

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2020 – 1:00PM
IHHA OFFICE, DOWNSTAIRS MEETING ROOM.**

Directors Present: Teefey, Franco, Searle, Hansen, H. Williams, Beals, Engel, Leonard, Chupp, Grummel.

Directors Absent: Coleman, Fairley, Paul, Rath, Zawistowski (joined by phone)

Others: Somone, Brubaker, Watson, Hoffmann, Andrew Mack.

Approval of February 17, 2020 Agenda: Motion by Director H. Williams, Seconded by Director Leonard. All in favor. Motion passed.

Approval of the January 2020 BOD Minutes: Motion by Director H. Williams, Seconded by Director Searle. All in favor. Motion passed.

Executive Directors Report: Discussions with Legacy regarding our 2019 taxes and audit are in progress. Golf cart has been delivered and arrangements are ongoing. An opinion from a gaming attorney on the recent sports betting legislation has been given. Hawthorne has hired a former Arlington Park lobbyist. We have submitted our letter to the IRB regarding the proposed whipping rule. Coffee to the paddock on race nights has been appreciated. Legislative posturing by all gaming interests has begun, Steve to discuss more extensively.

ACTION ITEMS:

Legislative – Deadline for the introduction of bills was 2/14. They should all be posted within the next few days. Senate and House both have new staffers that will be working on gaming. We have begun and will continue to meet with legislators to share our 2020 goals with them.

GrassRoots and Membership – 2nd mailing for the 2020 memberships has gone out. We currently stand at 301 members with about 5-10 new ones coming in weekly.

County Fairs – Issues with the Pana County Fair were discussed.

Race Track Condition and Backstretch – Track condition for previous week's qualifiers was terrible. Ongoing, twice weekly meetings between Hawthorne management, members of the driver's committee and the Hawthorne track superintendent have begun. There is a serious concern that we could have ongoing issues throughout the year.

Legal – new suggested IRB rules were discussed again.

Purse Account – Geo-location tracking and its impact on the purse account was discussed. A clause in the contract which said that purses could not be reduced at least until June was discussed.

Payment of Bills – Al Beals motioned to pay the bills, second by Hosea Williams.

Finance – nothing to report.

Public Relations – nothing to report.

Public Relations/Social Media –nothing to report.

Breeders – New stallions are coming to Illinois as breeders are readying for a brighter future.

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