

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 19 AT 1 PM. BY WEBEX VIDEO AND PHONE CONFERENCING**

Directors Present: Leonard, Teefey, Fairley, Jones, Grummel, Husted, Brink, Searle, .

Directors Absent: Williams, Franco, Beals, Engel, Hansen.

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

Approval of May Agenda: Fairly motions, Searle 2nd. Motion passes.

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

Executive Director Report: Al is still recovering in the hospital from his broken hip. He hopes to be home by the end of this week. The IRB cancelled their May meeting because of lack of agenda items. The check to pay for the County Fair insurance policy was sent out, total was just under \$9,000. The NSF checks from Hawthorne have all been mailed out and the second round of payments from the frozen accounts will be going out this week. June 26 is the bid deadline for Hawthorne. The final sales hearing is currently scheduled for July 13. Also, June 30 is the deadline for anyone to file prepetition claims for money owed to them by Hawthorne. We will meet with the attorneys soon and get some guidance on how to advise any horsemen that may have claims. The Lucas team wants us to sign an exclusive agreement with them for the south side racino. Casey will have the legislative committee look into that more closely.

ACTION ITEMS:

Legislative – Our team continues to meet with legislators, concentrating on the leadership positions. The Lucas team continues to push for Decatur. Representative Rita is a major player on this issue. As expected, we probably won't see a final bill until the final week. We will keep everyone up to date the best we can. The VGT's and the casinos are also having discussions and they will want something out of any potential gaming bill filed. The Dept. of Ag. sent the 709 T-bred money of \$350,000 that usually goes to the Hawthorne T-breds to the horsemen at Fairmount Park instead.

Grassroots and Membership – membership count stands at 215.

County Fairs – there were 266 horses nominated for the County Fairs this year compared to 321 last year.

Race Track Condition and Backstretch – nothing to report.

Legal – bankruptcy court for Hawthorne continues.

Purse Account – still waiting on something from this year.

Payment of Bills – Fairley motions to pay the bills, Searle seconds, motion passes.

Finance – Our spending is currently within our secondary budget, that we adjusted back in March. If we can make it until the end of the year will depend on how much we spend on attorneys for the rest of the year.

Public relations/social media –We need to get information to horsemen as soon as we can. HarnessTube and David Brink will be livestreaming at several fairs throughout the summer.

Breeders – We can expect much smaller foal crops in 2027 and 2028.

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

