

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 19, AT 2 PM., BY WEBEX VIDEO AND CONFERENCING

Directors Present: Davis, Beals, Leonard, Fairley, Brink, Teefey, Searle, Engel, Jones, Husted, Hansen, Chupp

Directors Absent: Williams, Grummel, Franco.

Others: Somone, Watson, Brubaker, Sullivan, Andrew Mack, Gary Mack.

Approval of May Agenda: Brink motions, Fairley 2nd. Motion passes.

Approval of April BOD Minutes: Brink motions, Fairley 2nd. Motion passes.

Executive Director Report: 2024 audit has been completed. Hard copies will be available by the beginning of June. The March IRB meeting was held at Fairmount Park. They have a temporary casino in operation with 280 machines. The Tuesday crowd was impressive. Had a good conversation with Fairmount's new General Manager, Vince Gabbert. We've been inundated with questions concerning the status of Brandon Bates. While taking no position on the matter, we did reach out to the USTA, the IRB, the Dept. of Ag. and Hawthorne to get some clarity on the situation. Checks for the IHHA County Fair races have been cut and are ready to be given out.

Hawthorne/2nd Racetrack Update: no significant updates to our pending legislation. There were recent positive articles in the Bloomington Pentagraph concerning the Decatur racino last week. It also included a letter from the Mayor of Decatur supporting it. That continues to be an area of focus for us, as well as eliminating the "35-mile rule" and trying to get some bridge funding to keep us going until a racino is up and running.

ACTION ITEMS:

Legislative – not much more to report than what has already been discussed.

Grassroots and Membership – current membership is at 287. Our 2nd mailing has recently been mailed out.

County Fairs – Cambridge County Fair changed their race date to Sunday, June 22. Megan Sundeen has reached out to us requesting funding to help with advertising the Henry County Fair. After a lengthy discussion it was decided that since others were likely to seek money as well, we just couldn't afford to do it at this point in time.

Race Track Condition and Backstretch –no report.

Legal – no report.

Purse Account – We have not received a new purse report since March 30.

Payment of Bills – Beals motions, Chupp 2nd, motion passes.

Finance – no report.

Public relations/social media – We are doing everything possible to keep our message out there.

Breeders – it is predicted that less than 300 foals will be born this year and if positive legislation doesn't happen this session, those numbers will continue to decrease.

Beals motioned to adjourn, Searle seconds, motion passes. Meeting adjourns at 3:00pm