



ASHA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes **for January 29th, 2022**

conducted (in person) at Century Mile Racetrack & Casino

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

Meeting called to order at 6:29 pm

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Neil Malloch and seconded by Randy Smith that the agenda with additions be approved.

Motion Carried

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES held on November 27th, 2021.

Moved by Dave Kelly and seconded by Randy Smith that with no errors or omissions noted, minutes of the meeting of November 27th, 2021, be approved.

Motion Carried

3. Review of outstanding Action Items

The Action Items list was reviewed and remaining items to be addressed soon.

4. Addition of Motions conducted via Video/Emails:

Moved by Harold Haining and seconded by Tim Lake the attached Stakes Schedule for 2022 be accepted as presented on December 4th, 2021.

Motion Carried (via e-mail vote)

5. HRA UPDATE–John Hind/Don McDougall: (HRA Report)

As presented in the link. No questions were asked.

6. 2021 RACING

a) Financial Report – John Hind (Report)

The report is preliminary; no adjustments have been made as the books are not yet closed for 2021 and when they are completed, they will be sent for the Annual Audit in time for the 2022 AGM.

It was anticipated to break even, but with fewer expense with promotions and other expenses not used during the pandemic there was about \$49,000 surplus. A term deposit of \$50,000 was purchased to put funds back as these had been spent to survive.

b) Handle/Purse Report – Fred Gillis

With the carry over, which was the cancelled December race days carried over to 2022, funds are available for a GIC to accommodate any future emergencies. The purse and the race schedules are exactly on target.

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

As presented in the link. Regarding the calendar and the 5-year plan of blocked race date, Fred wishes to meet soon with the new TB director. **ACTION ITEM #1** Fred to meet with Mike Vanin, the new Thoroughbred Director to finalize the 5-year blocked dates.

Members of the Board conveyed their opinions regarding the equine vaccination protocol from Century which has not been discussed with the other partners (ASHA and HRA) prior to implementation. Going forward, discussions such as this will be added to the next contract. Also presented were promotional ideas, (links below) for the Board to read and discuss at the next meeting. These items have also been presented to Century.

i. Brainstorming Ideas

Don is requesting feedback from the Board on these ideas for follow-up and planning for any that hold ground

ii. Cross Border Women's Drivers Challenge

Another idea Don is requesting feedback from the Board.

No report from the Executive meeting.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a) Breeders Report – Harold Haining Presentation (No Report)

The owners bonus remains on the table, and although there is still discussion on it, the Sale Stake remains an item not favoured by the current board.

b) Owners Committee – Randy Smith (Report)

As presented; the board showed special interest with the idea of “Breakfast with the Babies”, and with having Sugar Doyle back to assist with growing the industry.

c) **Drivers/Trainers Chair – Dave Kelly (in the absence of Nathan Sobey)**

The track has improved with maintenance conducted by Ron Grift, so there is less complaining. Ron will set the track up at the Downs.

d) **Structural Committee – Jackson Wittup**

With the pending AGM, Jackson presented the [Role and Responsibility of a Director](#), to be posted to the ASHA website along with the bios of those wanting their names to stand for nomination at the meeting. Bios will be accepted upon decision of the date of the AGM.

e) **Awards Committee - Tim Lake**

The stats for the Western Canada Pacing Derby and the Century Casino Filly Pace have been included to the 2021 stats, although they were physically run in 2022, due to the weather which pushed the date back. Tim has requested the completed statistics from Colleen for the committee. The Awards which had been scheduled for March 5th was discussed as there are still restrictions with no alcohol after 10 pm and no dancing. It was the general feeling of the Board to not conduct the Awards Banquet, but to continue with presenting the same way as the past two years.

