

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2021 – 1:00 PM  
OAKBROOK OTB**

**Directors Present:** Engel, Beals, Fairley, Brink, Hanson, Searle, Williams, Teefey, Leonard, Chupp, Davis, Rath

**Directors Absent:** Husted, Grummel, Franco.

**Others:** Somone, Brubaker.

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

**Approval of November 2021 BOD Minutes:** Williams motion, Fairley second. Motion passes

**Executive Directors Report:** Busy month. Contract discussions with committee and Hawthorne. More in legal. IHHA budget being developed, more in finance. Recent Kentucky tornado, we will discuss in P.R. IRB meeting later this week. We will oppose Arlington's request to open their OTB's. Compared to Hawthorne, the revenue retained for purses is not what it could be. Chris Block is the President of the ITHA, replacing Mike Campbell. We don't anticipate any issues as we have an excellent relationship with Chris as we had with Mike. Attended the Arizona symposium and always find it a valuable experience. HISA was a key discussion point. The legislative committee met and have developed a game plan for 2022. The social media committee had a meeting and various ways of expanding our footprint were discussed. Mike Paradise had surgery recently and we are hoping for a speedy recovery.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**Legislative** – Gambling package was sent to the Governor, which included are updated breeder language. We don't anticipate any issues with it and it should be signed by mid-January. 2022 session starts earlier than normal this year and also ends earlier with an anticipated final date of April 8<sup>th</sup>. Full House Resorts was granted the Waukegan casino license while the South Suburban license went to the Porch Band of Creek Indians who will operate in Homewood/East Hazel Crest.

**Grassroots and Membership** – memberships have been coming in and we have approximately 125 so far.

**County Fairs** – Nothing to report.

**Race Track Condition and Backstretch** – Golf cart for winter season has been ordered. Anna has agreed to dive again.

**Legal** – After numerous committee phone calls and e-mail exchanges we believe we have reached agreement for a contract. Once this board approves the committee's recommendation, we will send to John Walsh for signature. A motion to accept the committee's recommendation was made by Beals and seconded by Hanson, motion passed.

**Purse Account** – we anticipate finishing the year with a negative balance of approximately \$800k.

**Payment of Bills** – Beals motions to pay the bills, Williams second, motion passes.

**Finance** – 2022 budget discussion was moved to executive session.

**Public Relations/Social Media** – Donna Holt has been severely impacted by the recent tornado in Kentucky. After a lengthy discussion Teefey motioned and Williams seconded that we write a check to Merv Chupp for \$2,000 for the transportation and care of Donna’s horses. Merv will contact her immediately and figure out the details.

**Breeders** – Nothing

Executive Session – the board went into executive session at 4:15. The 2022 budget was discussed at length. The board concluded the session at 4:55.

Motion to adjourn by Beals and seconded by Fairley was made at 4:55.