

Virginia Harness Horseman Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
February 29, 2024

The meeting was called to order by president, Scott Woogen at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Those present by phone were: Scott Woogen, Betsy Brown, Billy Carter, Stacey McLenghan, Tyler Shehan, Tracy Bradshaw, Leon Harris and Debbie Warnick. A quorum was declared.

MEETING MINUTES: The minutes from the meeting held on January 11, 2024 were reviewed and approved as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report for January 2024 was reviewed.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business

NEW BUSINESS:

Item 1. HHYF Donation

Betsy moved and Billy seconded that we continue our donation of \$5,000 to the HHYF. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 2. Breeders Fund Dates

Debbie presented the proposed dates for the 2023 Breeders' Fund races. They are as follows:

- Three year old trot eliminations- Sept 28 & Oct 5, 2024
- Three year old pace eliminations- Sept 29 & Oct 6, 2024
- Two year old trot eliminations- Oct 12 & Oct 19, 2024
- Two year old pace eliminations- Oct 13 & Oct 20, 2024
- Finals for all sexes & gaits- October 27, 2024
- Aged races for trotters & paces- October 27, 2024

Scott moved and Billy seconded that these dates be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 3. Training on Track

Betsy asked if use of the track for training would be allowed before the meet started. Scott stated that this would be a VEA decision. Betsy will reach out to JD and Jeb.

Item 4. Director of Racing

Debbie announced that the VEA has hired Pete Syzmanski as the Director of Racing. Pete will oversee the race office and track. Darrell Wood will continue as Director of Operations and oversee all aspects of the race meet.

Item 5. Spring Meet Hay

Debbie reported that since hay is no longer be provided for the race meet by the VEA Darren Olsen will be bringing a tractor trailer of hay that will be available for purchase by the horsemen.

As there was no further business to be discussed, Scott Woogen adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Warnick
Executive Director