

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, September 20, 2021 – 1:00 PM**  
**Oakbrook Terrace OTB**

**Directors Present:** Hansen, H. Williams, Husted, Searle, Beals, Brink, Rath, Engel, Leonard, Franco, Chupp, Davis, Grummel.

**Directors Absent:** Fairley, Teefey

**Others:** Somone, Watson, Andrew Mack, Brubaker, George Golomes, Kelly Chupp, Paulina Arellano.

**Approval of September 2021 Agenda:** Motion by H. Williams, seconded by Engel, all in favor. Motion passed.

**Approval of August 2021 BOD Minutes:** Motion by Williams, seconded by Rath, all in favor. Motion passed.

**Executive Directors Report:** PointsBet, per our contract has added \$60,000 to the NOC purses. 2022 dates have been finalized, still waiting on specifics of the Springfield dates. (Later in the meeting, it was updated that there will be four days of racing over two weeks in June and six days of racing over three weeks in September for racing at Springfield next year) They are not scheduled to be pari-mutual. The draw for the NOC races will be shown live through our Facebook page. If the Hawthorne racino opens, as expected, in the Fall of 2022, it will be the last year in which we pay recapture. Funding issues continue for Hawthorne. Gaming board meets in October, hopefully work will begin soon after that. Andrew Mack set up an interview with WGN at Hawthorne that went well. It was noted that during this time, while Kyle Husted and Andrew Mack looked on, John Eddy of the IRB, had approached Tony in an aggressive manner to complain about the pothole problem on the Hawthorne backstretch. Some of the lights on the backstretch have stopped working. Kyle will speak with Tim Becker. Redraws continue to be an issue. Plenty of conversation ensued.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**Legislative** – very little recent gaming activity. The 2019 gaming bill allowed for the two state fairs to get VGT wagering on a limited basis. The revenue from that was \$82,749. That money is earmarked for improvements to the facilities and to purses, percentages, still to be decided.

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

**County Fairs** – the Review at Springfield is scheduled for October 2. With our \$2,500 contribution to the Dept. of Ag., for drug testing, only a disappointing two Fairs were attended. 20 samples from those two fairs were tested. Some fairs have still not been paid in full.

**Race Track Condition and Backstretch** – nothing to report.

**Legal** – During our August meeting a by-law change was discussed. Suggestions were sent prior to the meeting and presented at the meeting. After a brief discussion a motion was made by Jeff Davis and seconded by Gary Rath to change our by-laws. The vote was unanimous in support. The amended by-law will now be changed to read as follows:

***Section 2. ELECTION AND TERM OF OFFICE. The Officers, of the Association may be elected or appointed annually by the Board of Directors at its second regular meeting following the Election Meeting of members of the Association as soon thereafter as conveniently may be effected. Vacancies may be filled or new Offices created and filled at any meeting of the Board of Directors.***

**Purse Account** – After numerous discussions, the purse account committee has come to an agreement with the ITHA and the HBPA on the correct percentages and distribution of money due us from the Horse Racing Purse Equity Fund. Al Beals motioned and Jeff Davis seconded the motion to accept the committee’s recommendation. Motion passes unanimously.

**Payment of Bills** – Beals motioned to pay bills, Brink seconds, and motion passes.

**Finance** – Nothing to report.

**Public Relations/Social Media** – a discussion ensued regarding ideas for getting more membership involvement.

**Breeders** – Nothing to report.

Motion to adjourn by Beals, seconded by Chupp, meeting adjourned at 3:35 pm.