

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**  
**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17 AT 1 PM. BY WEBEX VIDEO AND PHONE CONFERENCING**

**Directors Present:** Davis, Beals, Teefey, Searle, Engel, Brink, Fairley, Jones, Leonard, Williams.

**Directors Absent:** Grummel, Hansen, Husted, Franco.

**Others:** Somone, Andrew Mack, Gary Mack, Rey Rodriguez.

**Approval of December Agenda:** Brink motions, Searle 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passes.

**Approval of November BOD Minutes:** Searle motions, Fairley 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passes.

**Executive Director Report:** membership applications with a secondary letter regarding the third-party insurance have been sent out. Spoke with John about paying out purses for the late cancelled races on Friday, December 12. They have agreed to pay out the full purses equally among all horses that were in to go. We are still discussing the post time for our January-February schedule. We have made progress with finishing off the contract and I expect it to be finalized any day now. Hawthorne is currently five months in arrears with payment to the IHHA. We will have a budget meeting soon to figure out our options.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**Legislative** – We are optimistic that we will have support for our upcoming legislative agenda. A push to move this in January has already begun. The post card packets have been very successful, as we needed to make another order for more. Horsemen are engaged in trying to help.

**Grassroots and Membership** – applications are in the mail.

**County Fairs** – We are planning on contributing to the IHHA races at the County Fairs as done in previous years.

**Race Track Condition and Backstretch** –no report.

**Legal** – no report.

**Purse Account** – We anticipate a deficit in the purse account at year end close \$4 million. We started this year at a negative \$3.7 million. So, we have increased what we owe by approximately another \$300,000 this year.

**Payment of Bills** – Beals motions to pay the bills, Brink seconds, motion passes.

**Finance** – The budget committee will meet soon.

**Public relations/social media** –we have met and we want to improve transparency and have regular communication with members. We want to bring back the monthly newsletter and have discussed some content. We have discussed some County Fair ideas to encourage attendance at the races.

**Breeders** – Nothing new to report.

**Executive Session** – Yes. Board went into Exec. Committee at 1:50, reconvened at 2:05.

Brink motioned to adjourn, Fairley seconds, motion passes. Meeting adjourns at 2:05pm