

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2022 – 1:00 PM
AMERICAN LEGION HALL, SPRINGFIELD

Directors Present: Engel, Beals, Fairley, Leonard, Teefey, Searle, Hansen, Grummel, Brink.

Directors Absent: Franco, Rath, H. Williams, Chupp, Davis, Husted

Others: Somone, Brubaker, Andrew Mack, Bill Wright, Doc Walker, Brian Kennedy, Peter Karras, Mattie Grummel, Pete Leu, Heidi Leu, Eric Poders, (Eric Poders friend) Tina Schrock, Dossie Minor, JD Lewis, Dock Johnson.

Approval of April 2022 Agenda: Fairley motioned, Hanson second, motion passes.

Approval of February and March 2022 BOD Minutes: Beals motioned, Fairley second, motion passes.

Hawthorne Update: Last information we received was that Hawthorne was still on target to go on the agenda at the April 28 gaming board meeting where they expected to report their new financial plans and to begin construction on the Hawthorne racino shortly thereafter.

Executive Directors Report: A \$250 stipend was agreed upon with Hawthorne for horses in-to-go on the Friday, March 18th races that were postponed. Our yearly audit has begun. Specifics on our website analytics were discussed. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the Hawthorne races that are scheduled to run in June at the Springfield State Fairgrounds. Tina Schrock spoke about many different issues that were currently in the discussion stages. Tina will follow up when these issues are being finalized. Gaming board meeting is scheduled for April 28. We are anticipating the next step for Hawthorne to begin construction again. Conversations continue with attempting to bring together interested parties on the second racino project slated for the south suburbs.

ACTION ITEMS:

Legislative – Spring session concluded early, on April 9. There were no gaming bills that passed both chambers. Hawthorne’s OTB bill that we supported passed the Senate but did not move in the House. Our 708 money is scheduled to automatically be transferred to the Dept. of Ag. Without need for appropriation. Dated for the traditional “veto” session in the Fall have not been finalized yet.

Grassroots and Membership – memberships have been coming in and we have approximately 319.

County Fairs – 3-year-old and up races, totaling \$30,000 are scheduled for the Springfield state fairgrounds for May 21. Races, will purses totaling \$20,000, for two-year-olds will be held on June 15.

Race Track Condition and Backstretch – Nothing to report.

Legal – Nothing to report.

Purse Account – Nothing significant to report.

Payment of Bills – motion to pay March and April bills by Beals, second by Brink, motion passes.

Finance – nothing to report.

Public Relations/Social Media – A lengthy discussion on how best to simulcast the Hawthorne races at Springfield in June was had. We will readdress this issue at a later date when we have more information on the particulars.

Breeders – nothing to report.

Motion to adjourn by Beals, second by Fairley. Meeting adjourned at 3:15.