

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2021 – 1:00 PM**  
**CONFERENCE CALL**

**Directors Present:** Fairley, Engel, Leonard, Hansen, Williams, Searle, Zawistowski, Husted, Chupp, Rath, Teefy.

**Directors Absent:** Grummel, Beals, Franco, Coleman.

**Others:** Somone, Brubaker, Watson, Bernie Paul, Gary Mack, Andrew Mack.

**Approval of February 2021 Agenda:** Motion by H. Williams, seconded by Chupp. All in favor. Motion passed.

**Approval of January 2021 BOD Minutes:** Motion by H. Williams, seconded by Chupp. All in favor. Motion passed.

**Executive Directors Report:** A lengthy legislative phone call committee took place last week and a clear path for the pending legislative session was discussed. We have reached agreement on our contract at Hawthorne and it should be signed within the next week or so. We will continue to try and get a face to face meeting with Tim Carey. Ballots for the “horse of the year” and divisional champs were sent out. The deadline for their return is Feb. 22. Super Bowl star Devin White of the Tampa Bay Bucs has bought some Illinois-Bred horses and Andrew is working on developing that story further and getting the word out. Website crashed, postage machine stopped working so those things will need to be remedied.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**Legislative** – Legislative session will begin to heat up. So far, not many gaming type bills have been filed, but we should expect a few, including an online gaming bill, which we need to be a part of. We will be filing five bills of our own. A long conversation ensued on when we can anticipate the Gaming Board granting the licenses for the other Illinois casinos and how the results from that decision will impact us.

**Grassroots and Membership** – Current membership stands at 260.

**County Fairs** – Stakes guide and breeders book have been finalized.

**Race Track Condition and Backstretch** – Nothing new to report.

**Legal** – Nothing new to report.

**Purse Account** – Nothing new to report.

**Payment of Bills** – Williams motioned to pay bills, pending Al Beals approval later this week. Teefey 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passes.

**Finance** – Nothing new to report.

**Public Relations/Social Media** – As previously mentioned, Devin White story will be coming out soon.

**Breeders** – As previously discussed, a bill which will help the Illinois breeding program grow will be introduced.

Motion to adjourn by Williams, seconded by Leonard. Meeting adjourned at 2:35pm.