

NCRHHA
General Meeting Minutes
Mar 02, 2005

Board Members:

- Present:
 - *Gordon McDonald, Chair*
 - *Russ Moulton, Executive Director*
 - *Brian Jerome, Secretary Treasurer*
 - *John Macmillan*, Director*
 - *Colleen ODriscoll, Director*
 - *Joanne Cummings, Director*
 - *Robert McNamara, Director*
 - *Micheline Beaudoin, Associate Director*

* OHHA Director District 1

Quorum present? Yes/No

Proceedings:

- Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair
- Requirement of 'Notice of Meeting Waiver'¹ was presented.

Chair Report:

- *Gordon McDonald*
 - Presented the new Board.
 - Indicated that the food and non-alcoholic beverages being supplied at this meeting would be continued at all membership meetings as a means to stimulate the social discourse following these meetings with the aim at enhancing the inter-action between horse professionals.
 - A show of hands was requested to indicate support. (Majority)
 - Indicated that the By-laws¹ were available to those in attendance.
 - The draft Association budget¹ that was reviewed amended and after brief discussion, Members agreed to adopt budget and submit it to RCR in support for funding transfer as per RCR requirements.
 - The RCR Purse Budget¹ was reviewed for information as to sufficiency of funding for current purse model.

Backstretch and Track Condition Report:

- *Gordon McDonald* explained the current situation with RCR track conditions. A document¹ covering discussions with RCR facility staff was distributed.

Membership Benefits and Application Report:

- *Brian Jerome* introduced and explained the three-tiered membership plan.
- The Membership Benefits¹ and Membership Application¹ were reviewed.

¹ Copy Attached

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Directors Report:

- *John Macmillan*
 - Reviewed the NCRHHA beginnings voicing his support for this organization as well as his dedication to OHHA. He clarified that Capital Region OHHA members remain members receiving full OHHA benefits.
 - He pointed out that ATAQ provides insurance 1.5 hrs before, after and during races at RCR.
- *Micheline Beaudoin*
 - Expressed her extreme pride in the accomplishments of the Association and the need to recognize and attract the support from membership to achieve the aspirations of the NCR Horse community. (Spontaneous applause from attendees)

Other business:

- Rod Zeron indicated his opinion that Association fees should not be used to fund personal legal issues by any of the members.
 - The Board will take this issue for discussion/decision at next Board meeting²
- Gary McDonald indicated his displeasure with the conditions of the track on non-race days making training very difficult for those housed in the backstretch and those who ship in to train.
 - Robert McNamara responded that those housed in the backstretch have a contract with the RCR regarding the conditions under which they are subject. He felt that the onus rests with the renters to approach the RCR with their issues.
 - *John Macmillan* stated that he would meet with those in the backstretch and help mitigate their problems with RCR.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Secretary-treasurer, Brian Jerome.

² Next NCRHHA Board Meeting Wednesday 9 Mar 05