



*Illinois Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, Inc.*

## **May 25, 2023**

### **Minutes**

1. Meeting called to order by President Chris Block at 5:05 p.m.
2. Roll Call by Executive Director David McCaffrey

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

President Chris Block  
Owner-Director Thomas Fedro  
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  
Trainer-Director Terry Young

Others Present: Executive Director David McCaffrey, Office Manager George Moreno, and ITHA Member Aimee Bohlman.

3. Motion to approve the Minutes of the April meeting by Director Goldfine and seconded by Director Fedro. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Galloping Out Report –There are currently 18 horses in the program, two of which are being paid for by Judy Gallo. There was a horse show at Skyview Farm – 8 of the contestants were Galloping Out graduates. The Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance has sent the second portion of the annual grant - \$17,500. A generous donation from the Waud family was made in the amount of \$40,000.
5. ITHA Financials were reviewed and discussed.
6. Purse reports for Hawthorne were reviewed and discussed.
7. Arlington Settlement Money – Due to the uncertainty of Springfield, two motions were made, however only one motion will be followed, and it will be dependent on the legislative outcomes. First Motion: Motion to transfer the Arlington settlement money in the amount of \$432,000 to improve purse structure as indicated in the May meeting packet, pending the approval of the BIMP money by Director Young and seconded by Vice President Nixon. Motion passed unanimously.  
Second Motion: Motion to transfer the Arlington settlement money in the amount of \$432,000 to improve purse structure by increasing all purses by 5% from June 15<sup>th</sup> through the end of the meet by Director Young and seconded by Vice President Nixon. Motion passed unanimously.
8. Legislative Update – due to state budgeting issues, the request to reimburse 2023's recapture at the amount of \$6,774,545, is unlikely to happen. The second request for 50% of the Horse Racing Fund surplus money is more likely, given the recent precedent, but nothing can be certain until the bill is passed and signed.
9. HISA – ADMC rules are in effect at Hawthorne.
10. Motion to adjourn at 7:37 p.m. by Director Goldfine and seconded by Director Mitchell. Motion passed unanimously.