

Board of Directors
Unapproved Minutes
Monday, September 24, 2012
8:35 AM Central

President Chris Walker called the meeting to order @ 8:35am.

Invocation was given by Andy Roberts.

President Walker asked Mrs. Taylor to call roll.

Present were:

Andy Roberts
Chase Hurst
Chris Walker
Darlene Harris was absent for the first half of meeting
Eddie Barrow
Fred McRoy
Jamie Lawrence
Jim Morris
Judy Jones
Kelly France
Mike Etheredge
Ronnie Hooker
Tony Beaver Parson

Absent were:

Ed Hiers
Tim Toler

Guest Speaker

Ray Long – Morgan County Commissioner expressed his thanks and appreciation to the RHBAA for what it has done and brought to Morgan County. Fred McRoy expressed his thanks to Craig Stiles, for his work on the grounds and arena. Melisa Taylor also commented that Morgan County is also a corporate sponsor of the RHBAA.

President Walker asked the Board about Ed Hiers and Tim Toler not being present. The motion was made by Fred McRoy to excuse those not present. Mike Etheredge second. Motion Carried.

President Walker verified that everyone had received the minutes. Jim Morris made the motion to accept the minutes. Andy Roberts seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Chris Walker made the following motion:

I, Chris P. Walker, a member of the RHBAA in good standing, on August 9, 2012, make the following motion: to add two sentences to the end of the paragraph under 'Section 2.10 Voting' that shall read, "In the event that a "mail out ballot" is chosen or required, the ballot shall be mailed to each member to the mailing address that is on record with the RHBAA. In the event that the subject matter being voted on requires a certain percentage of agreement by all the membership for a change or for passage, the unreturned ballot(s) can be counted as either a "YES" vote or a "NO" vote so long as the ballots have clearly printed on them the intent to count the "unreturned" ballot as it shall state."

Judy Jones made the motion to accept the rule change, Andy Roberts seconded.

Roll Call

Andy Roberts, Yes
Chris Walker, Yes
Eddie Barrow, Yes
Fred McRoy, Yes
Jamie Lawrence, Yes
Jim Morris, Yes
Judy Jones, Yes
Kelly France, Yes
Ronnie Hooker, Yes
Tonya Beaver, Yes
Mike Etheredge, Yes

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Hurst presented the board with current financials. He stated that \$39,000 had been returned to the Money Market account bringing the balance to \$134,438. He stated that the office income had increased \$ 10,000, due mostly to increased registrations and membership. Office expenses were down \$3,000. There were no questions asked. Mr. Walker added that we were on track with our current budget. Fred McRoy made the motion to accept and Kelly France seconded. Motion Carried.

Horse Show Committee

Melisa Taylor stated that we currently have 584 stalls rented with a possible 20 more, 57 camper spots with only 12 left, 64 box seats, which are available to purchase at the booth individually. Mrs. Taylor reported that there are 16 Corporate Sponsors, 12 Gold Championship Circle and 5 Silver Championship. Entries are down but registrations and membership are up due to the new requirements of entries.

Mrs. Taylor also commented on the controversies' of the DQP and that the Show Committee had chosen the KY HIO. Mrs. Taylor also stated that she meets daily with the DQP and Judges to address any issues as they arise.

***Mrs. Taylor reported to the board of an issue with a juvenile riding a stud pony in a speed class.

Judges Committee

Tim Toler was absent but reported that there was nothing new to report.

Personnel and Property

Fred McRoy wanted to get board approval for employee changes that are already in place. Fred stated that Tracy's overall cost was \$37,336 we could potentially save \$6,000 - \$7,000 by hiring two part time employees at the hourly rate of \$9.00 working a 30 hour week. It was also decided that it would be in the best interest to have the office open Monday – Thursday 7:00 am to 3:00 pm, with the phones being rolled to Melisa on Fridays. This new scheduled would be tried and changes made if found necessary. The week of Christmas and Thanksgiving we will be closed. Fred McRoy made the motion to accept the request and Jim Morris seconded.

Roll Call:

Andy Roberts, Yes
Chris Walker, Yes
Eddie Barrow, Yes
Fred McRoy, Yes
Jamie Lawrence, Yes
Jim Morris, Yes
Judy Jones, Yes
Kelly France, Yes
Mike Etheredge, Yes
Ronnie Hooker, Yes
Tonya Beaver, Yes

Rule and Enforcement

Nothing new to report.

Trail and Field Pleasure

Darlene Harris was absent; Jim Morris stated that there was nothing new to report.

Promotions and Membership

Nothing new to report.

Advisory Committee

We are still working on the Speed Associations request.

Breeders Committee

Nothing new to report other than Registrations and Commission Registrations were up. The ladies are doing a wonderful job and her attention to detail and following procedures. Mr. Walker commented that our membership is up 10 % from the following year due to the new procedures.

DQP Committee

Mr. Etheredge stated that things are going real good and there was nothing new to report.

Exhibitors Status

Very little issues to report. We are getting great response to letters being mailed out.

Chris Walker informed the board of an issue of The Shelbyville Classic has still not paid their \$1,000 arena bill. Mr. Thacker had requested mercy from the board and to forgive the debt, due to several issues stemming from handling the money for the show. After much discussion as to the reason why, Fred McRoy made the motion to forgive the \$1,000 debt, Ronnie Hooker seconded.

Roll Call:

Andy Roberts, No
Chris Walker, No
Eddie Barrow, No
Fred McRoy, Yes
Jamie Lawrence, No
Jim Morris, No
Judy Jones, No
Kelly France, No
Mike Etheredge, No
Ronnie Hooker, Yes
Tonya Beaver, No

The motion failed to pass and the Shelbyville Classic will remain liable for the \$1,000.

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The board then discussed a trainer riding a horse in a pleasure class such as show Pleasure and style Pleasure. We are the only organization that does not let trainers show pleasure horses. After much discussion Mr. Lawrence stated the trainer would not be able to go back in the Stake. This would open more sales for horses and places for this type horse to show.

Chris Walker reminded the board to start considering his replacement as President. The Board did encourage Chris to stay.

Eddie Barrow made the motion to keep Melisa Taylor as Show Chairman, seconded by Kelly France, motion carried.

The board discussed that they need someone good to writing a motion for a rule change for the Speed Association. It would need to be done within the required time frame to be voted on at winter meetings.

Chris Walker informed the board that we would try to get a budget in place and a preliminary approval prior to the end of the year.

The board started a discussion of moving the show from Alabama. Chris Walker stated that it would require 75% of membership voting, which would be very difficult.

Chris Walker also informed the board he was working on the future 5-year contract with Products Mart.

Melisa informed the board that the Winter Meetings would be moving back to Decatur, and we would only be responsible for the food.

Board recessed until after show Friday night.

President Walker reconvened the meeting after the show Friday night. The board had nothing to discuss. For the talking in the room I could not hear who adjourned the meeting.