

Rideau Carleton/NCRHHA Operations Team:

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Subject: 29 Dec Operations Meeting Actions and Discussion Items.

I. In-Progress or To Be Monitored:

12. Winter Barn

Mike R will address this for the next meeting (15 Sep 2005)

Targeting A-East – 14 stalls? – Terry L to confirm – we need 22 stalls (29 Sep 2005)

It was discussed and approved that horsemen would use the “Ship In” barn located at the southeast corner of the property for live racing during the winter months. (20 Oct 2005)

The Winter Barn (I) has heat and water (06 Nov 2005-21.2) – This statement was later proved to be incorrect.

Designated Ship-in Barn is not sufficient...too far, too cold, no water. Russ M indicated that people were using the East side of the Stakes barn and that it was sufficient (running water not necessary as horses are watered before leaving the paddock). (15 Dec 2005)

Additional complaints....investigate call from Joanne C (28 Dec 2005)

13. Backstretch cable – currently repaired and functioning (29 Sep 2005)

Recurring problems in December–Gordon M discussed with Winston-Winston installed new header gear and will install new wiring throughout the barns (15 Dec 2005)

Cable functioning properly-Gordon M called Winston to confirm and thank him (23 Dec 2005)

13A. Internet Cable to the Race office and NCRHHA office – Mike to check on it (29 Sep)

The NCRHHA office’s high speed internet connection should be completed by October 27th, delayed shipment of parts set the project back by about two weeks. (20 Oct 2005)

Internet cable is installed-Gordon/Tim? (confirm) to contact Mike Petelski for setup of NCRHHA office computer (15 Dec 2005)

15. Saddle cloths – their condition is a concern (18 Sep 2005)

Mike R to confirm (29 Sep)

Purchasing new saddle clothes was discussed, there may be an opportunity to share the cost with NCRHHA if the NCRHHA logo can be used (20 Oct 2005) - Tim S to confirm viability of suggestion (06 Nov 2005)

Tim S is having example cloths and letters shipped (24 Nov 2005)–delayed (15 Dec 2005)

17. Track getting sloppy (29 Sep)

New material has been added

Mike to speak with Howard P and Tim S

Track Mnt/Work Order Form – Prefer we use the Operations Meetings to address (06 Nov 2005-21.3)

Track Grading – The grader is on the track on a regular basis in the morning (06 Nov 2005-21.4)

Equipment problems and weather have been playing havoc with track conditions – Rideau has ordered and installed new equipment parts and have borrowed equipment to maintain the track surface (Dec 2005)

Reports of track problems continue – investigate call from Joanne C (28 Dec 2005)

Track surface worked from 5am to post time (28 Dec 2005)

21. Teletimers – a motherboard has been ordered and will be installed when Wilf Gondermann return from his holidays (November 7th). (20 Oct 2005)
Will be completed the week of 28 Nov 2005 (24 Nov 2005)

Gordon M spoke with Wilf. He has replaced the motherboards and, despite repeated troubleshooting, is unable to repair the displays. The manufacturer has been called and plans to visit early in the New Year (15 Dec 2005)

23. Food Bank drive (Added following 06 Nov Mtg)

Target for Feb 2006 (24 Nov 2005)

27. Tim S will check into opening the track until 2pm on days when weather is inclement - Track may require maintenance and has to be shut down in those cases (24 Nov 2005)

Tim S has agreed that the track would remain open until 2pm on days when it is not being worked. (15 Dec 2005)

28. Town Nights need more focus - **Russ M to organize to set the example (15 Dec 2005)**

29. Sunday Post times

Rideau application for a change to 5pm from 6:30pm as at 01 Nov went smoothly through discussion and NCRHHA submission in support of the change.

Rideau applied for a change back to 6:30pm and notified NCRHHA post submission. NCRHHA contacted the ORC to ensure the process allowed time for discussion with Rideau. Attempt to meet on 22 Dec failed due to weather. Gordon M, Tim S, Mike R spoke on 22 Dec to review the communications that had taken place. Peter A sent initial financial analysis to Gordon M (Gordon forwarded to the NCRHA Board). Gordon M met with Tim S and on 23 Dec to discuss the way forward....follow-up call from Peter A and Tim S to Gordon. Peter to send additional financial statistics to Gordon for Review. Further discussion planned for 29 Dec at 5:30pm.

