



*Illinois Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, Inc.*

## **August 25, 2022 Minutes**

1. Meeting called to order by President Chris Block at 11:09 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  
Trainer-Director Patti Miller  
Trainer-Director Anthony Mitchell – **Absent**  
Owner-Director Marty Nixon  
Trainer-Director Tom Swearingen  
Trainer-Director Terry Young

Others Present: Executive Director David McCaffrey, Office Manager George Moreno, ITHA Member Dee Poulos, Diana Caramico and Bridgette the dog.

3. Motion to approve the Minutes of the June meeting by Director Langdon and seconded by Director Young. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Motion to ratify the Bylaw changes proposed in May 2022 by Director Langdon and seconded by Director Nixon. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Financial Discussion – ITHA year-to-date financials were reviewed and discussed.
6. Hawthorne Update – Hawthorne's new goal is to appear in front of the Illinois Gaming Board during their September meeting.
7. 2023 Schedule – The tentative schedule for 2023 is to have training available in January and February and race from the first week of March through Labor Day for a total of 68 or 72 days.
8. Purse Account Reports - Purse reports were reviewed and discussed.
9. HISA Update – Motion to join the HBPA lawsuit against HISA by Director Langdon and seconded by Director Swearingen. Motion failed by a vote of six to three.
10. Legislative / Second Track Update – The IRB has so far avoided the topic of additional money to supplement purses. There is frustration in Springfield with the lack of racetracks building casinos.
11. ITHA Election – 2022 is an election year for the ITHA Board, the positions available are three owner-only positions and two trainer-owner or trainer-only positions.
12. Galloping Out Report – There are currently 19 horses in the program and have had 10 adoptions year to date. Galloping Out horse, Stolen Glance, is expected to compete in the Retired Racehorse Project - Thoroughbred Makeover in Lexington, Kentucky this year.
13. Motion to adjourn at 1:33 p.m. by Director Langdon and seconded by Director Goldfine. Motion passed unanimously.