

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12 AT 1 PM. BY WEBEX VIDEO AND PHONE CONFERENCING

Directors Present: Davis, Beals, Teefey, Searle, Grummel, Engel, Brink, Hansen, Fairley, Husted, Jones.

Directors Absent: Leonard, Franco, Williams.

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

Approval of November Agenda: Searle motions, Brink 2nd. Motion passes.

Approval of October BOD Minutes: Searle motions, Brink 2nd. Motion passes.

Executive Director Report: Steve Brubaker has semi-retired. We all understand his value and dedication to our association over the past twenty plus years, so the legislative committee will be discussing a consulting position for him in 2026. Veto session has ended and everybody should be up to speed on those matters. Post time at Hawthorne in the month of December will now be at 1pm. After a few weeks of this experiment, we will decide what time might be best for January/February. The banquet for next year is scheduled for Saturday, February 28. After the budget committee meets, we can decide if we want to add the Hall of Fame to it as well. We are offering free programs for the rest of the year through our website again. Committee lists are completed and many of those committees will be active in the next six weeks. Hawthorne has not paid us since the September IRB dates hearing and are now five months behind again. Breeder's awards are also woefully in arrears. They tell us that we will get a big payment before the IRB's next scheduled meeting on November 20.

ACTION ITEMS:

Legislative – We are still working on the postcards that will target specific legislators. We would like to get this completed within the next week or so. With the breeding season right around the corner, timing is critical to get our message across. There has been good press recently regarding the push for a Decatur Racino. We will continue to work with the Lucas team to get this accomplished.

Grassroots and Membership – Final membership for 2025 is 369. We will leave the cost for 2026 at \$40. We will add another note to the applications when they are sent out, reminding everyone to opt out of the 3rd party liability insurance if they don't plan on owning any horses within the year.

County Fairs – We hope to be able to sponsor some County Fair races again in 2026, as we have done for the past 12+ years. Before committing however, the budget committee needs to review our current financial situation.

Race Track Condition and Backstretch –no report.

Legal – no report.

Purse Account – No new report since September. Information on 2026 purses and stakes races will be sent out for review regarding our 2026 contract negotiations.

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

Finance – The budget committee will meet soon.

Public relations/social media – Will be meeting soon to discuss ideas for 2026.

Breeders – No new news to report.

Executive Session – none.

Beals motioned to adjourn, Searle seconds, motion passes. Meeting adjourns at 1:50pm

