

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2019 – 1:00PM
SALERNO'S OTB, HODGKINS, IL.**

Directors Present: Searle, Hansen, H. Williams, Beals, Engel, Rath, Leonard, Fairley, Chupp

Directors Absent: Grummel, Teefey, Paul, Coleman, Franco, Zawistowski (joined by phone)

Others: Somone, Andrew Mack, Gary Mack, Freda Rogers, James Molitor.

Approval of December 16, 2019 Agenda: Motion by Director H. Williams, Seconded by Director Beals. All in favor. Motion passed.

Approval of the November 18, 2019 BOD Minutes: Motion by Director H. Williams, Seconded by Director Beals. All in favor. Motion passed.

Executive Directors Report:

The Racing Industry Charitable Foundation was awarded the grant by the IRB to continue as the backstretch horsemen's health care service provider.

Met with Hawthorne concerning the 2020 contract. Marty Engel, Al Beals and Casey Leonard in attendance. NOC money and breeders awards have finally been paid up.

A new horsemen's group in Kentucky is being proposed.

Attended Arizona symposium on racing and gaming. Discussed the variable relevant topics.

Trying to learn more about the interested parties behind Balmoral as a future racino.

ACTION ITEMS:

Legislative –.

Steve Brubaker sent in his report and Tony read and commented from it. Senate Cullerton's replacement is likely to be either Senator Lightford or Senator Harmon. More troubling stories, this time from the Senate GOP on gaming related issues. Both chambers will return to Springfield on Jan. 28. Steve has been in contact with other locations who are seeking a casino license. Illinois Gaming Board has not announced licenses or rulemakings for the various items contained in the gaming expansion law.

GrassRoots and Membership –

Membership renewals for 2020 have been sent out and so far, within the first week, about 100 have been returned.

County Fairs –

A general recap of the recent Standardbred advisory board was given by Clark.

Race Track Condition and Backstretch –

Tony mentioned that we should have a small committee organized and meet regularly with representatives from Hawthorne to address the track condition. Casey Leonard to lead the way.

Legal –

2020 contract with Hawthorne was discussed and a follow up phone call or meeting will be arranged to try and sort through some differences of opinion.

Purse Account –

It is anticipated that we will finish the year about \$200k down from this time last year, which would be approximately 500k down to start the year.

Payment of Bills –

Director Beals has reviewed the bills and motioned to pay, second by Director Fairley. All in favor. Motion passed.

Finance – nothing new to report.

Public Relations –

Nothing to report.

Breeders –

Nothing significant to report.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Al Beals, seconded by Hosea Williams. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM.