



ILLINOIS HBPA

Board Meeting March 8, 2024

I Role Call

The meeting was called to order by Jim Watkins at 6:00 on a conference call:

- Jim Watkins
- Scott Becker 6:02
- John Wainwright
- Mike Moore
- Duane Wells
- Cynthia Rush
- Kevin Wilborn
- David Warchol

II Old Business

- Mark Wiemer-24 Frames
*The videos for the educational ad start April 4. A deposit of \$ 6,250 was paid to 24 Frames. Balance being due when job is completed. Three videos were completed (Chiropractor,

Jim Ban horse shoeing and training). Breeding and Folding will be done on April 12. Filming will continue through April. *6 Sponsors have committed to sponsoring the ads. The sponsors include John Costello and Associates, Cueto Law Firm, Taco Bell, 1101 Bar & Grill, Saddleback Chocolates and Purina. Melody Higdon will email invoices and mail letters and invoices to all the committed sponsors.

- Sale of Fairmount Park Update

*Jim Watkins gave us his update of the process of the sale. Jim Watkins and John Rednour Jr met with 5 members of the new owners. Well Fargo, a representative for Bill Stiritz attended the meeting. Bobby Pace, Melissa Helton and Connie Reames joined the meeting. After the sale is complete, they have 90 days to install 100 video machines. Excell gaming will have 3 years to complete a full casino. After 3 years the recapture will go away.

*Points made at the meeting was how could we get more horses here. Jim Watkins suggested the increase purses and pay forward and increase racing days. A meeting will be arranged for the horsemen to meet with new owners. We assume that the permits are in place for the construction of the casino.

III New Business

- National Convention in West Virginia will be March 20-22 and Jim Watkins attended the meeting. The meeting reported that Mexico wants to do away with the HBPA. Hisa lawsuit is

in our favor. Federal legislation will end on July 31, 2024. At that time, we should have a decision.

- Mobil Med Trainer
 - *Chris Lynch got a grant to have an RV trailer for medical needs on the backside. They will be presenting health care fairs. Jim Watkins said that they could be parked in the parking lot on Sundays to give health care to the community.
- Monday Pod Cast
 - *Starting April 15 John Moroney and Jim Watkins will be starting a podcast about horse racing. There will be rotating guests to join the pod cast. The podcast will be posted on the ILHBA fb and website. Alex Bodo will be part of the podcast.
- April 13 cleanup day and BBQ
 - *Saturday April 13 will be a clean up area the barn area. It will start after training. A BBQ will be hosted by the HBPA after cleanup is completed.
- FanDuel Picnic
- April 24 FanDuel will be hosting their annual picnic for the horsemen.

IV Financial Reports

- March 31, 2024 Financial Reports
 - *Melody Higdon recapped the March 2024 Income Statement. They only expense under budget was Advertising and Marketing which was due to the \$ 6,250 payment to 24 Frames for the videos. We did not budget this expenditure.
- Bank Balance was as follows as of 2/26/2024

-Regions	\$ 1,266.79
-DuQuoin	\$201,850.14
-Collinsville B & L	\$ 18,381.29
Total Cash	\$ 221,49822

- Purse Report
*A purse report was presented by Melody Higdon through the end of February 2024.

V Committee Reports

- Presidents Report
- Lobbyist Report
- Attorney Report

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:38pm by John Wainwright and it was seconded by Scott Becker.