

Subject: Meeting of the WVTBA Board of Directors on 2.8.21 (Memorandum for the Record)

2.21.21

Present at the Meeting: John Funkhouser, Dennis Finger, Dennis Bybee, Javier Contreras, Karen Freer, Judy Grams, Clissy Funkhouser, Leslie Cromer. Nancy Camp and Diane McClure attended by phone)-WVTBA members Cyndy McKee and Tim Grams were present. Not present: Sandy Witherow.

1 Meeting was held in the new office at 202 Liberty Street in Charles Town, WV.

2. Minutes of 12.7.20 were reviewed and accepted as provided – Nancy Camp suggested that members present be included by name.

3. Treasurer’s Report was presented:

A. See attached.

B. There were 2 reports – One thru Dec 2020 and a second for January 2021.

C. In the report ending in Dec 2020, it was noted that:

1. New BOC checking account was opened and a credit Card was obtained to support office requirements with limit of \$1,000. There were no horse show expenses in 2020. Membership was down somewhat and Covid-19 may have had an impact on income.

2. Income is up in all categories for 2021. Membership for 2021 is 121 so far.

D. Treasurers report was accepted by members.

4. Office arrangement was discussed:

A. Appointment of the new “Office Administrator” was discussed.

B. Circumstances leading to the resignation of Linda were discussed.

C. Members of the Board who pitched in during the office transition were acknowledged and their work was sincerely appreciated by all. Especially noteworthy were the efforts of Clissy Funkhouser, Judy Grams, and Dennis Finger. Javier Contreras and 3 of his employees, John Funkhouser with 2 of his employees, and Dennis Finger moved the entire office on December 10th. Also, Cyndy McKee helped pack office materials and Leslie Cromer helped clean the office.

5. Judy Grams discussed the proposed new criteria for selecting awards for 2020. For horses of the year, a panel of outside experts was discussed and specific individuals were recommended (including: Ted Black, Charlie McIntosh, , Cindy Deubler, Paul Espinosa, Jr. Jeff Gilleas, Carol Holden, Frank Vespe, Dickie Moore, Danny Wright, Erich Zimny, Larry Reynolds, Joe Clancy, Andy Beyer, Tom Marra. (A completed list was confirmed after the board meeting.) The basic structure was to have the group of outside experts rate nominated horses and compile the results numerically based on the ratings

A. Award categories are:

1. Older Colts/Geldings.
2. Older Filly/Mare
3. 3 Yr Old Fillies
4. 3 Yr Old Colts/Geldings
5. 2 Yr old Colts/Geldings
6. 2 Yr old Fillies
7. Sprinter
8. Horse of the Year
9. WV Sired (not WV Bred)
10. Broodmare of the Year
11. Stallion of the Year
12. Breeder of the Year

B. Finalists. It was suggested that the Awards Committee recognize three top nominees in each category with a certificate or ribbon.

C. Place/Date of the Awards Banquet are not yet decided.

6. New Business:

A. Proposal for a new board position of "Alternate" was presented for consideration by member Cyndy McKee; and, according to the By Laws, the proposal to be discussed by board is as follows:

" This is a proposal to have the by laws of the WVTBA. The section on directors (Is Changed) The plan is to add an alternate to the board who would be the next person in line by number of votes from the previous election. This person would be able to vote if a regular board member was absent from a board of directors meeting. By doing this, the Board would have a quorum for voting purposes."

B. Membership. John Funkhouser proposed that membership be required in order to register foals or submit a list of resident mares with the Association. The proposal was discussed and its impact on membership and foal registrations was considered. Dennis Bybee seconded the motion and Members of the Board voted in favor of the proposal.

C. Foal Registration Fees. John Funkhouser suggested that fees be revised to be \$100 in the 1st year of birth and be increased \$100 per year thereafter. Clissy Funkhouser was requested to prepare a list of fees for revision after researching other states.

D. Racing United. Mary Sell reported on the status of Racing United activity. There was a question of who should be a Racing United lobbyist and John Funkhouser said he would discuss the issue with Jim Miller.

E. Hall of Fame. The idea of having a WV Racing Hall of Fame was discussed and the structure of Maryland's Hall of Fame was proposed as a model. A committee of board members was appointed to further develop the concept.

7. Meeting was Adjourned.

Minutes Respectfully submitted,

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