

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, October 18, 2021 – 1:00 PM
Oakbrook Terrace OTB

Directors Present: H. Williams, Fairley, Brink, Rath, Engel, Davis, Grummel.

Directors Absent: Husted, Leonard, Searle, Franco, Chupp, Hansen, Teefey, Beals

Others: Somone, Andrew Mack, George Golomes.

Approval of September 2021 Agenda: No quorum.

Approval of August 2021 BOD Minutes: No quorum.

Executive Directors Report: As previously discussed the dates order has been issued and we now have a schedule for 2022. Beginning next month, the IRB has requested that Hawthorne should give a report at their monthly meeting on the progress of the construction on the casino and an update to the 2nd racino project. The Senate gaming committee had a meeting on the status of the horse racing industry and it went as well as could be expected. The IHHA and the ITHA met with Tim Carey and Kevin Kline of Hawthorne for about two hours. The meeting was positive with Hawthorne making a commitment to keep us closer in the loop of their progress. WGN TV did an extensive report on horse racing in Illinois and overall it went well. The final few minutes when they spoke with the new owners of Balmoral was unusual. Still waiting on NOC money. Hawthorne will pay it when it is received from the Dept. of Ag. We will have a contract committee phone call next week to discuss our 2022 contract with Hawthorne. Because of our shortened summer, the stakes schedule will need to be altered. The text survey results have been tabulated. Our November meeting will be scheduled for Springfield. Our December meeting will be Monday, December 13, instead of the 20th.

ACTION ITEMS:

Legislative – Veto session begins this week and concludes next week. Our main concern for this session will be getting the breeder bill passed. It is included in gaming. Both House and Senate have confirmed with us that we will be included. However, we do not control whether that gaming bill will be called or not. The Illinois gaming board has delayed a decision on the Waukegan license and south Suburban casino licenses.

Grassroots and Membership – Current membership stands at 421. We finished 2020 with 432 members. Membership committee to have a call in late October to discuss strategies to increase membership.

County Fairs – nothing to report.

Race Track Condition and Backstretch – nothing to report.

Legal – we will begin the process of preparing for our 2022 contract with Hawthorne.

Purse Account – We are on track to finish the year with our purse account somewhere between \$700k and \$900k overpaid.

Payment of Bills – no quorum.

Finance – Nothing to report.

Public Relations/Social Media –

Breeders – Nothing to report.

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 pm.