

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
MONDAY, June 15, 2020 – 1:00PM  
CONFERENCE CALL – DUE TO CORONAVIRUS PROTOCOL.**

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

**Directors Absent:** Teefey, Franco

**Others:** Somone, Brubaker, Watson, Hoffmann, Gary Mack, Andrew Mack, Kyle Husted.

**Approval of May, 2020 Agenda:** Motion by Director B. Paul, Seconded by Director H. Williams, All in favor. Motion passed.

**Approval of the April 2020 BOD Minutes:** Motion by Director H. Williams, Seconded by Director G. Rath. All in favor. Motion passed.

**Executive Directors Report:** Tax exempt status is still pending. Hopefully a positive decision will come soon. Election cycle has begun. Thank you letter to Governor Pritzker will be sent out tomorrow. Hawthorne's track conditioner has been repaired and now functional. Arlington Park OTB network, as feared, reported dismal numbers. They are not functional OTB's. No cash paid out, no programs, spotty hours, etc. It will be reported to the Illinois Racing Board. A woman from downstate is looking for a retired harness horse to have as a pleasure horse. Anyone know of one, let me know.

**Kyle Husted** wanted to speak with the board about recapture. He asked why Hawthorne wasn't deferring recapture like the T-breds. An explanation and discussion followed.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**Legislative** –spring session has ended and as expected nothing significant for horse racing was passed. The City of Chicago got their gaming bill language and a few other casino interests had some issues resolved. The breeding bill that we were trying to pass was frustratingly held up and never allowed to advance. Veto session will be our next opportunity. The Dept. of Ag. 708 money, used for state and county fairs will be available.

**Grassroots and Membership** – memberships is currently at 390

**County Fairs** – June county fair races have been moved to Springfield. They will be spectator free and follow all of the Covid-19 safety requirements. It is expected that July and August will follow the same routine.

**Race Track Condition and Backstretch** – condition of saddle pads was discussed. “Kash” is doing a great job of getting the horses out in a timely fashion. Parking of trucks and trailers, do and don’ts, were discussed.

**Legal** – Nothing to report.

**Purse Account** – until we see the results from the first few weeks of our return it’s tough to gauge on where we will be in the future. Just a guess right now until OTB’s reopen completely and all of the ADW money hits the purse account.

**Payment of Bills** – Al motioned that pending his review of the bills at the office on Wednesday, all of the bills be paid. Seconded by Paul, motion passes.

**Finance** – Nothing to report.

**Public Relations/Social Media** – Tim Konkle and his magazine was discussed in regards to giving him the IHHA membership list. A motion to not give it to him was made but then withdrawn. It was decided that Craig would speak with him, let the board know and we would discuss it again through e-mail.

**Breeders** – Nothing to report.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Director Beals, seconded by Director H. Williams. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 2:30PM.