

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 20, 2022 – 1:00 PM
AT THE OAKBROOK TERRACE OTB

Directors Present: Engel, Beals, Hansen, Chupp, Brink, Davis.

Directors Absent: Franco, Rath, Husted, Teefey, Grummel. Searle, Fairley, Williams, Leonard.

Others: Somone, Watson, Brubaker, A. Mack.

Approval of June 2022 Agenda: Quorum not met.

Approval of May BOD Minutes: Quorum not met.

Hawthorne Update: Engel and Somone spoke again with Tim Carey and Kevin Kline of Hawthorne. Nothing new was learned. We strongly emphasized the importance to them again on getting something moving at the Hawthorne facility as well as a plan for a second racino. We reiterated that we wanted to be in business with them but they were putting us in a precarious spot by moving so slowly. We agreed to speak again within a few weeks.

Executive Directors Report: Details of the upcoming election were discussed. New website is making progress. I continue to attend fundraisers with the primary purpose of staying relevant in the eyes of legislators and for the overall good will of the industry. Tim Norman reported at an IRB meeting that there would be \$100,000 additional dollars for two-year-old stake races at DuQuoin. Spoke with John Walsh about pending purse cuts for the summer meet. He mentioned that winter racing in 2023 was unlikely. They will be shooting a movie at Hawthorne on July 13. They will be paying for horses and drivers to participate. Jim Miller is gathering the information. Because of this year's election schedule, along with the timing of the state fairs, we will be moving our August meeting to August 22. A discussion ensued regarding how long are we supposed to continue to pledge our loyalty to Hawthorne with no plan for a second racino in sight.

ACTION ITEMS:

Legislative – Illinois primary election date is set for June 28th. It appears as though Bailey may win the GOP primary. Churchill Downs is working on something horse racing related. They are likely looking for better market access for their ADW company TwinSpires. We believe they are exploring the possibility of having a Racino within the state. Veto session is currently scheduled for Nov. 15-17 and Nov. 29, 30 and Dec. 1.

Grassroots and Membership – membership is currently at 355.

County Fairs – No report.

Race Track Condition and Backstretch – No report.

Legal – No report.

Purse Account – Last purse report as of 5/29/22 shows us at a negative \$72,000.

Payment of Bills – Quorum not met.

Finance – no report.

Public relations/social media –discussion of paying again for programs next year. Could not recall if the money was budgeted for 2022. Will check and if not, we will have a phone call to discuss and vote.

Breeders – no report.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15.