



## **ASHA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes** **for March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**conducted (in person) at Century Downs Racetrack & Casino**

**Attended:** Don McDougall, Jackson Wittup, John Hind, Harold Haining, Neil Malloch, Tim Lake, and Dave Kelly.  
**Online:** Jocelyn Giesbrecht, Nathen Sobey. **Regrets:** Randy Smith. Also attending (no vote) Executive Director Fred Gillis, Administrative Assistant Michelle Desjardins

Meeting called to order at 7:38 pm

### **1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Moved by** Neil Malloch and seconded by Tim Lake that the agenda with additions be approved.

**Motion Carried**

### **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES held on January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022.**

**Moved by** Neil Malloch and seconded by John Hind that with no errors or omissions noted, minutes of the meeting of January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022, be approved.

**Motion Carried**

### **3. Review of outstanding Action Items**

Don reviewed the Action Items list, and the remaining item left is tabled for the time being.

### **4. HRA UPDATE—John Hind/Don McDougall: (HRA Report)**

As presented.

John will stop by the ASHA office to pick up promotion items before heading to Red Deer for the Horse Conference, as he will volunteer to sit with the HRA table.

HRA is proactively watching spending since slots were lower than predicted in January and February

### **5. 2022 RACING**

#### **a) Financial Report – John Hind (Report)**

**Moved by** John Hind and seconded by Harold Haining that ASHA approves the Standardbred Canada contract for three (3) more years to conduct staking

**Motion Carried**

**Moved by** John Hind and seconded by Neil Malloch to approve the Annual Financial statements as presented for the Annual General Meeting.

**Motion Carried**

The Board discussed issues and concerns around Track on 2 should they not be approved for slots in the future but decided to wait any action pending an outcome.

#### **b) Handle/Purse Report – Fred Gillis**

Although currently overspent, Fred delivered a favourable handle report. Horses are racing with more entries getting in. Fred requested the Board to approve extra (3) race days in April at an expense of \$36,000.

**Moved by** John Hind and seconded by Harold Haining to approve the extra (3) race days in April at an expense of \$36,000.

**Motion Carried**

There is a possibility as always of cancelling race days, this time for lack of horses. It is a situation under surveillance since there are more qualifying as well as others returning to Alberta.

The Ralph Klein has a new sponsor.

#### **c) President's Report – Don McDougall (Report)**

As presented.

Jamie Jungquist is working on promotion and social media under a short-term contract. ASHA and Century Downs have agreed to split the costs.

### **6. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **a) Breeders Report – Harold Haining Presentation (Report)**

As presented.

**Moved by** Harold Haining and seconded by Tim Lake to move the late stallion payment to May 1, effective 2023.

**Motion Carried**

#### **b) Owners Committee – Randy Smith (Absent/no report)**

#### **c) Drivers/Trainers Chair – Nathan Sobey/Dave Kelly**

Verbal report: the track has improved since Ron Grift worked on it. The track is closed Monday (March 28, 2022) to allow maintenance to bank the turn and amend the passing lane. Backstretch attitudes feel calmer.

- d) **Structural Committee – Jackson Wittup (no report)**  
The structural committee implemented the plan to have bios on the website and Facebook pages for those running for positions at the AGM. Five individuals requested bios posted. The intention is to continue the practice for better visibility to the candidates, plus more information on those running for the membership.
- e) **Awards Committee - Tim Lake (Awards Criteria)**  
The board reviewed the draft criteria and discussed. With clarification, the Awards Committee hopes to have a draft for the Board to approve next board meeting. **ACTION ITEM#1**
- f) **Promotions Committee – Dave Kelly**  
Addressed during the Presidents Report

## 7. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a) **Contract with “Track on 2”**  
Still under review
- b) **Horse Population Initiative (H.P.I.)**  
Kent Verlik (HRA) requested an update on the ASHA initiative.
- c) **May Horse Sale Ohio**  
Fred wants to create a team to go to Ohio for the sale in May. Don recommended Dave and Fred delegate a team of available and committed people, and to move forward and make the plans.
- d) **Contract with Century 2022**  
John and Neil are reviewing the contract, and John discussed items that should be changed. Members of the board also made requests for changes for the new contract and John wants more recommendations prior to July 31<sup>st</sup>.
- e) **Office Items - Michelle Desjardins**
  - i) The office has encountered an issue with obtaining authority to pay the source deductions/payroll remittance online, which the board voted on previously to avoid the bank from losing any further payments to the CRA. Due to the current requirements of two signatures on a cheque, this prevents any change to the current practice. As per John, the office will continue to pay the CRA for source deduction remittances by cheque and hope the bank does not post the incorrectly in the future.
  - ii) The office requires IT support for the future. It has been managed in house for the previous four years but should be managed externally again. Don recommended that Michelle obtain a minimum of three quotes for consideration. **ACTION ITEM#2**
  - iii) Michelle requested clarification for the AGM if voting via text for online attendees was acceptable. Providing their identity can be verified, the board had no issue with the method.
- f) **Western Canada Regional Drivers Challenge**  
In past drivers’ challenges, the difficulty is obtaining enough horses for these races. There will be a financial benefit added this year to motivate cooperation.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.**

**Next meeting to be scheduled after the AGM**

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **New Items from March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**ACTION ITEM#1** 6. e) ii) Tim Lake, on behalf of the Awards Committee is to present the final draft of the awards criteria for the Board’s approval.

**ACTION ITEM#2** 7. e) ii) Michelle to present quotes to the Board from IT companies to service ASHA for the Boards Approval

### **TABLED ITEMS from June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

#### **(Minutes from June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021)**

1. **Jocelyn** - possible reviving of the Race Bike Insurance program (Status – tabled, pending more ideas).

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**REMINDER!** - **All Committee Chairs** are requested to email their reports to Michelle Desjardins one (1) week prior of scheduled Board Meetings so they can be sent as one package to all members of the Board.

**MOTIONS LOGBOOK**