



**ASHA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**for January 31, 2023**  
**(Conducted via Zoom call)**

**Attended:** Don McDougall, Jackson Wittup, Randy Smith, Kelly Crump, Neil Malloch, Jocelyn Giesbrecht, Dave Kelly, Nathen Sobey, Bret Litke, John Hind and Tim Lake

**Absent:**

**Also attending** (no vote) Executive Director Fred Gillis, Executive Assistant Laura Webster

Meeting called to order at 6 pm

**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Moved by** Neil Malloch and seconded by Jackson Wittup.

**Motion Carried**

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of December 2, 2022**

**Moved by** Jackson Wittup and Bret Litke.

**Motion Carried**

**3. Review of outstanding Action Items**

**4. HRA UPDATE–John Hind/Don McDougall:**

**John Hind**

The Standardbred BIP program allocation for 2023 was approved by the HRA board. The ASHA Racehorse Procurement Incentive Program (RPIP) for 2023 was approved. HRA cashflow continues to be at or better than the forecasted amounts. The new casino by the airport has impacted the Century Downs cashflow from the slot machines. It is too early to predict the impact on future months. HRA is monitoring the situation.

Cash flow from slots at century mile is improving now that the mile has been open for an extended period. COVID shutdowns had impacted the cash flow at Mile as they never have a long period of continuous operation before 2022. Based on the cash flow results, the purse support increase to \$13,500,000 from \$ 12,500,000 and the BIP increase to \$ 3,900,000 from \$ 3,400,000. For the 2023 year are confirmed.

**Don McDougall**

- a) HRA Governance, little change. New Chair and is getting organized.
- b) Risk Management committee reported storage of available grooms and helpers.
- c) HRA Regulatory, rules to be voted on at the March 23rd HRA Board Meeting.
- d) HRA to send Respect in the Workplace links and packages during the year for trainers and ASHA Board Members to receive.
- e) Brought up possibility of Studs being included in the HPI Program.

**5. 2023 RACING**

- a) **Financial Report by John Hind** – Working on the 2022 reconciliation of ASHA accounts. Update to follow soon.
- b) **Handle/Purse Report by Fred Gillis** – Up until February 4<sup>th</sup>, we have spent \$18,000 over budget. There are not any files yet on Simulcast.
- c) **President’s Report by Don McDougall (No Report – included in HRA report)**
  - I. **Social Media Update**
  - II. **Executive Committee**

**6. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- a) **Breeders Committee – Kelly Crump**  
Nothing to report.
- b) **Owners Committee – Randy Smith**  
Nothing to report.
- c) **Drivers/Trainers Committee – Nathan Sobey**  
Nothing to report.
- d) **Racing Committee – Jackson Wittup**  
No meetings held with the Race Committee and therefore no update to report.
- e) **Promotions and Events – Bret Litke**

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**REMINDER! - All Committee Chairs** are requested to email their reports to Laura Webster (laura@asha.ab.ca) one (1) week prior of scheduled Board Meetings so they can be sent as one package to all members of the Board.