

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2021 – 1:00 PM
AMERICAN LEGION HALL, SPRINGFIELD**

Directors Present: Engel, Beals, Grummel, Fairley, Brink, Hanson, Seale, Williams, Teefey.

Directors Absent: Husted, Leonard, Franco, Rath, Chupp, Davis.

Others: Somone, Watson, Brubaker, Doc Walker, Bill Wright, Tim Norman, Brian Kennedy.

Approval of November 2021 Agenda: Williams motion, Fairley second. Motion passes

Approval of September 2021 BOD Minutes: Williams motion, Searle second. Motion passes

Approval of October 2021 BOD Minutes: Williams motion, Hansen second. Motion passes.

Executive Directors Report: Fall veto session has concluded and we were successful in passing our long sought after breeder's bill. Contract negotiations are in full swing and we will continue to work to finalize this. The town of Tinley Park continues in its push to acquire the Mental Health Facility from the state. A lengthy conversation ensued about getting the second racino headed in the right direction as well as Hawthorne's progress with that racino project.

ACTION ITEMS:

Legislative – House and Senate passed a small gaming bill which included our breeder's language. Nothing controversial was included. We do not anticipate any issues with the Governor signing it. Spring session will be shortened because the primary has been moved up to June 28. It is scheduled to end on April 8th instead of the traditional May 31st. Rivers Casino and Churchill Downs continue to stay active in the discussions related to a Chicago Casino.

Grassroots and Membership – Membership committee recommends keeping the cost of membership the same as 2021. New forms will be sent out the first week of December. Brenda Watson will be in attendance at Hawthorne for the opening weekend to get everyone signed up as well. Beals motion to accept committee recommendation, Grummel second. Motion passes.

County Fairs – With the Egyptian Colt Association dropping out it was decided that we would contribute \$3,000 for 13 County Fair races, totaling \$39,000. Specifics of which association and which fairs get what will be decided at a later time. Beals motion to accept, Teefey second. Motion passes.

Race Track Condition and Backstretch – Barn one stairwell collapsed with a thoroughbred horsemen getting injured with a broken arm, leg and ribs.

Legal – The first reply to our contract proposal by Hawthorne was just discussed this morning and clarified. John Walsh will touch base with AI in the next few days to compare projections. The total dollar amount available will be the key to moving forward with other decisions. Other issues such as the reporting of re-draws, PointsBet money contributed to

purses and specifics on the races at Springfield will also need further discussions. Arlington Park has requested that the IRB allows them to keep their intertrack and OTB's viable in 2022. Conversation ensued.

Purse Account – We are on track to finish the year with our purse account approximately \$1m. overpaid.

Payment of Bills – September – Fairley motion, Williams second, motion passes. October – Beals motion, Fairley second, motion passes.

Finance – Nothing to report.

Public Relations/Social Media – Nothing to report.

Breeders – Doc Walker says thank you for the passage of the “breeders” bill.

Reminder that our December meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 13.

Motion to adjourn by Beals, second by Williams, meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm.