

ASHA Annual General Meeting
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HRA report
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HRA and the Government of Alberta have agreed to increase the allocation of slot revenue from 40% to 50% for the remainder of the term of the contract. The government has agreed to extend the HRA funding agreement for five years to March 31, 2031. The government has deferred finalization of the new agreement until the final decision on the HRA governance structure is made.

Purse support is budgeted at \$ 12,500,000 for 2022 and is forecast to increase to \$ 13,500,000 in 2023. BIP is budgeted at \$ 3,400,000 for 2022 and is forecast to increase to \$ 3,900,000 for 2023. These increases are possible due to the increase in the HRA share of the slot revenues.

HRA has introduced a \$ 500,000 Strategic Horse Incentive Program for 2022. The program will make payments to horsemen who purchase racehorses and broodmares from outside Alberta to be raced or bred in Alberta. The ASHA share of the program is capped at \$ 200,000. To date approximately \$ 50,000 has been spent. The purchases must be complete before the end of May 2022. HRA will review the program in the fall and may extend the program to 2023 if it is successful

HRA has negotiated a five-year agreement on the allocation of the purse support between the breeds. The agreement is effective in 2022 and continues until 2026

The regulatory and licencing committee has a new policy for rule changes. All rule changes requests must be submitted for consideration and the approved changes will become effective in the spring of each year. There will be exceptions for critical rule changes. They committee is working on a penalty matrix which will be posted. The matrix sets out the guidelines for penalties dependant on the class of the drug and the number of offenses.

Effective January 1, 2022, a five-year contract was signed with Evergreen Park, and the five-year agreement with RMTC has been agreed to in principle. A similar contract will be offered to Track on 2 when they receive a casino slot licence. These contracts replace the one-year contracts that were previously in place

Warrior Relay Racing (WRR) is generating interest from the racetracks and government. HRA had a discussion with Max Gibb regarding WRR. A committee of HRA will be formed to review WRR and what position HRA needs to have