Moved by Jackson Wittup and seconded by Neil Malloch that there be no live Awards Banquet of 2021 Awards given out in 2022, with details to follow. **Motion Carried**

The committee with Fred, will be proceeding to review the finalists in categories requiring those decisions. A discussion occurred regarding decisions and for clarity that for the categories of:

- Champion Aged Mare AB starts - OPEN RACES ONLY,
- Champion Aged Horse AB starts - OPEN RACES ONLY,
- Claimer of the Year - Fillies/Mares All claiming races counted - money earnings,
- Claimer of the Year - Colts/Gelding All claiming races counted - money earnings,

as it's written in the criteria.

f) **Promotions Committee – Dave Kelly**

No report.

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

a) **Contract with Track on 2**

John recommended that a contract with Track On 2 would be a good idea as there isn't one currently, particularly with the slots coming. The application for slots is conditionally pending installation of a Telus line, which may take 4 to 6 months.

b) **Horse Population Initiative (Century/ASHA Initiative)**

HRA approved \$100,000 towards the Horse population initiative, and there are currently 9 horses approved to this program: 2 broodmares and 7 racehorses. \$17,000 has currently been paid out.

c) **Ohio Sale**

Due to factors beyond the control of ASHA, it was decided through phone calls that the Board would not proceed for the Winter Ohio sale but target their interests to the upcoming Spring sale.

d) **Contract with Century 2022**

ACTION ITEM #2 Fred to send a copy of the previous Century Contract to Neil Malloch.

Items for review /addition:

- to assure that mandates (i.e., Vaccines, etc.) will require agreement from the other partners prior to enforcement to the horsemen.
- to adjust the rates as they seem inconsistent.
- that the horsemen's bookkeeper be paid by Century for not just the Downs but another \$30,000 paid to ASHA for the bookkeeping provided to the Mile for another \$30,000, or more.
- to determine the term of the contract.

e) **Date for 2022 AGM (with or without Video Conferencing)**

The board agreed that this meeting should be conducted live with a video component added, to be scheduled by the Michelle through Century Downs and Tall Girl and their availability.

ACTION ITEM #3 – Michelle to schedule the AGM with based availability of Century Downs and Tall Girl.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26

Next meeting (pending) schedule for Century Downs March 26th, 2022

ACTION ITEMS

New Items from January 29th, 2022

1. **ACTION ITEM #1** (6 RACING, c.) Presidents' Report - Fred to meet with Mike Vanin, the new Thoroughbred Director to finalize the 5-year blocked dates. **Completed**
2. **ACTION ITEM #2** (8 New Business, d.) Fred to send a copy of the previous Century Contract to Neil Malloch for review. **Completed**
3. **ACTION ITEM #3** – (8 New Business, e.) Michelle to schedule the AGM with based availability of Century Downs and Tall Girl. **Completed**

UNRESOLVED/TABLED ACTION ITEMS from November 27th, 2021

(Minutes from November 25th, 2021)

1. **ACTION ITEM #3** Upon Fred reaching out to Bill to confirm his involvement with the revision of the contract with Century, Don and Fred to communicate to the Board for who the rest of the members are for the Contract committee in the future **Completed**

UNRESOLVED/TABLED ACTION ITEMS from September 11, 2021

(Minutes from September 11, 2021)

1. **ACTION ITEM #2** – Fred to communicate back to the board with interpretation from Tim and Jackson on the exact wording in the 2021 Sire Stakes book regarding standings for 2-year-olds for Super Finals. (Status - Work in Progress; review of the exact wording prior to printing the 2022 Stakes Guide & Stallion Directory) **Completed**

UNRESOLVED/TABLED ACTION ITEMS from June 26th, 2021

(Minutes from June 26th, 2021)

1. **ACTION ITEM #4** Fred to speak with Track On 2's race secretary for more consistent classes. (Status – pending; awaiting the return to racing at Track on 2) **Completed**
2. **ACTION ITEM #6** Jocelyn to present her findings in the interest reviving the Race Bike Insurance program (Status – tabled). Michelle informed through Fred it's not possible, require confirmation and findings from Jocelyn; to be presented to the Board at a meeting)

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