

Minutes Of The
Board of Directors
November 14, 2014
Office of the Harness Horse Breeders
12 Avis Drive, Suite 1
Latham, NY 2110
11:00 am

Present: Peter Arrigenna, Bob Brooks, Jean Brown, Noelle Duspiva, Erin Shantel, Betty Holt, Dan Henry, Ken Jacobs, Wanda Polessini, Dr. Larry Sautter, and Anne Zweig. Guest : Charles Diamond

- 1.) Call to Order- Peter Arrigenna calls the meeting to order.
- 2.) Approved Minutes from last meeting- Noelle makes a motion to approve minutes, Ken Jacobs second. All in favor.
- 3.) Budget and contract – Changes in services and salary increase were discussed

Page 2 - Contract term is always for one year. HHB has sole source provider status and the contract for 2015 should be approved in December.

A suggestion was made to use extra seminar money to have the USTA do an expose on new owners that have been successful after attending farm tours and owner seminars. This could be a good advertising tool to draw in new people.

Jean Brown mentioned that Cornell is interested in presenting another educational seminar. The board discussed having their next seminar be more clinical and practical material rather than basic research based.

NYSS Website – Discussed the status of the NYSS website. Peter wants to revamp the site and asked Charlie Diamond about updates. A website designer sent proposal to fund which is under review by the Contract officer of gaming and suggestions will be made at Dec 16th board meeting. HHB will post updates and keep the NYSS website current.

Annual report – HHB is doing 2014 (non-contractual) Fund will pay material expenses incurred. 2015 HHB will cover all Annual report costs.

- 4.) HHB Duties: Betty explained the various duties performed for HHB and the FUND
- 5.) ZWEIG : There are no changes to the conditions for Zweig #43 (foals of 2014) and the board all agreed that the new format has been quite successful for the Zweig.

- 6.) Ballots/bylaws: Bob clarified by laws – Bob nominated Erin Shantel, to replace Dave Hanson for the Morrisville representative. Jean second it. To move forward the big farms should be represented by farm name, as well as the representative.
- 7.) Elections: Officer Ballots were counted. Noelle Duspiva – President, Ken Jacobs – Vice President, Anne Zweig-Treasurer.
To fill the open slot for secretary, Bob Brooks nominated Jean Brown , seconded by Ken Jacobs and approved by the remaining board.
- 8.) New/Old Business:
 - a.) The board discussed the problem of having too many horses with the same trainer in final races. Suggestions were made for changing the conditions to reflect rules for coupling with owner and trainer. For the final, suggestions were made that a letter should be sent to the Fund board before December 16th. An owner can put any amount of entries in eliminations races but only 2 in a final. No changing owner/trainer with/in 60 days. Proposal made by Ken Jacobs and needs to be done by Dec 16th. Jean made a motion:
Potential language should be put together then voted on via email and then send comments to Fund by Dec 16th. Seconded by Ken. All in favor.
 - b.) Betty mentioned that at the Harrisburg sales; EX A and B have kept the value of the lower priced yearlings up. They can afford to buy and race the horses and have some success. On day three the NY breed yearlings were up 72%.
 - c.) Breeders awards – Issues with debts or ownership changes of mare? New Owners to sign a form agreeing who would get breeders awards.
 - d.) Excelsior purses: Ex- A \$15,000 with a \$300 starting fee. Ex-B will remain the same with \$6,000, and a \$100 starting fee.
 - e.) Charlie offered thanks and genuine gratitude to HHB and especially Betty.
The Fund has operated without a full board and Charlie had Betty and Peter to work with.
Charlie is retiring in January and hopes that he was able to make the program better under his direction and thanked Betty and Peter.
 - f.) Peter wished good luck to the new board members.
- 9.) Next Meeting date: Mid January. Betty and Noelle will set a date.
- 10.) Meeting Adjourned: Ken made a motion to adjourn. Dan second.