

QHRAI Board Meeting
Horseshoe Indianapolis
Backstretch Café, Shelbyville, IN
August 14, 2023

Directors present: Vickie Duke, Tim Eggleston, Stephanie McConnell, James Hurley, Jill Patrick, Gary Fouts, Nick Johnson, Tyler Martin, Natasha Perez, President Chris Duke and Interim Executive Director Teresa Myers

Directors attending electronically: Abbie Haffner and Pam Hann

Directors absent: none

Breed Development: Chris Duke

Guests: none

The meeting was called to order by President, Chris Duke. He welcomed Tyler Martin & Natasha Perez to the Board.

No Additions to the Agenda

Minutes for the July Board meeting were presented for approval; Jim Hurley made the motion to approve the minutes, Tim Eggleston 2nd, approved unanimously.

Financials:

The July Gaming revenue report was presented by Vickie Duke, Jill Patrick moved to approve the report, Nick Johnson 2nd the motion, unanimously approved.

The Treasurer report for July was presented as prepared by Dave Kahre, Accountant. Jill Patrick moved to approve the report, Tim Eggleston 2nd, motion approved unanimously.

Accounts Payable report was presented for Approval, Jill Patrick moved to approve, Jim Hurley 2nd the motion, approved unanimously.

Lobbyists

- Eric Perry & Ryan Ritchie presented for RJL Solutions. They discussed current issues involving the Quarter Horse racing program and plans for the future.

Breed Development

- Chris reported on July 11th meeting. The race date was approved for the Gordon Mobley trials that were cancelled. Discussed budget and statistics on horses registered with the State.

IHRC

- Teresa Myers presented the information for the Application for Registration; Vickie Duke made a motion to approve the Application, Tyler Martin 2nd the motion, approved unanimously. Copies to be delivered to IHRC by September 1st.

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- Chris Duke reported that discussions were ongoing to establish protocol on Jockey concerns with track conditions. Also has discussed and believes there have been improvements with the Receiving Barn.
- Chris reported on the Capitol Improvement meeting. Discussion on potential projects. Also items discussed Quarter Horse winter training and winterizing barns.

Stakes - Nomination, Payments, Racing Season 2023:

- Chris Duke reported on the Backside meeting July 22nd, allowed anyone to ask questions or make suggestions for future improvements. Suggestion box might be beneficial.
- Quarter Horse Day - August 12th - weather was worrisome, Track was good, Handle was up from previous year.
- Stakes payment - Marked as an out, payment was paid. Trainer didn't enter, owner called about the reason the horse didn't get entered. Jill Patrick made a motion to refund entry fee, Tim Eggleston 2nd the motion, Approved unanimously.
- Entry & Trial reports - Discussed report

SSA Committee

- Updated report for entries, lost 9 entries due to rescheduling the trials cancelled on July 1st.
- Stallion owner question discussed - Gary Fouts made a motion to change the Stallion Owner deadline back to July 31st and to make it retroactive to include this year, Tim Eggleston 2nd the motion, approved unanimously.

Awards Banquet - February 10, 2024 - Discussion on potential speakers

Committees:

- Youth Day: nothing new to report
- Scholarship: nothing new to report
- Membership: 291 members at this time; Discussion about Lifetime memberships - Tyler Martin made a motion to allow a lifetime membership for \$250.00 and increase the annual membership fee to \$30.00 starting with 2024. Gary Fouts 2nd the motion, motion carried unanimously.
- Speed Sale: Teresa Myers reported on consignments and stats in comparison with other years. Catalogs should be mailed by Wednesday, added additional names to our mailing list to include past bidders and people entering or training stakes races. Discussed food options, checking on other options.

Committees continued:

- Awards on Track: Discussed hats for giveaway on October 7th Quarter Horse day
Jill Patrick made a motion to buy 100 ball caps & 100 toboggans for giveaway from DT Performance Designs, Jim Hurley 2nd the motion, motion approved unanimously.
- By-Laws: Stephanie McConnell - nothing to report
- Long Range Planning: Gary Fouts - nothing to report
- Newsletter: Pam Hann - agreed to prepare a newsletter every other month
- Web-site: should be getting new pictures will update

Requests

- Updated the Board on previously approved request, we did not sponsor a foursome, Pam could not participate. Motion to amend the minutes to reflect the change was made by Vickie Duke, 2nd by Tyler Martin, motion carried unanimously.

Benevolence

- Discussion about the PDJF presentations at the Track, questioning why QHRAI was not included.

Other Business

- Update on the advertising for Executive Director - expense for magazine advertising is unrealistic. Final job description included, applicant resume's passed out, tabled for future discussion. Discussion on a professional executive director, Tyler will contact a party to have them present at the next meeting. Teresa to send an email to applicants with a timeline of January 2024.

Next Meeting date - September 11th at the Backstretch Café (Track kitchen) 7:00 pm

Tim Eggleston made a motion to adjourn, Jim Hurley 2nd, motion passed unanimously. 9:10 pm