

Minutes Of The
Board Of Directors
February 7th, 2013
Copper Turret, Route 20
Morrisville, NY
11:30

Present: David Hanson, Betty Holt, Noelle Igoe, Peter Arrigenna, Ken Jacobs, Anne Zweig,
Dr. Larry Sautter, Jean Brown, Barbara Galbraith
Guest: Scott Warren

- 1.) Call to Order- President David Hanson calls meeting to order.
- 2.) Approved minutes from last meeting- Ken Jacobs makes a motion to approve minutes, Peter Arrigenna seconds. All in favor.
- 3.) Budget/contract- Betty discusses the contract for 2013/2014. A copy of the contract was emailed to directors. The contract was for \$300,000, it was approved, signed and submitted to the comptrollers, we are waiting for them to send it back. Last year's contract was for \$257,000, this year we are getting more but we also responsible for more tasks. Some of these are mare residency forms, mares bred list, stallion registrations, nomination/sustaining payments for yearlings, 2 year olds, and 3 year olds, scholarship races, farm tours and seminars. We are also doing the advertising for the Harness Link website. The fund is only responsible for money.
-The board members feel there should be an addendum to the contract, that it should state every task we are going to be responsible for and how much it's going to cost them to have us do it. Betty reports that she is going to meet with Ron Ochyrm at the end of February to discuss additions and changes.
- 4.) Task Force Funding- With regards to the letter Joe Faraldo sent to the Members of the NYS legislation regarding the Gov. Cuomo's Task Force on Racehorse Health and Safety. Before we decide whether we are going to support it or not we need to see a breakdown of the money.
- 5.) NYSS form changes/ Inspections- Betty discusses that we are in charge of the forms and farm inspections. Any suggestions to better the forms so they are more user friendly would be helpful. Also if we can figure out a way for an easy and least expensive way to do farm inspections. Possible checking 10% of mares on the list, which would be around 40 mares. Possibly the directors want to volunteer to check farms in their local areas.
- 6.) Zweig condition changes- Scott Warren reports: (see hand out) the new conditions will read, that the main event will be limited to the nine highest winning horses in 2013 of

those that enter as of the published declaration date and time. The remaining horses declared will be eligible to Consolations segregated by 2015 earnings.

- 7.) Breeders award Changes- Jean reports: That the breeders award committee discussed making a recommendation on splitting the money half for residency and half for open performance. The breeding awards this year \$1.2 million and it would be split down the middle. And you could get rewards from both pools. Both are based on percentage of earnings. So if you a residence you get paid twice. Jeans make a motion to write up a proposal of this percentage to submit to the racing commission. Ken Jacobs seconds.

- 8.) New/Old Business-
 - The Harness Horse office has been helping the new executive director a lot with their duties. Duties that we were not contracted to do, so they are being completed for free. All agree that in the new budget we need to put a list of duties that the office will complete and a price tag with it.
 - Scholarship races dates so far June 9th in Tioga and we are waiting for a date for the one in Batavia. Also conducting a seminar on Health and Wellness seminar in Vernon on August 25th. It will be held in the afternoon with a Cornell veterinarian. The Zweig will be in the evening.
 - Office personal raises: Raise Betty from \$65,000 to \$75,000 plus heath. Mary Ann to \$37,000 plus flex time. Judy to \$37,000 plus health. Ken Jacobs makes a motion to give staff raises, Peter Arrigenna seconds, all in favor.

- 9.)Next meeting date- To be determined via email.

- 10.)Adjourn- Peter makes a motion to adjourn. Ken seconds. All in favor.