

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2022 – 1:00 PM
OAKBROOK OTB**

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

Directors Absent: Franco

Others: Somone, Brubaker, Watson, Mack, Brian Code, Deb Searle, Pep Moretti, Jim Eaton, Mike Oosting, Nick Oosting, Amy Husted, Kelly Chupp

Approval of February 2022 Agenda: Williams motion, Husted second. Motion passes

Approval of January 2022 BOD Minutes: Williams motion, Husted second. Motion passes

Tim Carey and Kevin Kline: See attached.

Executive Directors Report: A list of problem issues with Hawthorne continues to be discussed. Shavings issue, racetrack surface and paddock heating rooms continue to cause irritation. Recapture to be paid for 2022 has decreased from \$2,105,636 in 2021 to \$1,873,922 this year. We are scheduled to have four racing days in Springfield in June. All kinds of logistics need to be coordinated with Hawthorne and the Dept. of Ag. Ed Teefey will chair a new committee to address our concerns. Racing on Thursdays in March will be dropped due to a lack of horse population. Mike Paradise has returned to writing his weekly stories and handicapping our races. The Paulick Report recently publicized a list of names that were on Seth Fishman's client list. As a reminder, that is simply a list of people and we should not be overly jealous in assuming they are all guilty of anything.

ACTION ITEMS:

Legislative – Bill filing deadlines have passed. There will be very few, if any gaming bills this year. There is a bill out that changes the flow of tax revenue in racing, doesn't impact us at all. 35 mile rule remains in rules committee as anticipated. A bill that removes the caps on the number of OTB's an organization license can have limped out of committee. Hawthorne is pushing it, we support it, the ITHA supports but Churchill Downs and the VGT groups have opposed. Two months remain in this shortened session.

Grassroots and Membership – memberships have been coming in and we have approximately 298 so far.

County Fairs – Dept. of Ag. suggested that starting the State Fair on Thursday instead of Friday might be a good idea. It was discussed and the board seemed ok with it.

Race Track Condition and Backstretch – It was suggested that the Hawthorne races in June in Springfield be limited to ICF Horses or Illinois owners or Illinois trainers. After a lengthy discussion the consensus was that the same rules that applied to the Hawthorne meet should be applied to this meet. Motion by Husted, 2nd by Grummel, motion to keep the rules the same passes. As discussed earlier, a committee will be formed to work out the details of this four day meet.

Legal – Nothing to report.

Purse Account – Nothing significant to report.

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

Finance – nothing to report.

Public Relations/Social Media – Beals motioned to give a check to Merv Chupp for \$1,000 for reimbursement in caring for Donna Holt's horses. Husted second, motion passes.

Breeders – 144 ICF foals dropped in 2018. 544 ICF foals in 2021.

Motion to adjourn by Beals and seconded by Hansen was made at 4:30.