

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2020 – 1:00PM  
CONFERENCE CALL – DUE TO CORONAVIRUS PROTOCOL.**

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

**Directors Absent:** Searle, Chupp.

**Others:** Somone, Brubaker, Watson, Hoffmann, Gary Mack.

**Approval of March, 2020 Agenda:** Motion by Director H. Williams, Seconded by Director Rath. All in favor. Motion passed.

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

Marty Engel spoke to the board concerning the recent Federal indictments. A lengthy conversation by many ensued. Hawthorne's statement regarding protocol for the handling of those horses was discussed. It was agreed that the IHHA would make a public statement regarding the indictments and Hawthorne's new policy.

**Executive Directors Report:** Hawthorne has closed the racetrack for all public admission. Only horsemen that are racing will be allowed in the paddock area. The OTB's will be closing. The purse account will get crushed, a purse cut is likely. Met with Senator Cunningham regarding future horsemen's need. Will be meeting with Dept. of Ag. Director as soon as possible. Attended the HHI meeting in Florida. A full report on that meeting will be given at either the next board meeting or through an e-mail.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**Legislative** –. The legislative committee met and discussed all of the current bills that could impact us. Steve reported on those specific bills and whether the committee has decided to support or oppose. Because of the virus situation it is currently unclear on when the General Assembly will return.

**GrassRoots and Membership** – memberships continue to come in and we are at 335.

**County Fairs** – payments to stay eligible for the County Fairs are due today.

**Race Track Condition and Backstretch** – The towing of horsemen's vehicles was discussed. The biggest point of contention was how this message was communicated to us. A simple request when you entered the stable gate would have alleviated much of the confusion. Parts for the non-working track conditioner were being pursued by Hawthorne and hopefully they will have that working sooner rather than later.

**Legal** – nothing at this time.

**Purse Account** – if on-track and OTB wagering are shut down for any extended period of time, the purse account will be take a big hit and a purse cut will be imminent.

**Payment of Bills** – Al motioned that pending his review of the bills at the office tomorrow (Tuesday) all of the bills be paid. Seconded by Engel, motion passes.

**Finance** – nothing at this time.

**Public Relations** – nothing at this time.

**Public Relations/Social Media** – Angie is trying to share as much information as possible through our platforms.

**Breeders** – new stallions continue to register in Illinois for this breeding season.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Director Williams, seconded by Director Grummel. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 2:45 PM.