

QHRAI Board Meeting
Horseshoe Indianapolis
Backstretch Café, Shelbyville, IN
June 12, 2023

Directors present: Tim Eggleston, Stephanie McConnell, Gary Fouts, Abbie Haffner, Nick Johnson, Teresa Myers

Directors attending electronically: James Hurley and Pam Hann

Directors absent: Vickie Duke, Jill Patrick

Breed Development: None

Guests: Jim Noel

The meeting was called to order by Acting President, Stephanie McConnell

Additions to the Agenda include a question pertaining to Backside meetings, A letter received from the HRC and Interim Executive Director Pay.

Minutes for the May Board meeting were presented for approval; Tim Eggleston made a motion to approve the minutes, Abbie Haffner 2nd, approved unanimously.

The May Gaming revenue report was presented. Nick Johnson moved to approve the report, Tim Eggleston 2nd the motion, unanimously approved.

The Treasurer report for May was presented as prepared by Dave Kahre, Accountant. CD was renewed, account was split due to FDIC. Teresa Myers moved to approve the Treasures Report, Tim Eggleston 2nd, motion approved unanimously.

Breed Development

- Breeders Awards increase was approved

Indiana Horse Racing Commission

- Stephanie reported on a nice e-mail sent by the IHRC about Paul's passing
- Stephanie also received the Conditional Final Order for the 2023 Application that approved QHRAI as the Registered Horsemen's Association for quarter horse owners and trainers.

Horseshoe Indianapolis

- QH Day - Quarter Horse tables and activities were very well received, Jill did a great job showcasing QHRAI and Quart Horse Racing, the Morgantown Fire Department set up a table and talked to visitors about Large Animal Rescue.

Horseshoe Indianapolis continued:

- QH Marketing - Discussion on marketing items and pricing. Tim Eggleston made a motion to allow Jill Patrick a \$1,500 budget for Marketing give-aways. Gary Fouts 2nd the motion, unanimously approved.

Racing Season 2023

- Teresa report on Trial qualifiers, discussed Track conditions
- Teresa reported on Stakes entries
- Discussed concerns with AQHA Tattooer equipment and solution
- Discussed Track procedure for ship-ins

SSA Committee

- Auction report was discussed, one additional Stallion was sold. Letters have been sent to the Stallion owners, they have the month of June to pay to make their Stallions offspring to be eligible. Race entries reported
- Awards Banquet - Banquet date has been approved, February 10, 2024, discussion on possible speaker. Abbie Haffner, Pam Hann, Nick Johnson will serve on the Committee.

Committees:

- Youth Day: June 24th - 5 kids
- Scholarship: Teresa reported on Jill's recommendation, discussing each applicant. Board discussed, Gary Fouts moved to award each applicant a scholarship, the amount being determined by the membership eligibility rules in place, Abbie Haffner 2nd, motion approve unanimously.
- Membership: 279 members at this time
- Speed Sale: Set Up Committee: Tim Eggleston, Gary Fouts and Nick Johnson. Discussion about Speed Sale consignors/buyers bonus. Motion was made by Tim Eggleston to offer a \$2,500 bonus to the Consignor and a \$2500 bonus to the buyer of the horse that has the highest earnings racing in Indiana in 2024 that sells thru the sale. (sells thru the sale means day of the sale and sale/purchase is ran thru the QHRAI accounting books paying the appropriate commission), Nick Johnson 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Discussion about advertising for the sale catalogue. \$300 for inside pages & \$500 for inside cover. Can get a banner printed with advertisers.
- Awards on Track: New vendor, different design, so far received well.
- By-Laws: New Committee: Stephanie McConnell,
- Long Range Planning: New Committee: Gary Fouts
- Newsletter: Pam Hann & Teresa Myers
- Web-site update: No updates

Lobbyist:

- Review of their updated plans

Requests

- KissMass Juvenile requested a donation for 2nd career horses, Nick Johnson made a motion to donate \$1,500 to the KissMas Juvenile for 2nd career race horses, Abbie Haffner 2nd motion, passed unanimously.
- LoveWay, Inc. had requested consideration of a donation to their not for profit that provides services to individuals with disabilities involving horses. Discussion, Abbie Haffner made a motion to give \$1,200 and re-evaluate in September / October, later in the year. Gary Fouts 2nd, motion passed unanimously.

Benevolence

- Benevolence emergency requests for Isidro Banuelos, injury, Natasha Perez, injury, Librado Barraza, barn fire. Teresa Myers made a motion to give \$1,500. each, Nick Johnson 2nd the motion, motion approved unanimously.

Other Business

- Backside meeting for Horsemen was discussed, will discuss more at July meeting
- Jessica Vazquez resigned from her position as Director & Hispanic Liaison effective May 9, 2023
- Discussion on President - Nick Johnson nominated Chris Duke to fulfill Paul Martin's Term as President. Teresa Myers 2nd the nomination. Motion passed unanimously
- Interim Executive Director discussion - Tim Eggleston made a motion to compensate Teresa Myers as Interim Executive Director \$3,000 per month as contract labor until position is filled. Gary Fouts 2nd the motion, passed unanimously. While Teresa is serving as Interim Executive Director she will not have a vote as a Board Member.
- Advertisement for Executive Director - QHRAI has open application for Executive Director email resume / salary expectation to admin@indianaquarterhorseracing.com

Next Meeting date - July 10th at the Track kitchen, 6:00 pm

Tim Eggleston made a motion to adjourn, Nick Johnson 2nd, motion passed unanimously.
8:49 pm