

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2019 – 1:00PM  
AMERICAN LEGION HALL, SPRINGFIELD, IL.**

**Directors Present:** Teefey, Searle, Hansen, Chupp, Grummel, H. Williams, Paul, Beals, Engel, Fairley, Leonard.

? Zawistowski (listened in by phone) TBD at next meeting as absent or present.

**Directors Absent:** Franco, Coleman, Rath.

**Others:** Somone, A. Mack, Watson, Brubaker, Hoffmann, Bill Wright, Mike Brink, Doc Walker, Tim Norman, Paradise

**Approval of October 21, 2019 Agenda:** Motion by Director C. Fairley, Seconded by Director H. Williams. All in favor. Motion passed.

**Approval of the September, 2019 BOD Minutes:** Motion by Director H. Williams. Seconded by Director Paul. All in favor. Motion passed.

**Executive Directors Report:**

A note was read from Noel to Marty thanking the board for their support throughout the years.

A “thank you” plaque for Kay Rath was completed and will be presented to her. Thank you gift certificates for their help throughout the year were given to Barb and Julie (horsemen’s bookkeepers) and LeAnn and Tina for their help with County Fairs.

Tony Somone reported on his trip to Hoosier Park with Marty to meet with Rick Heidner and his sons. The day was marred by the upsetting news of the day, but they still tried to accomplish their goal of showing Rick around. Thanks to Casey Leonard, Erv Miller, Roger Welch, Dave Magee and Tom Kelly for their help. More conversation continued concerning the events of that day and the subsequent IRB decision.

Tony is still looking for part time help at the office.

Third quarter budget vs. actual was completed, on target and there were no significant differences.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**Legislative –.**

Steve Brubaker reported on how the new information reported in the Chicago Tribune can affect us going forward. He explained the townships the racino was approved for and the 35 mile radius language. He mentioned that there

were other major player casino companies still trying to get into the Chicagoland market. He reported the dates for veto session and what we might expect. Conversation for supporting the Dept. of Ag and Illinois breeders on a drafting error in SB690 was discussed.

#### **GrassRoots and Membership –**

A conference call will be set up soon to discuss the 2020 strategy for membership.

#### **County Fairs –**

Clark spoke and a discussion about IHHA County Fair races ensued. The board said that it was likely that we would follow through with the same plan as last year, but until the final budget was approved could not become official.

#### **Race Track Condition and Backstretch –**

Hosea mentioned that T-bred horsemen would be living at Hawthorne while we were racing there in February, March and April. The former outrider Terry Brown situation was discussed.

#### **Legal –**

Al is making a list of new contract ideas to discuss with Hawthorne. Many were discussed, including getting some revenue from Sports Betting. Regarding point accumulation for NOC, there was a motion made by Ed Teefey to leave it the same as last year, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Casey Leonard, motion passed. Craig mentioned the need to insure children will always be allowed into the racetrack.

#### **Purse Account –**

May be \$200-300k behind last year. Hard to tell with ADW money coming in at different times.

#### **Payment of Bills –**

Motion by Clark Fairley to pay bills as presented, second by Hosea Williams. Motion passed.

#### **Finance –**

Al will review Tony's budget suggestions and will meet with the finance committee in the next few weeks to discuss further and then make a recommendation to the board.

#### **Public Relations –**

Nothing to report.

#### **Breeders –**

A meeting to discuss the oversight in SB690 has been set up with the Dept. Of Ag.

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