West Virginia Thoroughbred Breeders Association

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The WVTBA Board of Directors meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 17th at 7:00 pm at 1504 Earle Road.

**Minutes from 7/17/2018**

1. Call to order and establish quorum.

**Present: John Funkhouser, Mark Sell, Clissy Funkhouser, James Casey, Denis Bybee, Denis Finger, Nancy Camp, Diana McClure, Javier Contreras, and Karen Freer**

**Also present: Mary Sell**

1. Approval of minutes from May’s BOD meeting

**Mr. Bybee questions under new business that he offered to sign the certificates, and states that the bylaws do not designate it has to be an officer that does the signatures, so he has offered to do this.**

**Clissy Funkhouser motions to approve minutes. Karren Freer seconds. All in favor.**

1. Treasurer’s Report

**Clissy showed Linda how to make all future deposits. This will be set up in QuickBooks now and will be much easier to keep better records. Clissy suggests all future reports and 990 reports go by calendar year. Denis Bybee motions and Nance Camp seconds to change this via bylaws to be reported calendar year.**

**YHB review/audit – nothing major to be reported. Motion to accept made by Mark Sell, seconded by Javier Contreras. All in favor.**

1. Old Business
   * 1. WV Day – review. **Pony rides were a huge success. Denis Finger suggests that next year we play a DVD of races playing.**
     2. 2019 lobbyist Herb Snyder. Approve $10,000 for lobbying fees. **Herb Snyder will do the lobbying job for us and he will start working on this now. If the CTHBPA, Jockey’s Guild, Mountaineer HBPA, and the WVTBA each contribute $10,000 each, Herb will spearhead the lobbying efforts. Joe will not be as active in the coming year. There will be weekly conference calls and bimonthly reports. Clissy motions that we hire Herb and contribute $10,000 for the 2019 legislative session. Nancy seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.**

**Karen suggests that we list our top 3 concerns for next Monday’s call: SB630, ADW and the WVTDF.**

* + 1. WVRU meeting last week. **Mary Sell went for Mark. It was well attended: MNR, HBPA, lobbyists for HBPA, Jim Miller, Maria, Joe, Randy, Phil Real, Larry Puccio, Angel Moore (MNR). This is an election year but the governor will be there. Monday, July 23rd, there will be a call. Phil Real really wants to get candidates involved, PR, bring them to the track and show them our industry, etc.**

**Also discussed big issue of UNITY with MNR. They were even willing to discuss with their board to contribute money to membership and paying Herb. Terry Medocks from the Jockey’s Guild said that this was a very productive meeting.**

* + 1. Bylaws – review amendments. **John emailed everyone the Bylaws with amendments. We all need to review and let him know any issues we may have.**

1. New Business
   * 1. Establish an Election Committee for the upcoming nominations. **Dennis Bybee, Denis Finger and Randall Conrad terms expire soon. Judy Grams is not eligible so we still need an 11th board member. Javier volunteers to be the Chair for the election committee. We have until August 15th to submit application of new members to vote for.**
     2. Larry Carraher is charging us $1,000 annually for ‘Brose’**. It is the certificate system and he is on call for an IT system. Denis Bybee and Clissy will work with him to learn how our system works.**
     3. WVTBA Horse Show. September 2nd 2018**. Tim Tullock is Judge. Mark Sell will take sponsor card to Linda/Berkeley Printers.**
     4. Chamber of Commerce. $75 to rejoin. **Dennis Bybee moves that we join. Clissy seconds. All in favor.**
     5. Sponsorship of the “Onion Juice” for $5,000. **Then the WVBC gives us $1,500 for the horse show. John will write a letter to discuss this deal. Clissy will double check the finances.**
     6. What is the rule about becoming a member for reduced rates? The form says ‘postmarked prior to January 1’. Should it say July 1?
2. Other Business **CTHBPA is getting a tent for the Jefferson County Fair August 19-25. Asking for all volunteers.**

**We need to discuss membership criteria next month.**

1. Adjournment. **Javier motions to adjourn. Diana seconds. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.**