

QHRAI Board Meeting  
Horseshoe Indianapolis, Shelbyville, IN  
May 8, 2023

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

Directors attending electronically: James Hurley and Jessica Vazquez

Directors absent: None

Breed Development: None

Guests: Shawna Martin

The meeting was called to order by President Paul Martin

Board member attendance sheets & information packets were passed out. Additions to the Agenda include a question pertaining to QH days and a request for donation.

Minutes for the April Board meeting were presented for approval; Vickie Duke made a motion to approve the minutes, Tim Eggleston 2<sup>nd</sup>, approved unanimously.

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

The Treasurer report for April was presented as prepared by Dave Kahre, Accountant. Jill Patrick moved to approve the Treasures Report, Tim Eggleston 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion approved unanimously. It was reported that the interest rates are going up for the CD and the Accountant is finishing up the Agreed Upon procedures.

#### Breed Development

- No new information

Meeting location - Approved by Eric to have meeting at the Track Kitchen, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm

#### Indiana Horse Racing Commission

- Paul reported on the Stewards meeting. There was a lot of Tb information, discussion on the whip use, starting to crack down on the new style whip being used for Quarter Horse training.
- Lasix charges will be charged to Owners accounts, important to check all medications in tack room.

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- Reviewed marketing information that was presented in April.
  - Discussion on face painters, approximate cost \$400 per day. Abbie Haffner made a motion to have the face painters on every Quarter Horse day, Jessie Vazquez 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion was approved unanimously.
  - Champions Day drawing - Draw a name on Quarter Horse days for a table and food for 4 at Champions day. Motion was made by Vickie Duke to have drawings on 4 Quarter Horse days, Nick Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, approved unanimously
  - Discussion on Back to School, other options for marketing.
  - Jill Patrick presented her idea for marketing for Quarter Horse Days; Jill Patrick will be the Chair for the Marketing Committee.
- Front side gate works - Abbie Haffner reported on things that went well, things that need consideration for next year. Discussion about payment for Otto Thorworth's help on the schooling dates. Jill Patrick made a motion to pay Otto \$300 for his assistance, Abbie Haffner 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, approved unanimously.

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

- Payments going well
- Abbie Haffner reported on the Top Ten listing on trials, should be ready for May 18<sup>th</sup> Harley Greene trials.
- Discussion on advertising for 2024 Governor Stakes race - July, September, November

## SSA Committee

- Auction report, stallions are still selling. Reported that a buyer has requested a refund, the refund request is within the guideline of our terms, Stallion injured not able to be collected, never shipped on the stallion. Refund will be sent.
- Awards Banquet - Discussion about the banquet date, Gary Fouts made a motion to hold the banquet February 10<sup>th</sup>, Tim Eggleston 2<sup>nd</sup>, the motion was approved unanimously. Dianne is to confirm with the facility.

## Committees:

- Youth Day: Several applications received
- Scholarship: No applications at this time, due May 15<sup>th</sup>
- Membership: 269 members at this time
- Speed Sale: Discussion about Speed Sale, information passed out about past cost, short version of job descriptions, a suggested budget. Board requested that Teresa talk to Vick about including the "check-in" into the Sales Manager fee, then can vote by e-mail.
- Awards on Track: In process
- By-Laws: No updates
- Long Range Planning: No updates
- Newsletter: working on June newsletter
- Web-site update: Photos can be changed

### Lobbyist:

- Time to renew the contract, language in our current contract allows for month to month contract as long as the scope of the work does not change. Tim Eggleston made a motion to continue with the current lobbyists, Pam Hann 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried unanimously

### Requests

- Indiana Barrel Futurity request for the \$5,000 donation for 2<sup>nd</sup> career horses, Teresa Myers made a motion to donate \$5,000 to the Indiana Barrel Futurity for 2<sup>nd</sup> career race horses, Tim Eggleston 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed unanimously.

### Other Business

- Roger Beam resigned his position as Director, his term expires December 2023. Discussion, Tim Eggleston made a motion to offer the position to Hector Sanchez, Jill Patrick 2<sup>nd</sup> motion, motion approved unanimously. Dianne to talk to Hector
- Executive Director Job Description - previous job description and timeline was handed out for a starting point.
- Request for a closed meeting to discuss job performance, discussion about closed meetings. Job performance was discussed; Dianne requested a decision on her employment tonight. Dianne and Paul left the meeting so the Board could discuss the job performance openly. All board members were given the opportunity to speak and ask questions. Vote was taken; decision was 3 votes to continue employment, 8 votes to end employment.
- Paul Martin requested that Teresa Myers serve as interim Executive Director.

Next Meeting date - June 12<sup>th</sup> at the Track kitchen, 6:00 pm

Abbie Haffner made a motion to adjourn, Pam Hann 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed unanimously. 11:15 pm