

South Dakota Thoroughbred Association Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the South Dakota Thoroughbred Association was held on December 5, 2015 in Aberdeen, SD at the Best Western Ramkota Hotel. Present were: Jim Thares, President, Glenn Ringgenberg, Vice-President, Mae Jenkins, Secretary-Treasurer, Board of Directors; Dean Hansen and Tom (Skip) Moody.

President Jim Thares called the meeting to order at 10:05 am. Mae read the minutes from the 2014 meeting. Glenn Ringgenberg made a motion to approve the minutes and Dean Hansen 2nd the motion. The minutes were approved as read. Mae went over the financial report for 2015. Dean Hansen made a motion to approve the financial report and Tom (Skip) Moody 2nd the motion. The financial report was approved as read.

Old Business:

Discussion was had regarding nominations for the futurity and derby and memberships. Skip brought up the fact that both tracks were given money for 6 days and Pierre only raced 4 days. Discussion was held on this topic. Pierre had originally requested 4 race days and Aberdeen requested 6 days. Larry Eliason had said that the money would be split 60% to Aberdeen and 40% to Pierre. Pierre was then allowed to revise their application for dates to request 6 days racing. The money was then allocated 50% to each track. Pierre then only raced 4 days. Aberdeen was to race 6 days but 3 were rained out. Jim Thares stated that we cannot control what the state does and how they allocate the money. Jill LaCroix stated that Wyoming Instant Gaming has been shut down. It does not seem that there is a desire on the commission's part to give up any money from Deadwood to the horsemen's fund. Large amounts of money are going back into the General Fund.

New Business:

The funding has been decided for the 2016 race season. Pierre will race 4 days and Aberdeen will race up to 6 days. The funding has been reduced by \$40,000. \$188,000 has been allocated to Aberdeen and \$181,000 has been allocated to Aberdeen. The difference is due to the way they are doing the SD Bred point money this year. Each track gets \$3,800 per race day that they run. Aberdeen does have some carry over money from last year that they will use. Mike Schmidt stated that both licenses were approved at the meeting in Deadwood.

Gallo and north Sioux City are still open. Jill's Mom's place is closed.

Skip brought up trying to find a way to run more SD Bred overnight races instead of putting all the money on stakes races. We may have to run short fields to do this and this is not good for the wagering side of things but would allow us run more SD Bred races.

Election of Officers:

Jim stated that we need to elect President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer and the Director office that Jr. currently holds. Jim Thares made a motion to nominate Tom (Skip) Moody for President. Jill LaCroix 2nd the motion. Dean Hansen made a motion that nominations cease. A unanimous vote was cast and Tom (Skip) Moody is the new President for a 3 year term to end 2018.

Glenn Ringgenberg is the current Vice President. Dean Hansen nominated Ray Sauerwein and Jill LaCroix 2nd the motion. A unanimous vote was held and Ray Sauerwein is the new Vice-President for a 3 year term ending 2018.

Mae Jenkins is the current Secretary-Treasurer. Jim Thares nominated Diane Moody and Craig Bonn 2nd the motion. Jim asked Jill if she would like the position and she declined. It was decided that Diane Moody would be the new Secretary-Treasurer for a 3 year term that would end 2018. She will be paid \$1000 a year as the previous Secretary-Treasurer had been.

Jr. Dolphus currently holds one of the Thoroughbred Director positions. Craig Bonn made a motion to nominate Jr Dolphus and Tom (Skip) Moody 2nd the motion. A unanimous vote was held and Jr. Dolphus will retain a Thoroughbred Director position for a 4 year term to end 2019.

We need to replace Skip's Director position on the Horsemen's Board of Directors since he was elected President. Dean Hansen nominated John G Johnson and Jill LaCroix 2nd the motion. John G Johnson will take over Skip's Director position on the Horsemen's Board of Directors which ends 2017.

The alternate for the Horsemen's Board of Directors has to be elected each year. Jill LaCroix nominated Jim Thares and Dean Hansen 2nd the motion. Jim Thares will be the alternate for the Horsemen's Board of Directors.

Glenn Ringgenberg made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Craig Bonn 2nd the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Mae Jenkins
Secretary-Treasurer

President – Tom (Skip) Moody (2018)
Vice President – Ray Sauerwein (2018)
Secretary-Treasurer – Diane Moody (2018)
Director – Tom (Skip) Moody (2016)
Director – Joe Thorne (2017)
Director – Dean Hansen (2018)
Director – Jr. Dolphus (2019)

Thoroughbred Horsemen's Board of Directors – 3 year terms
Tom (Skip) Moody – President is automatically on the Horsemen's Board
Dean Hansen (2016)
John G Johnson (2017)
Jim Thares – Alternate