

# Board Actions

Open MTHA Board Meeting – November 18, 2016

**Members present:** Timothy L. Keefe (President), Linda S. Gaudet (Vice President), R. Larry Johnson (Vice President), Katharine M. Voss (Secretary), Christine E. Bricker, Ellen M. Charles, JoAnn Hayden, Robert T. Manfuso, H. Graham Motion, Lawrence E. Murray, Charles J. Reed and Michael J. Trombetta.

**Member absent:** A. Ferris Allen, Dale Capuano and Michael F. Horning (Treasurer).

## 2017 Simulcasting Consent

The Board unanimously granted consent for the acceptance of interstate off-track wagers on the export of any live Maryland thoroughbred race to an out-of-state wagering facility and the import of any live race from an out-of-state track in 2017.

## Recreation Program

The Board unanimously appropriated up to \$45,000 to extend the Recreation Program through December 31, 2017.

## Condition Book

The Board unanimously endorsed a change in the A1X condition to read: “which have never won a race other than maiden, claiming, waiver claiming, starter, Maryland-bred or Maryland-sired races,” instead of state sired races or state bred races.

## Backstretch Pension Plan

The Board unanimously appropriated \$400,000 from the Thoroughbred Purse Account for the 2016 contribution to the Backstretch Employees Pension Plan pending Maryland Racing Commission approval.

## Benefit Trust

Following established procedure, the Board unanimously approved up to \$65,000 in 2017 to fund the Benefit Trust.

## NTRA Membership

The Board unanimously voted to approve MTHA's 2017 membership in National Thoroughbred Racing Association-NTRA.

## Programs

The Board unanimously authorized all expenses related to distributing programs containing past performances to horsemen in the MTHA Racetrack Office.

## Jockey Insurance

The Board voted unanimously to approve a contribution to fund the balance of the Jockey Worker's Compensation Insurance premium in 2017 over the amount collected by the Maryland Racing Commission from a \$100 license fee.

## Thanksgiving Dinners

The Board unanimously approved all expenditures related to the serving of dinner to Backstretch Employees and their families on Thanksgiving day.

## 2016 Horsemen's Awards

The Board unanimously accepted the Awards Committee recommendations for 2016 Outstanding Owner (Hillwood Stable), 2016 Special Award for Contributions to Maryland Racing (Tim Ritvo), 2016 Laurel Park Backstretch Worker of the Year (Donna O'Connor) and 2016 Pimlico Backstretch Worker of the Year (Donna Arbitelle).

The Board, by a vote of 8-2, accepted the Awards Committee recommendation for 2016 Outstanding Trainer (Keiron Magee).

*Voting in favor of the recommendation:* Mrs. Gaudet, Ms. Voss, Ms. Bricker, Mrs. Hayden, Mr. Manfuso, Mr. Motion, Mr. Murray, Mr. Reed.

*Voting Against:* Mr. Johnson and Mr. Trombetta.