



Illinois Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, Inc.

April 21, 2022 Minutes

1. Meeting called to order by President Chris Block at 11:05 a.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
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, CTHF Director Dee Poulos and CTHF Director Diana Caramico, ITHA member Aimee Bohlman, and Winx the dog.

3. Motion to approve the Minutes of the March meeting by Director Goldfine and seconded by Director Young. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Galloping Out Report – Galloping Out is currently in the process of accreditation by the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries. Galloping Out will also be participating in the ASPCA's Adopt a Horse Month in May.
5. ITHA Financials were reviewed and discussed.
6. Hawthorne Purse Report and Update – Purse reports were reviewed and discussed. The ITHA Board and Executive Director anxiously await the agenda for the Illinois Gaming Board (IGB) to be published since the construction of the Hawthorne Racino depends on the IGB's permission.
7. Motion to approve the ITHA Bylaw changes proposed as of April 21, 2022, by Director Langdon and seconded by Director Goldfine. Motion passed unanimously. Per our bylaws, changes will be published for a commentary period of a minimum of 30 days. After the commentary period lapses the ITHA Board may ratify the new bylaws.
8. Legislative Update – An effort was made by ITHA Executive Director McCaffrey and ITHA lobbyist to refund the "Horse Racing Purse Equity" (0656) fund from the "Horse Racing" (0632) fund but unfortunately the legislature did not approve the request.
9. HISA Update – The safety portion of HISA takes effect July 1st; however, HISA is a work in progress and the "roll out" will be gradual.
10. Arlington Park Update – The lawsuit against Arlington Park was filed April 20, 2022, for the balance of the purse account plus legal expenses.
11. A Shipping Committee was appointed by President Block. The committee is comprised of President Block, Director Goldfine, Director Mitchell, and Director Young.
12. Motion to adjourn at 1:44 p.m. by Director Mitchell and seconded by Director Young. Motion passed unanimously.