

Report for November 27th

HRA

Governance – Multiple committee meetings in the last two months. Focusing on board evaluations and improving current committee structure. Review is taking steps, but still no update or timeline so for 2022 our path forward should assume a similar structure

Regulatory – Some frustration as we need to move things forward. There is a new process for rule changes, places a good amount of the work on the industry but regulatory supposed to do research as well. New rules will be implemented once a year....April 1st ish timeline. After that, the only rule changes will be emergency ones that have 100% HRA Board agreement. Penalty Matrices are being discussed with the goal to strengthen “cost of doing business” fines and overall consistency, but most supplied so far have been from TB bodies and SB’s have many differences which need to be considered

ASHA

Purse Splits - John, Fred and I put in a lot of time and effort. 2022 splits agreed to approved by the board and 2023-2026 should be at the next HRA board meeting in January. Improvement not only on total purse pools but A and B track standardbred splits....the future looks bright barring any other World natural disasters

Calendar – Approximate calendar of dates has been submitted. Still potential changes on the days we race but at this point Tuesday and Saturday at CD/CM and Sunday at To2. Fred will discuss in more detail

Backstretch Outbreak – Obvious tough situation but what was decided was in the best interest of racing. Important to start the industry becoming proactive to situations as opposed to reactive. Things seem to be on the improve, I have had multiple calls with Vets, HRA, and individual Horsemen/women

Committee Structure – I know it has been a struggle to get this going with some committees, but I believe even more now than in the beginning it is the way we need to keep accomplishing goals and tasks. Full ASHA board meetings will be used for committee recommendations, starting in January of 2022 I want to ensure that each committee meets once between board meetings and reports results. The Racing committee is meeting multiple times, and obviously some will need to meet more often than others, but the rest have been hit and miss

2022 AGM Preparation – Would like to see the structure work of place for prospective Board Members to promote themselves and post bios. Would like to see that in place by the end of January so in place for when we announce the next AGM

Communication/Social Media – Regular work over past couple months. Meeting at CD in January to go over new calendar and events. Hopeful return of many more on track events, but unfortunately still those are dependant on restrictions....hopefully those are almost done but I haven't heard anything concrete