

West Virginia Thoroughbred Breeders Association
General Membership Meeting
November 13, 2017
Holiday Inn Express
Ranson, WV

Board Members Present:

John Funkhouser, Chip Daniel, John Casey, Javier Contreras, Randall Conrad, Rene Moore, Mark Sell, Doug Allara, Carisa Figgins, Betty Stehr, and Diana McClure (VA Liaison)

Not Present:

Kate Painter, Robin Grams, Martin Blaylock, Ronney Brown

Members Present:

Dennis Bybee, Nancy Camp, James Casey, Maria Catignani, Leslie Condon, Mike Cooney, Cindy Curtis, Susan Ettlin, Dennis Finger, Karen Freer, RJ Funkhouser II, Katherine Funkhouser, Joe Funkhouser, Joe Painter, Tim Grams, Harry Harner, Gary Hemp, Naomi Long, Elke Matthews, Jeannie Mayhew, James Miller, Stephen Reggetts, Mike Rife, Mary Sell, Vicki Stehr, George Walters, Janene Watson, David Walters, Tabitha Brady, Diane Stern

Non Members Present:

Chris Kolb, Katherine Harner, David Hammer, Elaine Hagy

1. Meeting called to order at 7:01 by Mark Sell, Interim President
2. Quorum was established by Mark Sell. Mark Sell suggested Randall Conrad run the meeting for the evening. Joe Painter objected. Mark Sell continued with the meeting.
3. Approval of minutes from May 30, 2017 General Membership meeting.
Chip Daniels –Motion to approve minutes
Randall Conrad - 2nd the motion
Motion passed unanimously
4. Treasurer's Report - None given. Robin Grams (acting treasurer) was not present at the meeting
 1. Appoint a committee to discuss and plan for the future in WVTBA revenues.
Mark Sell took names to establish this committee; Mary Sell, Dennis Bybee, Naomi Long, Diana McClure, and Diane Stern volunteered.

5. New Business:

- a. 2018 Legislative issues:
 - i.
 1. Keep 1.5% from CT VLTs to CT WVTDF (\$1.2 Million)
 2. ADW Bill - Support ADW where 10% of a 6% source market fee goes to the WVTDF.
 3. Redirect Workers Compensation Funds taken from purse funds in 2005 back to purse funds - workers comp debt should be paid off by the end of this year. Joe Funkhouser spoke regarding the upcoming proposed bills
Mike Rife –Motion to support proposed bills
Randall Conrad - 2nd the motion
Motion passed unanimously.
 - ii.

1. Designate one WVTBA member to be the WVTBA member and liaison for WVRU.
Randall Conrad was nominated.
Maria Catignani –Motion to name Randall Conrad the new WVTBA representative to WVRU
Javier Contreras- 2nd the motion
Motion passed unanimously

iii.

1. Hiring Herb Snyder as lobbyist for WVTBA/CTHBPA -
Naomi Long – Motion to Approve Herb Snyder as the WVTBA lobbyist jointly with the CTHBPA beginning January 1, 2018. Approve \$10,000 as Herb Snyder's WVTBA lobbying fee provided that any political conflicts will be brought to the immediate attention of both the WVTBA and CTHBPA boards for mutual resolution per contractual agreement. Randy Funkhouser noted that CTHBPA will pay the initial payment due Herb Snyder
Randall Conrad-2nd the motion
Motion passed unanimously

- b. Recall of WVTBA board of directors, reduction in the number of WVTBA directors, and beginning staggered election terms:

Joe Funkhouser – Motion that The members of the WVTBA shall recall the entire board of directors. The members shall approve an amendment to the bylaws, to be effective immediately, which shall reduce the number of directors needed to conduct the business of the WVTBA. Moreover, the bylaws shall be amended, effective immediately, so as to provide staggered terms of three years duration, with the initial election only having four directors elected to a three year term, four directors elected to serve a two year term, and three directors elected to serve a one year term, and thereafter, directors to be elected for three year terms of office
Randall Conrad-2nd the motion
Motion carried with 5 opposed

Rene Moore resigned at this time and stated that she would not run again then walked out of meeting.

- c. Elections

Joe Funkhouser suggested these dates for new elections:

Nominations due - December 1st

Notice for nominations Accepted - December 20th

Nominations mailed - January 29th

Nomination ballots postmarked and returned by February 10th

Ballots counted, election results announced and posted by February 15th

6. Other Business

Randall Conrad thanked Mr. Casey for hosting the Legislative Meet and Greet; it was a successful meeting with over 100 people in attendance.

7. Adjournment 8:01

1. Naomi Long – Motion to adjourn

2. Maria Catignani- 2nd the motion

Motioned passed unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm