

DRAFT MINUTES
OQHRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
May 19, 2009 @ noon
Heritage Place Club

Directors present: Phillip Stewart, Jeff Tebow, Lake Newcomb, Andy Golden, Butch Wise, Matt Witman, Dr. Bullock, Bobby Webb, Wendy Ingersoll-Keener, Randy Hill, Dee Raper, Clayton Keys, and Eddie Willis. Ed Melzer, Darin Williams, Tommy Thomas, Haley Atwood, and Executive Director Debbie Schauf were also present.

Meeting was called to order by President, Phillip Stewart.

Deb gave report on staff activities and tours and read some thank you notes from individuals and groups that were given tours of Remington Park. She reported on the successful fundraiser for Ally's House which raised approximately \$32,000.

MOTION: Bobby Webb (Matt Witman) moved to approve minutes of March meeting. Motion carried.

Tommy and Haley gave a report on Legislative issues – suggested we schedule reception for legislators earlier next year, maybe in late February or early March.

Deb reported on Governors appointments to replace Bledsoe and Calvert on the racing commission and the OHRC medications task force meeting to discuss steroid levels.

Deb presented proposal from Keith Stallbories and Uview Media for video presentation on Heritage Place Futurity and Speedhorse races at Tulsa. The HP video funding was incorporated in the 2009 marketing budget but the Speedhorse video would be an additional expense.

MOTION: Butch Wise (Matt Witman) moved to approve Speedhorse video production. Motion carried.

Deb and Jeff presented information on request for funding by The Red Mile group in Kentucky for purses for their upcoming meet. There was much discussion about previous years funding and the 2009 OQHRA budget which did not include this request before the directors considered any action.

MOTION: Randy Hill (Matt Witman) moved not to support the Red Mile program with a financial contribution for 2009. Motion Carried.

Deb asked board to approve the letter requesting a joint agreement to transfer funds from Will Rogers to Fair Meadows for QH, P&A purses.

MOTION: Dr. Bullock (Matt Witman) moved to approve transfer letter. Motion Carried.

Deb discussed the letter from OHRC Director Rieger asking what OQHRA intends to do about the projected overpayment of OKB funds during the current RP meet. No action was taken and the directors indicated agreement with the staff recommendation to take no action until the meet is concluded and the staff is able to determine whether or not there is an overpayment.

Randy Hill raised a discussion about whether or not horses should retain their date if they run in trials at Remington Park. There was a lot of discussion on this subject and the need for more information to make a decision.

MOTION: Butch Wise (Dr. Bullock) moved to form a committee to evaluate the data for 2009 when available on 2 year old starters and their preference dates, and to invite trainers and owners to participate in that meeting when it is scheduled, as well as having the issue on a future board agenda to look at the data. Motion Carried.

Committee was appointed (or individuals volunteered) and includes: Butch Wise, Chairperson, Eddie Willis, Randy Hill, and Deb Schauf.

The board briefly discussed the successful meet at WRD and the fact that there will be several days added at the end of the meet to make up for the days lost during the flooding. Additionally Deb reported that there has been no discussion from WRD regarding their proposed dates for 2010.

They were informed that the condition book for FMT was currently being proofed and should be available by Thursday's commission meeting. Debbie informed the board that there are a lot of questions about the lack of OKB money since the TB are putting a larger segment of their Tulsa Tribal money into OKB purses at FMT this year.

Deb reported on the rumored status of BRD and the fact that according to Blaine Story there will be a request to extend their application deadline rather than filing an application for 2010. She also reported there had been no additional contact from the person's rumored to be purchasing the track and there had been no notification to the OHRC of a pending sale at this time. The board reviewed the proposed purse levels for 2009 assuming the tribal funding is available as projected in the 2009 Directive. They also discussed the good news that Sequoyah County passed a referendum to permit liquor by the drink in April.

Under discussion of OHRC agenda items, Deb recommended that the board approve having the attorney present for the hearing on the allocation of breakage and unclaimed for OKB program between meets at RP although it is not anticipated that he will testify at this hearing. She also reported on the most recent reported status of the RP/Magna bankruptcy and that Terry Tippens (attorney) had reviewed the filing documents and determined that OQHRA did not need to submit any filing to protect our horsemen's interests at this time. That situation will continue to be monitored by staff.

MOTION: Butch Wise (Matt Witman) moved to have Joe Bocoock attend the OHRC hearing on May 21 in case further action is necessary. Motion Carried.

Butch then said he wanted to discuss how and if OQHRA should strive to help establish an additional futurity at Remington with a gross purse of at least one million dollars. The board asked that Debbie invite Fred Hutton to the next meeting (June) to begin discussions on the 2010 stakes schedule.

Meeting Adjourned.