

MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 2019– 1PM -BOARD NOTES

SALERNO’S – HODGKINS., IL.

Installation of New Board Members: President Engel welcomed new board member Casey Leonard. President Engel congratulated the returning directors and thanked all for their participation in the election process.

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

Directors Absent: None

Others: Arens, Somone, Paradise, Brubaker, Hoffmann, A. Mack, G. Mack

Approval of August Annual Minutes/Report: Motion by Director Paul to accept the Annual Board Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Director Hansen. All in favor. Motion passed.

Approval of August Agenda: Motion by Director Fairley for approval of the August 19, 2019 agenda. Seconded by Director H. Williams. All in favor. Motion passed.

Election of Officers: Executive Director Somone called for nominations for the position of President. Director Fairley nominated President Engel. Seconded by Director Paul. President Engel accepted the nomination. Further nominations were called for and Director Zawistowski nominated Director Teefey. Seconded by Director Coleman. Director Teefey accepted the nomination. After acceptance, each nominee shared their attributes/vision for the office of presidency and the future of the IHHA. The board requested nominees vacate the room, so it could open discussion of the aforementioned. Upon return of the nominees, in accordance with procedural guidelines set forth in the IHHA By-Laws, two directors: Paul and Grummel were selected, along with the Executive Director, to oversee the distribution of 15 ballots/collection and tabulation. After collection, each director verified/announced the results for the 15 ballots, with the final tally: Director Teefey 6 votes; Director Engel 9 votes. Director Engel was thereby declared President.

Director Fairley was nominated for 1st Vice President by Director Hansen. Director Fairley accepted the nomination. Further nominations were called for 3x's; with no other nominees, the Executive Director declared the nominations closed and Director Beals moved that Director Fairley won by acclamation. Seconded by Director Paul.

Director Grummel was nominated for 2nd Vice President by Director Beals. Director Grummel accepted the nomination. Further nominations were called for 3x's; with no other nominees, the Executive Director declared nominations closed. Director Beals moved that Director Grummel won by acclamation. Seconded by Director Teefey.

Director Beals was nominated for Treasurer by Director Fairley. Director Beals accepted the nomination. Further nominations were called for 3x's; with no other nominees, the Executive Director declared nominations closed. President Engel moved that Director Beals won by acclamation. Seconded by Director Fairley.

Director Fairley nominated Director Paul as Ass't Treasurer. Director Paul accepted the nomination. Further nominations were called for 3x's; with no other nominees, the Executive Director declared nominations closed. Director Beals moved that Director Paul won by acclamation. Seconded by Hansen.

Director Paul nominated Director Hansen as Secretary. Director Hansen accepted the nomination. Further nominations were called for 3x's; with no other nominees, the Executive

Director declared nominations closed. Director Beals moved that Director Hansen won by acclamation. Seconded by Director Chupp.

Director Paul nominated Director Coleman as Ass't. Secretary. Director Coleman declined the nomination. Director Paul nominated Director H. Williams as Ass't Secretary. Director Williams accepted the nomination. Further nominations were called for 3x's; with no other nominees, the Executive Director declared nominations closed. Director Beals moved that Director H. Williams won by acclamation. Seconded by Director Leonard.

Approval of July 21, 2018 Board Minutes: Motion by Director H. Williams to accept the July 15, 2019 board minutes. Seconded by Director Rath. All in favor. Motion passed.

Executive Directors Report: Executive Director Somone read a letter to the board from retired director Rita Williams, expressing her pride in the work accomplished by the board, and her warm regard for the directors she work with through the many years, along with best wishes and continued support of the IHHA in its future endeavors. Director Tim Lakis, Election Supervisor of Legacy, LLP. (accounting firm) sent an official notification letter read by Executive Director Somone, stating the 2019 Annual IHHA Election for Board of Directors held Sat. Aug 19th was in accordance with the IHHA By-Laws. 196 ballots were received; 0 ballots voided, 391 were eligible. Resulting in five (5) directors: Casey Leonard, Marty Engel, Merv Chupp, Angie Coleman and Gerry Hansen receiving the highest percentages to fill 3 year terms. Motion by Director Beals to accept the election results. Seconded by Director H. Williams. All in favor. Motion passed.

Executive Director Somone reported that the BBQ hosted by the IHHA, for the horsemen at the Springfield Fair, was well received and successful again. Governor Pritzker toured the paddock area meeting/greeting horsemen. He thanked IHHA lobbyist, Steve Brubaker (on the grill), Directors Chupp & Grummel, Brenda Watson, Rick Heidner and all others who assisted in serving the horsemen 708 hamburgers, 220 hot dogs and 35 cases of water/soda.

Executive Director Somone announced that Shelly Steele will once again coordinate a horsemen's appreciation day scheduled for September 14th at Hawthorne. He encouraged all directors to contribute cases of pop/water for the event.

Executive Somone reported, at the invitation of Tim Norman (Dept. of Ag.), he and President Engel attended a meeting last Thursday between Rick Heidner (potential developer/investor of future racino) and Senator Sullivan.

Executive Director Somone conveyed that Springfield/Duquoin replays are available on the IHHA's website.

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Legislative – Veto session is scheduled for Oct 28-30 and Nov. 12-14. Mention has been made of the possibility of trailer bills (from gambling interest) during this session.

Recent articles in the *Sun Times* and *Crain's Chicago Business* criticized the IL. Gaming Board sluggish pace with licensing. Although the new law holds some fast-track language for certain licensees; rules still need to be written for the implementation of SB 690; veto session "fixes" will only exacerbate the already laborious process. Rules based on new legislation are submitted by agencies to JCAR (Joint Committee on Administrative Rule), a 12-board of legislators, evenly split between the two parties and two houses of the general assembly. JCAR analyzes

proposals to see if they meet administrative procedural law, if not the submitting agency is instructed to make compliancy changes.

Grass Roots and Membership Report –Membership stands at 440.

County Fairs –Director Fairley noted the well-received responses from county fair for the IHHA’s generous participation in sponsored races again this year.

Purse Account – Director Beals reported a +\$ 280,000 purse account balance; he suggests the account will end better than last years.

Payment of Bills – After review of the bills, Director Beals requested a motion for payment. Director Fairley motioned for payment. Director Paul seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Marketing/Public Relation/Social Media – Director Coleman conveyed that a subcontractor for Four Footed Fotos did a notable job with photography at the State Fair, taking thousands of photos and posting them on Facebook, which have generated numerous share/likes.

Breeders – Director Teefey reported 144 yearlings last year, this year 138. Stats will continue to remain low in the near future. The Board and lobbyist, Brubaker, discussed the current semen transport language/bill which will sunset 2022.

Executive Session – The board went into Executive Session at 3:00PM. Executive Session ended at 3:05PM.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Director H. Williams. Seconded by Director Beals All in favor. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 3:05PM.
