

# **Race Board Meeting Minute**

**September 10, 2018**

## **Brighton, Colorado**

Terry Vondy, the Vice President of Race, called the meeting to order on Tuesday, September 10, 2018, at 1:05 PM. The board members in attendance were: Terry Vondy, Howie Chavers, Margo Schares, Kathy Stoker-Hill, Jim Lynn, Greg Herrman, Matt Herrman, President Kelley Simonsen, and Jodie Witt, RMQHA Executive Director. Via conference call was Larry Terrell,

Kathy Hill moved and Jim Lynn seconded to approve the last meeting minutes as published.

Kelley Simonsen reviewed the financials and reported that the association is in a good position moving forward. Net income as of July 31, 2018 for the race division is \$69,016. Last year was \$24,463. Increase is contributed to the administration fees from the additional 4 races added back in 2018.

RMQHA race entries and purses were reviewed for all RMQHA 2018 races. The board is looking forward to moving forward with the same races and formats for the 2019 race season. Terry presented the stakes committee's payment schedule. It was moved and seconded to approve the dates, payment schedules and supplemental as proposed. The office will move forward to change the nomination forms. Nomination schedules have changed over 2018.

Foal and Broodmare registrations were reviewed and since November 1, 2017, 39 broodmares and 70 foals and 6 stallions have been registered with the Colorado Bred program year to date.

There was discussion around adding a future nomination process for weanlings, and would be noted in sale catalogs as being nominated for the Colorado Bred races. More discussion to follow at future director meeting.

Arapahoe Park recap and updates were discussed. Concern was expressed that rules were not enforced as expected. On several occasions, the gates were set late.

CHA updates – there is a meeting on September 11, 2018. More to come following the meeting. It was announced the CHA signed a 5 year contract with Arapahoe Park. Details of the contract are not known at this time.

Racing Commission updates – Next meeting date has not been announced. Larry reported the open commission position has been filled by Sandra Bowland.

Day at the Races was a success. Board liked the collaboration with the Horse Council. Matt commented the trail ride should be considerably shorter to allow riders to participate in barn tours earlier, get lunch and go to the races.

### **Other New Business:**

Advertising and Promotions – Colorado Bred Program was discussed and the packets sent to the races. The board discussed additional promotional collateral and Jodie will create a short flyer about the 2019 race season with nomination dates. Flyers will be sent to upcoming sales, provided to Vista Equine and

Premier Breeding and other reproduction facilities and local retail stores. The flyer will be emailed to our race data base as soon as nomination forms are updated and available on the website.

Nominations were discussed for the upcoming elections. Terms ending in 2018 for Matt Herrman, Jim Lynn and Margo Schares. All three agreed to run again, other names to be contacted by the nominating committee included Mark Schultz and Tanner Isaac. The board is suppose to start thinking about the Vice President position that will be open in January as Terry steps into the President of the association role.

Raton Racing track was discussed. Additional updates are not available at this time.

Terry and Jodie asked for committee members to help with the convention. Please let the office know if you know of someone willing to help.

Kathy will once again purchase year end awards. It was discussed to look into buckles again for champions and wearable attire for reserves. Out of state awards will be presented at the convention since it is held in January.

The office has received 2 Hall of Fame nominations so far. There is still a need for someone to head this up for the 2018 review and research.

The board was notified that Heather Ecton is no longer in the office. Jodie will forward the job description once completed for recruiting purposes.

All business was discussed, and a motion was made to adjourn, seconded and passed. Meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jodie Witt

RMQHA Executive Director