

Board Actions

MTHA Board Meeting – November 3, 2011 – Laurel Park

Members present: Richard J. Hoffberger, President, Richard J. Meyer, Vice President, W. Robert Bailes, Howard M. Bender, Dale Capuano, Linda S. Gaudet, H. Neil Glasser, Christopher W. Grove, Arnold A. Heft, Michael F. Horning, R. Larry Johnson, Timothy L. Keefe, Lawrence E. Murray, Katharine M. Voss.

Member absent: Christine E. Bricker

Thanksgiving Dinners

The Board unanimously approved funding for the annual Thanksgiving dinner held at the Laurel Park and Bowie track kitchens for backstretch employees.

Recreation Program

The Board unanimously appropriated up to \$35,000 to extend the Recreation Program through December 31, 2012.

Benevolence

Following established procedure, the Board agreed to appropriate up to \$60,000 in 2012 to fund the Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen's Benefit Trust, by which the MTHA provides health benefits to trainers and their spouses.

Backstretch Employee Pension

MTHA directors approved the allocation of \$300,000 from the Purse Account toward the funding of the Pension Plan for backstretch workers for 2012. This is the same amount that has been set aside in each of the last 24 years.

Jockey Fees

The Board unanimously approved a continuation of the \$10 losing mount fee bonus for 2011. The losing mount fee bonus is restricted to jockeys with the majority of their mounts in Maryland, who rode 50 or more horses and earned less than \$100,000 in Maryland in 2011 and paid as a losing mount bonus at year end.

Distributing the funds in this manner provides meaningful support for Maryland jockeys, and benefits hard working, worthy individuals.

Race Dates

The Board authorized a committee that consists of President Hoffberger, Alan Foreman, Wayne Wright and anyone else of their choosing to negotiate with the Stronach Group regarding race days and related issues.

Simulcasting Extension

In the absence of an agreement the simulcast agreement will end on December 31, 2011 the Board unanimously approved Simulcasting for 2012 contingent upon a satisfactory 2012 dates agreement with the Maryland Jockey Club.

Coupled Entries

The Board unanimously approved uncoupling entries in all overnight races except when there is common ownership.