



*Illinois Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, Inc.*

## **March 28, 2023**

### **Minutes**

1. Meeting called to order by President Chris Block at 11:01 a.m.
2. Roll Call by Executive Director David McCaffrey

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

President Chris Block  
Owner-Director Thomas Fedro – **Absent**  
Trainer-Director Mickey Goldfine  
Owner-Director Steve Holland  
Owner-Director Rick Johnson  
Owner-Director Michael Langdon - **Absent**  
Trainer-Director Patti Miller  
Trainer-Director Anthony Mitchell  
Owner-Director Marty Nixon  
Trainer-Director Tom Swearingen - **Absent**  
Trainer-Director Terry Young - **Absent**

Others Present: Executive Director David McCaffrey, Office Manager George Moreno, ITHA Members Aimee Bohlman, Dee Poulos, Diana Caramico, Penny Ffitch-Heyes.

3. Motion to approve the Minutes of the January meeting by Director Goldfine and seconded by Director Miller. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Galloping Out Report –There are currently 20 horses in the program two of which are being paid for by Judy Gallo. There have been three adoptions this year so far and two additional adoptions are pending.
5. Purse Account Reports - Purse reports were reviewed and discussed.
6. Legislative and Hawthorne Racino Update – A bill to remove what is known as the “35 mile radius protection clause for Hawthorne” has been proposed by the Illinois Harness Horsemen’s Association. The bill was discussed. An informal poll was taken, and the board overwhelmingly decided the harm caused by supporting the bill would vastly outweigh the incentives.
7. HISA and Illinois Racing Board Update – The IRB has requested a \$3 million increase in the FY2023 budget. They stated that part of the increase is meant to reimburse HISA fees to racetracks and horsemen.
8. Motion to adjourn at 2:03 p.m. by Director Goldfine and seconded by Director Mitchell. Motion passed unanimously.