



ILLINOIS HBPA

Board Meeting January 29, 2024

I Role Call

The meeting was called to order by Jim Watkins at 6:32

- Jim Watkins
- Harry Lynch
- John Wainwright
- John Rednour Jr 6:14pm
- Duane Wells
- Kevin Wilborn
- David Warchol

II Old Business

- Mark Wiemer-24 Frames
*Board agreed to go forward with the educational ad with approximately 10 sponsors. John Costello and Lloyd Cueto both donated \$ 1,000 each to be sponsors. Jim Watkins will come up with the educational ads and Melody Higdon will help get sponsors. John Costello and Melody Higdon will work together on this project.

- Sale of Fairmount Park Update
*Jim Watkins and John Rednour Jr gave us their update of the process of the sale. Waiting on the buyers board to approve.
- Vianney School Donation
*Melody Higdon reported that Vianney raised \$ 1,300 for the donation of the HBPA Box and \$ 100 tab

III New Business

- IRB February Meeting was Cancelled
- National Convention in West Virginia will be March 20-22 and Jim Watkins will attend.
- Duane Wells and Joh Rednour Jr will received \$ 50 in travel money to attend the monthly board meeting at each meeting.
- Melody Higdon discussed the transfer money from either the purse account or DuQuoin State Bank every month on the 10th in the amount of \$ 20,000.
- Melody Higdon discussed the up the of the credit card limit to \$ 3,000 to \$ 4,000 per day. This is to avoid any denials when both Jim Watkins and Melody Higdon use the credits. Surety Refrigeration has a monthly bill of over \$ 2,000 which would case no one to be able to use their credit card.
- Jim Watkins discussed the dormitory and backside rules with Dan Mattis. The board discussed there needs to be clarity on these rules. Security is going to be stricter on all the rules and fines will be assessed to those who do not follow the rules.

- Jim Watkins reported that IRB will be issuing a \$ 324,000 to FanDuel and HBPA which they will split equally between the two for the reimbursement of HISA fees from 2023.

IV Financial Reports

- Melody Higdon reported on the February 2024 financial statements. No money came from the purse account which caused the income to be under budgeted by \$ 11,790. Surety Refrigeration was paid but budgeted in April cause Benevolence-Ice Machine to be under budgeted by \$2,103. The National HBPA quarterly dues were paid in Feb but budgeted in April. Insurance was under budgeted for \$2,309 but was budgeted in January.

- Bank Balance was as follows as of 2/26/2024

-Regions	\$ 11,291.71
-DuQuoin	\$152,834.65
-Collinsville B & L	\$ 6,301.05
Total Cash	\$ 170,427.41

- Purse Report

*A purse report was presented by Melody Higdon through the end of December. A new purse report has not been received since 12/31/2023. Connie said it will not be updated until their audit is completed. still has \$ 310.00 balance to continue to take care of the cats. Several donations were made to help in the cost to feed the cats. She proved Melody Higdon with her receipts.

V Committee Reports

- Presidents Report
- Lobbyist Report
 - *John Costello reported on the date the congress will be in session for 2024. John will attend the March 21, 2024 IBR meeting in Springfield.
 - *John Costello asked for a few donations for the Agricultural Committee in amounts of \$ 250 up to a total of \$ 2,000. He will be hosting social events with the committee and encourages the board members to attend.
- Attorney Report
 - *Lloyd Cueto reported that the HISA is not in front of the supreme court. He feels that this is a good thing since the Marine case is holding up the 5th Circuit. Its been 4 months since we heard from the 5th Circuit. He feels that it is in a holding pattern and will be resolved by June 2024.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:24pm by John Rednour, Jr and it was seconded by Duane Wells.



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- Patti Macari
- Duane Wells
- Cynthia Rush
- Mike Moore 6:37pm
- Scott Becker

I Special Presentation from Dr Kevin Keegan

Dr Keegan of University of Missouri presented to apply for a grant to monitor and perform a CT scan a sample of 30 Fairmount Park house as a case study. Cost is \$ 700 for the front legs and \$ 1,200 for all four. There will be no cost in this study. This is confidential information that he will not share any information about the horse except with the

trainer. During the race two sensors will be placed one on the horse and one on the jockey to measure the beat of the horse. It measures the lameness of the horse. They will transport the horse at no cost to the trainer to perform the CT scan with a mild sedated given to the horse before the CT scan. They will track the horse in every race. Records of past performance is required. Dr Keegan was requesting a letter of support to present to the University of Missouri to include in the grant request.

II Old Business

2024 Board Meeting Corrected Date Schedule

Horsemen's Journal Ad

- Ad was presented that will run in the horsemen's journal for 2024. Cost is \$ 500 per year.

III New Business

- 60/60 Rule on Dorms
*Rule on dorms if you are gone more than 60 days out of your dorm or you live less than 60 miles away from race track you do not qualify to keep a dorm room at Fairmount Park.
- New Hire Cleaning Person
*A motion was made to hire Wendy Bertlesmann to be the new cleaning person at \$ 120 per week by John Rednour, Jr and it was seconded by Scott Becker. A vote was taken 9-0 in favor of hiring Wendy Bertlesmann.
- Change operating account from Regions to Collinsville Building and Loan
*Because of the hold placed on checks deposited the board made a decision to search for a new bank. A motion was

made by John Rednour, Jr and seconded by Cynthia Rush, a vote was taken 9-0 to move the account. The signers will be Jim Watkins, David Warchol, Melody Higdon and Scott Becker. A vote was taken in favor 9-0 to move the account.

