West Virginia Thoroughbred Breeders Association

Board of Director Meeting Agenda

## **WVTBA Office**

## **Charles Town, WV**

## **March 13, 2018**

## **7:00pm**

Meeting called to order at 7:10pm

Members present: John Funkhouser, Mark Sell, Mr. Casey, Karen Freer, Clissy Funkhouser, Dennis Finger, Randall Conrad, Javier Contreras, Diana McClure

Absent: Nancy Camp, Dennis Bybee

1. Approval of Minutes BOD meeting February 20, 2018
   1. Mark Sell motions to accept minutes
   2. Clissy Funkhouser seconds
   3. Motion passes
2. Financial Report
   1. Jan 31st summary given by Clissy Funkhouser
   2. All checks over 6 months old that have not been cashed have been cleared, they are stale checks
   3. Clissy Funkhouser has looked into combining 3 cd’s to get a better interest rate
   4. Randall Conrad motions to accept the financial report
   5. Javier Contreras seconds
   6. Motion passes

**Old Business:**

1. WV Champions
   1. 2 yr old filly-Bound to Windsor
   2. 2 Yr old colt – William and Mary
   3. 3 Yr old filly – Moonlit Song
   4. 3 Yr old colt co-champions – Unrideable and Grumplestiltskin
   5. Older Filly/Mare – T Rex Express
   6. Older Male co-champions – Charitable Annuity and North Atlantic
   7. Sprinter – Castle Maria
   8. Horse of the Year – Moonlit Song
   9. Broodmare of the Year – Malibu Kitten
   10. Stallion of the Year – Windsor Castle
   11. Leading Farm – Taylor Mountain Farm
   12. Special Recognition – Doug Allara
2. Bylaws
   1. John Funkhouser discusses that we need to make Bylaws Amendments and send them to a lawyer
   2. Clissy Funkhouser makes a motion to accept
   3. Dennis Finger seconds
   4. Motion passes
3. Breeder’s Banquet Update
   1. The Banquet will be held at the Clarion Inn in Shepherdstown. Jeannie Mayhew will have a menu set up and will be meeting with the banquet committee to work all details out.
4. Meeting Locations
   1. There are not enough chairs in the WVTBA office to seat everyone for the Board of Directors meetings
   2. Mark Sell makes a motion to meet at O’Sullivan Farms for the next meeting
   3. Dennis Finger seconds
   4. Motion passes

**New Business:**

1. Legislative Summary (Herb Snyder to call in at 7:30pm)
   1. Herb Snyder called into meeting. He had many uplifting things to say about our efforts in Charleston, including…
      1. This year we were no longer being attacked.
      2. We have a dream team of lobbyists and built great connections.
      3. Speaker of the House, Armstead, who is anti-gambling, is not running and thus will not be in same position next year. If elected, the next speaker may even be from our district.
      4. We got an additional $1.2 - $1.3 Million in purses approved.
      5. The 5% pay raise for teachers was our death. We were caught in a ‘tidal wave of teachers’.
      6. It is expected that the Workers Compensation Debt will be paid off completely by years end, so getting SB 630 passed through the senate and house next year shouldn’t be a problem if the horsemen continue to stick together and work together.
   2. Legislative Summary
      1. SB 630 would put $11 Million a year back into the purse funds from the Workers Comp Debt reduction fund. SB 630 Passed the Senate 34-0. It didn’t get through the house because of the teacher strike and eventual pay raise. Governor Justice gave the teachers a 5% raise, which ultimately is the reason the bill did not pass.
2. WVRU Legislative representative/liaison
   1. Randal Conrad has stepped down as liaison for the WVRU
   2. Clissy Funkhouser nominates Mark Sell
   3. Vote is taken and Mark Sell will be the new liaison
   4. Karen Freer will help Mark Sell
3. Blue Ridge Hunt Races/Sponsorship
   1. Vote taken to sponsor hunt days
   2. Does not pass
4. Condition Book Committee Representative/liaison
   1. Karen Freer nominates Javier Contreras
   2. Diana McClure seconds
   3. Motion passes
5. Other Business
   1. Clissy Funkhouser discusses WV Day 10:00am-3:00pm
   2. Diana McClure will bring ponies
   3. Everyone was asked to brainstorm for ideas about WV day
6. Next Meeting will be April 9th at O’Sullivan Farms

Mark Sell motions to adjourn

Clissy Funkhouser seconds

Meeting adjourned at 9:05pm