

**North Dakota Quarter Horse Racing Association
Annual Board & General Membership Meeting
Saturday, December 18, 2015 @ 2:30 PM
Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library, Bismarck, ND**

Minutes

- A. President Leon Glasser called the meeting to order at 2:30 PM CST.

Present: President: Leon Glasser, Vice President: Randy Schwartz (towards the end of the meeting,) Directors: Douglas Plummer, Charles Soiseth, John Bubel, Secretary/Treasurer: Sally Dasinger. General membership: Bernell Pleines, Kevin Gefroh and Sharlene Reuer.

- B. The treasurer presented the Profit & Loss Statement for 2015. The board requested a breakdown for the 2016 Northern Plains Futurity. This will be provided in the near future along with current and projected income and expenses reports. Douglas Plummer moved to accept and it was seconded by Charles Soiseth. All approved.

- C. Minutes from the last meeting on December 12, 2014 were read.

Under section I. of the minutes, it should be made clear that the race distances of ND Bred Futurity at 350 yards, and the ND Bred Derby at 400 yards are for the North Dakota Horse Park.

Doug Plummer moved to accept the minutes and Charles Soiseth seconded. All approved.

- D. Races for the upcoming season: Chippewa Downs, Belcourt ND will run the weekends of June 4-5, 10-11, 17-18, 24-25, and July 9-10. The North Dakota Horse Park in Fargo, ND will hold races on July 15-16, 22-23 and 29-30.

1. Northern Plains Futurity: will again be held at Chippewa Downs in Belcourt. It was difficult to schedule due to many conflicts with various groups. The trials will be held the first weekend and finals on the 3rd weekend of races. The Grass Roots race will run trials on the 2nd weekend of June and the finals will be on the 4th weekend.

2. ND Bred Races: It was suggested to set up a payment plan for the ND Bred Races so there is an idea ahead of time as to how many horses will be racing. Currently, participants pay the \$400 fee at the track the day of the race. John Bubel suggested having a 1st payment of \$100 due February 15th of the current race year and a 2nd payment of \$100 due April 15th of the current race year with the balance of \$200 due the day of the race. Reminders would be sent or available in the newsletters and on the website.

The NDQHRA plans to add \$10,000 to the purses for these races and possibly more if the state provides extra funds. The NDQHRA will also

provide funds for the ND Bred Maturity. The decision to have a Maturity race will be determined after the February ND Racing Commission meeting. It was suggested to have an April 15th payment of \$100, with another \$100 paid the day of the race for a total of \$200.

Douglas Plummer moved to accept the new payment schedule and purse amounts and John Bubel seconded. All approved.

- E. Leon reported a complaint that there may be a conflict of interest in members being on both the NDQHRA board and the NDHP board. Members discussed the issue and are now aware of the possibility.
- F. Discussion was held on the charitable donations from the simulcast sites. As it stands the charitable donations are divided 3 ways: 1/3 to the NDQHRA, 1/3 to the NDTA "North Dakota Thoroughbred Association" and 1/3 to BSCTA "Bowman Second Chance Thoroughbred Adoption." The charitable for the NDQHRA it is a 501(C) (7).

We lost one of our Para Mutual contracts: PariBet will be signing on with the North Dakota Horse Park. It was stated that we lost Elite Turf but this is not the case as they have signed on again.

- G. John Bubel moved to adjourn the meeting, Doug Plummer seconded. All approved.

Minutes from the General Meeting

- A. The general meeting began immediately but since most were in attendance through the board meeting questions were taken. Kevin Gefroh asked if the group had influence on trial purses. They need to be raised to make it possible to race. Since 2 of the NDHP board members were present they stated they would pass along the suggestion.
- B. Discussion was held on the pros and cons of out-of-state breeders' fund awards.
- C. The annual Stallion Service Auction is down this year and needs donations.
- D. The winner of the free birth drawing was John Bubel. Congrats John!
- E. Awards: it was noted that awards are totaled by moneys earned, not a point system.
- F. Leon requested a vote by the board to give the administrator the same Christmas bonus and last year.
- G. Randy Schwartz moved to adjourn the meeting, Charles Soiseth seconded. All approved. The meeting was adjourned at 5 PM.