakes Races, Abbie Haffner made a motion to buy Halters & Shanks for the finalists in Stakes Races, Nick Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Discussion on saddle towels.
- By-Laws: No updates
- Long Range Planning: No updates

### Committees continued:

- Newsletters: Discussion on April - May newsletter
- Web-site - Pam Hann presented information from the three estimates that were received from, The Horse Resource, Christa Conway; Admin Muncie, Rosie McCormick & Big Sky Internet Design, Tom Bruch. Gary Fouts made a motion to accept the Big Sky Internet design quote, Tim Eggleston 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed unanimously. Pam was suggested as the front person for the web-site design.

### Lobbyist:

- Economic Impact Meeting - Report has been published
- IGaming is dead for now.

AQHA Conference: Fort Worth, Texas February 24-27 - Stephanie McConnell & Chris Duke will be going to represent Quarter Horse Racing.

### Other Business:

- IHRC is pushing for additional cameras for improved integrity. A letter of support has been requested. Abbie Haffner made a motion for President Paul Martin to write a letter to IHRC supporting the use of additional cameras to improve security measures. Vickie Duke 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed.
- Logo use- Don't want to open the use of the QHRAI logo
- Discussion on mailing list for Track Magazine.

Next Meeting date - March 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 p.m. Horseshoe Indianapolis 3<sup>rd</sup> floor  
Refreshments will be provided, but no meal.

Nick Johnson moved to adjourn, Abbie Haffner 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed unanimously. ☺ 9:10 pm