

# West Virginia Thoroughbred Breeders Association, Inc.

P.O. Box 626 Charles Town, WV 25414

## Minutes of BoD meeting on 9/25/2018

**Present: Mark Sell, Clissy Funkhouser, John Funkhouser, Dennis Finger, Diana McClure, Karen Freer, Mary Sell, Javier Contreras. Absent: Denis Bybee and Nancy Camp**

- 1.) Call to order and establish quorum. Meeting began at 7:15
- 2.) 8/21/18 Minutes approved. Mark Sell motions to accept; Karen Freer seconds.
- 3.) Financial Report: new Capital One on-line Savings account has \$40k. Next CD to mature on 11/10 and will be moved to the on-line savings account to get 1.75% interest. Dennis Finger to see if we can collect money from security deposit from old building. Clissy called Frontier to get lower rate. Estimate savings \$100/month. Schrader accounts receivable needs to be reviewed to see how we can collect. She paid \$17,000 per court order. Mary Sell will look into how to get her back before a judge. There is probably \$100,000 more still owed to WVTBA. Mark motions to accept treasurer's report; Javier seconds.
- 4.) Election: nominations must be in by September 29 before the slate goes out. Dianna to call Carissa Figgins to confirm that she's willing to run. Four nominees Cindy O'Bannon, Carissa Figgins, Dennis Finger, Dennis Bybee. (POST-MINUTES NOTE: Sandra Witherew's nomination came in by September 30<sup>th</sup> so her name was included on the slate; Carissa's name was withdrawn; she did not want to run at this time.) Ballots to be mailed by 10/10 and received back by 10/20.
- 5.) By Laws: We received a comment from Mr. Knepp that he thinks there should not be two board members from the same family. Discussion reveals that it's difficult to find people willing to run. We will vote on October 9<sup>th</sup> to approve the amendments as posted on the website.
- 6.) Membership. All dues \$100 per person. If pay dues by January 1, get benefit of MidAtlantic subscription; If pay dues between January 1 and June 30, no subscription, but can pay yearling registrations for \$75. After June 30, for yearling registrations, must pay \$100 dues and any yearling registrations will be considered late: \$100 for first late registration, \$200 thereafter. After June 30, for two-year old registrations, must pay \$100 dues and any two-year old registrations will be considered late: \$200 for first late registration, \$300 thereafter. Everyone who registers a WV bred will therefore be a

member no matter when they register their horses. Diana motions to approve, Clissy seconds.

- 7.)** General Membership Meeting. We need to put an agenda together. Want to have Stephanie Simpson come to October 9<sup>th</sup> meeting and have her bring copy of statute. John to compile a FAQ before Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>. Mary Sell to contact Herb Snyder to see if he's available to speak. Eastern Panhandle Conservation District has terrific reimbursement programs. Mary will ask a representative to come to our meeting. Clissy will discuss new tax laws that affect small farms and businesses, including how to get the land Use tax exemption. We should have a sign in list and ask members for suggestions.
- 8.)** Jefferson County Animal Control: In the past, the board donated \$5 per registered horse for a 12-month period ending June 30. Kate Painter brought to our attention the March 2017 minutes. In December 2017, Doug Allara paid the donation for the 12-month period ending 6/30/2017. Her understanding was that we were obligated to make an additional contribution for the period ending 6/30/2018. The board discussed the fiduciary responsibility of making a large donation in a year showing a \$10,000 loss. Motion was made not to make a contribution since there is no contractual obligation to Jefferson Animal Control. Dennis made the motion and Javier seconds.
- 9.)** Rockwool. Discussion was held on the impact of this plant on our county. The board felt we cannot oppose it as a group. The Governor came out very strongly for the plant. We have bills that we need his support on in the up coming legislative session. Karen was very concerned since her farm is right next to the plant.
- 10.)** MidAtlantic Thoroughbred – John, Diana, Karen, and Clissy be the committee to revamp the WVTBA page, to promote our program.
- 11.)** Discussion on 2016 Victory Pool registration issues. Mare did not breed back to WV stallion. Did not have vet certificate. 3 voted against; horse will not be a WV bred.
- 12.)** Meeting adjourned at 9:45