

NCRHHA Membership Meeting Minutes

(Membership Meeting - 24 October)
(6:30 at RCR VIP room)

Board Members Present: Micheline Beaudoin, Joanne Cummings, Brian Jerome, Gordon McDonald, John MacMillan, Russ Moulton, Gary Rochester

Other Members Present: 32

Quorum present? Yes

1. Board Introductions

2. Membership Report – see handout

3. Financial Report

- Purse account - \$1,344,000.00 – distribute and review report to end of August
- NCRHHA 1.5% - distribute and review report to end of August
- Financial filing with the ORC
- Analysis of purse distribution – see handout

4. Accomplishments:

- New logo and coolers
- Frank Ryan and Des Smith memorial shirts and hats
- Smith family memorial claiming series - 2 yrs colt & gelding
- ORC recognition of the NCRHHA
- Mike Reid - new Operation Manager (Instituted a bi-weekly Operations meeting with Rideau to review and resolve issues)
- New teletheatre in Britannia + window betting in Gananogue
- Shipping barn - barn I (as a winter barn for us)
- Standing seat on the OHRIA/ORC Industry Committee
- First report from Gordon McDonald – 28 September Meeting
- Standing seat on the OHRIA Standardbred Advisory Committee
- First report from Gary Rochester – October meeting
- Commercial Liability Policy for Members
- Handout a copy to all present and review
- Charitable donations to fundraiser for Cancer (towards a total of \$14,000.00)
- Political sponsorships - fundraiser for Minister Watson and others
- Equine Guelph donation (\$500)
- Sports Sponsorship - 1 team each year to a maximum of \$2500 – sponsored GCGH Atom Allstars for 2005 (girl's hockey team)

5. *Series' – Members Opinions:*

- \$900 claimers memory Grant Christy - (20,000.00 purses didn't work)
- Try \$12000 with \$25000 purse and \$15000 consolation – agreed by majority
- \$6000 claiming series in January – agreed by majority

6. *Coolers for a Weekly Feature Race:*

- Joanne C to pursue pricing
- Agreed by majority

7. *Elections – January 2006*

- Possible restructuring down to 5 Directors

8. *Suggestions / Grapevine News / General Discussion:*

- Review the OHHA letter to the NCRHHA Board
- 2 NCRHHA Board Members to attend the OHHA Board Meeting in November
- Driver changes by 5pm are a challenge – can we adjust to the next day
- Should establish a Work Order System for the backstretch
- Should plan an Award Banquet in January
- Suggest establishing an NCRHHA website
- Series – Associate them with Pioneers
- Focus on Friday's - make them special
- Promote cooler's on town nights
- Checkout the ship-ion barn for condition/water/heat
- Establish a website or at least a Track Talk article
- Provide a place for vets to work
- Adjust to \$5000NW\$2000L3