

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, JANUARY 17, 2021 – 1:00 PM  
OAKBROOK OTB**

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

**Directors Absent:** Teefey, Beals, Fairley, Davis

**Others:** Somone, Brubaker, Watson, Mack, Brian Code, Jim Mellinger

**Approval of January 2022 Agenda:** Williams motion, Franco second. Motion passes

**Approval of December 2021 BOD Minutes:** Williams motion, Brink second. Motion passes

**Executive Directors Report:** Our regularly scheduled meeting on February 21 poses a problem so we will adjust the date. TBA. As anticipated, the Governor signed the breeder's bill. Hawthorne has received the \$1.7m designated for purses from the Dept. of Ag. that came from the surplus in the IRB budget. We have begun posting our free Hawthorne programs. Leadership from the ITHA and IHHA met with Tim Carey and Kevin Kline. Marty sent that update to everyone last week. The 35 mile veto law that Hawthorne currently controls for the 2<sup>nd</sup> racino was discussed. A lengthy, spirited conversation followed. We will readdress the "shavings" situation with Hawthorne soon.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**Legislative** –Breeder language is now law. We will have a shortened session this year, ending in April. There will be a bill that allows Hawthorne to get more OTB licenses now that Arlington Park has lost that privilege. Many people believe there will be no gaming bills this year. Many others believe that if there are gaming bills filed, they will only advance if agreed upon by all parties. Highly unlikely that anything controversial moves forward.

**Grassroots and Membership** – memberships have been coming in and we have approximately 277 so far.

**County Fairs** – Nothing to report.

**Race Track Condition and Backstretch** – Chupp gave an update on the Donna Holt situation. Some issues still in the paddock because of the overhead heaters going off and on.

**Legal** – Nothing to report.

**Purse Account** – finished 2021 at about a negative \$900,000.

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

**Finance** – nothing to report.

**Public Relations/Social Media** – nothing to report.

**Breeders** – **nothing to report.**

Motion to adjourn by Hansen and seconded by Williams was made at 3:00.