Financial analysis shows 2004 to 2005 decline in bet. This indicates that post time may not be negatively impacting the bet as initially thought.

Refer to the bet statistics in Appendix A to these notes.

Bigger issue is getting our signal into Woodbine on a regular basis on Sunday evenings Changing the post time back to 6:30pm is believed to assist with that effort as Rideau will be one of a fewer number of tracks live later in the evening in the near term including Woodbine (1:20pm Post on Sunday's) and Flamboro (4:00pm Post on Sunday's).

The NCRHHA will support the post time change on the basis of improving WEG opportunities (29 Dec 2005)

II. Completed Items:

1. Meetings to be held 9pm on alternate Thursdays.....next meeting 29 Sep.
2. Target is 15 races per night for the remainder of the season (15 Sep 2005)
 - a. 6-7 horse fields are acceptable....7 horse fields have been working well
3. Average purse per night can increase to \$85,000 to accommodate the 15-race card (15 Sep 2005)
4. Split classes and conditions to accommodate more races (15 Sep 2005)
5. The only \$5000 claimer will be a \$5000NW\$2000L6 (15 Sep 2005)
6. The next class will be a \$6000 claiming race (15 Sep 2005)

7. Write \$11000 to \$14000 claiming races for Sunday evenings (15 Sep 2005)
 - a. Switch 11-14k pacers and becomes 15-18k (20 Oct 2005)
8. Write \$15000 to \$18000 claiming (Opt \$16000 – 29 Sep) races for Sunday evenings (15 Sep 2005) - If not filling try Thursday then again on Sunday (29 Sep)
9. Select a feature race each Sunday evening where: (15 Sep 2005)
 - a. the owner receives a dinner for two
 - b. the horse receives an NCRHHA cooler
 - i. This is to be discussed and approved through the NCRHHA Board
 1. Approved – pricing in progress
 - c. move to Friday's in the New Year-exception will be 25 Nov 2005 (24 Nov 2005)
10. The Paddock office is a place of business: (15 Sep 2005)

Discussed and to be monitored (29 Sep)

No lounging is to be tolerated

No persons without entries or valid business will be allowed in the paddock area
11. Discussion – fillies and mares NW 2500 (15 Sep 2005)

Confirmed (29 Sep)

NW 2500, and 3500 have not been filing

Suggestion: Try entering in the \$7500-\$9000 claiming race
14. NCRHHA phone – being addressed by Richard Gardner – (Completed early Oct 2005)
16. Equine Guelph donation – Mail NCRHHA cheque to: (29 Sep)

University of Guelph, Equine Guelph, Attention Dr. Alan Meek, 50 McGilvory, Guelph, ON, N1G 2W1 – Cheque written and mailed in Dec 2005 by Gordo M
18. Run a \$9000 claiming series with \$18000 purse + added \$ final (29 Sep)

Include a \$12000 consolation final as well
19. Claiming Races (20 Oct 2005)

12k claimer (trot, pace), 25k final purse, 15k consolation purse, \$1 entry fee?

Will be run in November (06 Nov 2005)

10k claimer, nw 2 or 25k life

6K claimer in January
20. It was discussed and approved that qualifying times would include a second to times this month and increasing by a second on December 1st. (20 Oct 2005)
- 21.1 Driver changes by 5pm – process in place for over 3 years – Helen calls people – it is on the condition sheet (06 Nov 2005)

Place for a vet to work – can use the ship-in barn, shed-row or the paddock or Rideau can rent them a place (06 Nov 2005)
22. Final details were discussed for the NCRHHA meeting that is to be held at RCR on Monday October 24th. (20 Oct 2005)
24. NCRHHA Office heat (Added following 06 Nov Mtg)

Plug-in heater in use is ok with Rideau (24 Nov 2005)
25. French language services in the race office (Added following 06 Nov Mtg)

Lise Pregent can assist on Wed, Thur, Frid's (24 Nov 2005)
26. \$5000NW\$2000L6 - Can we change it to \$5000NW1R\$3000L6 (Added following 06 Nov Mtg)

On the condition sheet for 02 Dec (24 Nov 2005)