

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 16, 2022 – 1:00 PM
LOWER-LEVEL MEETING ROOM AT 15 SPINNING WHEEL RD. HINSDALE, IL.

Directors Present: Engel, Beals, Fairley, Leonard, Searle, Hansen, Chupp, H. Williams.

Directors Absent: Franco, Rath, Davis, Husted, Teefey, Brink, Grummel.

Others: Somone, Watson, Gary Mack.

Approval of May 2022 Agenda: H. Williams motioned, Fairley second, motion passes.

Approval of April BOD Minutes: H. Williams motioned, Chupp second, motion passes.

Hawthorne Update: Engel, Leonard and Somone met with Tim Carey and Kevin Kline of Hawthorne for about one hour. A discussion ensued regarding them not being ready for the April gaming board meeting. We agreed to disagree on whether the IHHA was misled on that timeline. They are now hoping to be ready for the July gaming board meeting. Nothing substantive was learned regarding the progress on the 2nd racino. They said they would be calling us every two weeks with a status report.

Executive Directors Report: USTA has implemented a new rule regarding voiding a claim. This is very similar to what we have discussed in the past and we will be sending this on to the IRB for them to adopt as well. Work continues on updating the website. I continue to attend legislative fundraisers to spread the awareness of our current stagnating situation. Tina Schrock has been working to facilitate all of the issues that are anticipated for the Hawthorne races that are scheduled for June. I've passed out a list of concerns that we've had and their current status. A motion was made by Steve Searle and seconded by H. Williams that if horsemen are charged a \$15 stall fee for these races, then the IHHA would pick up that cost. A discussion ensued. Motion passes.

ACTION ITEMS:

Legislative – Meetings with legislators continue. Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot has announced that Bally's will be awarded the Chicago casino license. Rivers and Hard Rock were the other contenders. It still must be approved by the City Council and the Gaming Board. Churchill Downs has recently been showing signs of activity.

Grassroots and Membership – membership is currently at 324. A second mailing/reminder will be sent out soon.

County Fairs – Checks for \$3,000 have been cut and will be distributed to 13 County Fairs this summer. Blankets have been ordered as well. We have been told that racing at the State Fair will start on Thursday, August 11. The current suggestion is that we will race five races at noon and then five races at 5pm. Then return to the traditional schedule on Friday and Saturday, starting at noon. Since the passing of Nick Mouw, it was suggested that we try and honor him with a memorial race in his name.

Race Track Condition and Backstretch – No report.

Legal – No report.

Purse Account – Currently \$654,000 in the hole.

Payment of Bills – motion to pay the May bills by Beals, second by H. Williams, motion passes.

Finance – no report.

Public relations/social media –no report.

Breeders – no report.

Motion to adjourn by Beals, second by Hansen. Meeting adjourned at 2:25.