- DuQuoin Bank 2 Signers

*A request from Melody Higdon that the Scheffel and Boyle suggested that we have 2 signers on all checks written from the DeQuoin Bank. John Rednour, Jr and Melody Higdon will work together to get this change made. Scott Becker and Melody Higdon will be added to the account as signers.

- Framework for Organization

*A framework schedule for the organization was presented by Melody Higdon to have a monthly schedule of events.

- Vianney High School Donation

*The finance committee approved a donation to Vianney High School auction of the HBPA suite and \$ 100 tab for non-alcoholic beverages and food.

- Off season training

*FanDuel agreed to pay 25% of the off-season training and HBPA will pay 75%. The HBPA will pay \$ 40,796.25 to FanDuel. A motion was made to sign the agreement by John Rednour, Jr and seconded by John Wainwright. A vote was taken in favor of 8-1 to agree to pay FanDuel.

IV Financial Reports

- Insurance renewal rates

*Melody Higdon presented the board with the renewal insurance rates of \$ 4,578 for 2024. Travelers include insurance package, umbrella and workman's comp policy. Chubb includes crime and D&O policy.

- December 2023 and & January 2024 Financial Statements
 - *Final profit and loss statements were presented by Melody Higdon. December was over budgeted by 4 accounts. First, benevolence-activities was over budgeted by \$ 2,91 which was due to the Christmas party costing \$ 2,749. We received \$ 670 in gift card to the golden corral to give to the horsemen who attended the Christmas party. Stuffed animals, coloring books and crayons were give to the children for Christmas gift. Benevolence-Assistance was over budgeted by \$ 1,728 due to the assistance issued to Debra McComas of \$ 1,090. Office Supplies was over budged by \$ 1,165 which 100 calendars were purchased designed by Melody Higdon to give to all the horsemen at Fairmount Park. Donations was over budgeted by \$ 500 which a check to Steve Byk was approved in the November meeting. January 2024 Dues and Subscriptions was under budgeted by \$ 1,993 because we have not received a bill from Horsemen’s Journal yet. Insurance was under budgeted because Chubb Insurance has not bill \$ 1,709 which will come in at a later date.

- Bank Balance was as follows as of 1/22/2024

-Regions	\$ 17, 554.34
-DuQuoin	\$152,800.01
Total Cash	\$ 170,354.35

- Purse Report
 - *A purse report was presented by Melody Higdon through the end of December. A new purse report has not been received since 12/31/2023.
- 2024 Budget

-A final 2024 budget was presented by Melody Higdon.

- Cat Update

- *In July 2023 \$500 was given to Paulette Ciglianna to help feed and spade the stray cats on the racetrack. As of today, she has spaded 16 cats and rehomed several of them. She still has \$ 310.00 balance to continue to take care of the cats. Several donations were made to help in the cost to feed the cats. She proved Melody Higdon with her receipts.

V Committee Reports

- Presidents Report

- *Jim Watkins will plan to attend all IRB meetings in 2024.

- *Jim Watkins discussed that the racetrack has been sold to Accel Gaming. They sell will take 60-90 days to complete. Temporary slot machines will be placed on the 1st floor of the club house within 90 days after the sell is complete. A full casino will be built in 2024. The HBPA will receive a % of money from the casino.

- *During the meeting, Tim Hughes resigned from the board. The next person with the most votes will replace Tim. Kevin Wilborn will be Tim Hughes replacement during the duration of the term. John Rednour, Jr made a motion to accept his resignation. Duane Wells 2nd the motion. A vote was taken of 9-0 in favor to accept Tim Hughes resignation.

- Activities Committee Report

- *Melody Higdon presented a game on Sunday or a Wednesday to attend the Grizzlies Game in the summer for the horsemen. Tickets on Wednesday are \$ 40 and Sunday is \$ 50. Included is ticket to the game, all-inclusive alcohol and non-alcohol beverages unlimited food, mid game activities

for the group, pictures with Izzy. The board agreed that it would be a good activity. A date will be chosen at a later date.

- Benevolence Committee Benevolence-Assistance

- *Jean France had a water break that destroyed 21 bales of hay in her barn. Patti Macari and Harry Lynch of the benevolence committee agreed the HBPA will pay Jean France \$ 168.00 to replace her hay.

- *Debra McComas resigned as the cleaning person as of 1/24/2024. They board agreed to continue to pay her medical bills up to \$ 2,000 for 2024. She will not continue to get a weekly paycheck.

- *The board agreed to donate \$ 200 to Perfecto Diaz. He was a groom at Oaklawn Park that passed away from a loose horse that ran him over. Many of trainers from Fairmount Park has used him when traveling to other tracks. The donation is to help the family return the body back for a burial.

- Lobbyist Report

- *John Costello reported on the date the congress will be in session for 2024. Calendars and hand outs were passed out to the board. John Costello also spoke with Dr Keegan to help him with a grant from the State of Illinois.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:03pm from John Rednour, Jr and it was seconded by Duane Wells.