

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2019 – 1:00PM
SALERNO'S OTB, HODGKINS, IL.**

Directors Present: Searle, Hansen, Grummel, H. Williams, Beals, Engel, Franco, Rath, Leonard, Zawistowski.

Directors Absent: Teefey, Chupp, Paul, Fairley, Coleman.

Others: Somone, Watson, Brubaker, Hoffmann, Paradise.

Approval of November 18, 2019 Agenda: Motion by Director H. Williams, Seconded by Director Hansen. All in favor. Motion passed.

Approval of the October 21, 2019 BOD Minutes: Motion by Director H. Williams, Seconded by Director Zawistowski. All in favor. Motion passed.

Executive Directors Report:

Has been working on a suggested 2020 budget and after conferring with the finance committee and the legislative committee will look for approval during today's executive session.

Has been working with AI to include everyone's suggestions for our 2020 contract with Hawthorne. A meeting will be set up soon with Hawthorne to discuss.

Dept. of Ag. money from NOC and DuQuoin will be available this week.

A new part-time assistant will be starting this week.

Veto-session saw Arlington Park continue to try and make things difficult for our association to function.

Rick Heidner has not given up in his quest for a new racino.

Other interested parties in a local racino are beginning to inquire.

ACTION ITEMS:

Legislative –.

Steve Brubaker reported that Senate President Cullerton has retired and a new Senate President will take over in January. Changes at the top tiers are expected. City of Chicago worked feverishly to get changes during the veto session as did Arlington Park but nothing was able to move. There was a gaming board clean-up bill for some technical changes and that was the only bill related to gaming that passed. The Dept. of Agriculture was unable to advance the clean-up language regarding Illinois stallions. It was no fault of the agency and was just an example of how little was allowed to move during this session. There was a bill introduced which would add Crete to the list of cities allowed to have a racino and strike the 35 mile rule. This bill would be of obvious interest to us but has plenty of question marks surrounding it.

GrassRoots and Membership –

Brenda Watson worked together with Bernie Paul and then proceeded to call everyone on the membership committee. All agreed to leave the current membership details for 2020 as is. A membership phone call will be arranged for later in the year to discuss a strategy to attain new members.

County Fairs –

Standardbred Advisory Board is scheduled to meet this week.

Race Track Condition and Backstretch –

Nothing to report.

Legal –

2020 Contract with Hawthorne was discussed further and a meeting will be scheduled.

Purse Account –

It is anticipated that we may be about \$200k down from this time last year, but because of the timing of some of the ADW payments it is not certain.

Payment of Bills –

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

Finance –

Will be discussed in executive session.

Public Relations –

Nothing to report.

Breeders –

Nothing to report.

Board went into executive session at 3:10, executive session ended at 3:40.

There was a brief discussion regarding the 2020 budget and a motion made by Director Beals to approve the 2020 budget and seconded by Director Hansen. All in favor, motion approved.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Al Beals, seconded by Hosea Williams. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 3:45PM.