

Board Actions

MTHA Board Meeting – November 5, 2014 – TiPS Restaurant

Members present: Timothy L. Keefe (President), Linda S. Gaudet (Vice President), R. Larry Johnson (Vice President), Michael F. Horning (Treasurer), A. Ferris Allen, Dale Capuano, JoAnn Hayden, H. Graham Motion, Lawrence E. Murray, Charles J. Reed, Michael J. Trombetta and Katharine M. Voss.

Members absent: Christine E. Bricker, Ellen M. Charles and Robert T. Manfuso,

New York

The Board voted 8 to 4 to fully endorse a recommendation letter for Rick Violette's candidacy for President of NYTHA, signed by MTHA President Timothy L. Keefe.

Voting in favor: Mr. Allen, Mr. Capuano, Mrs. Gaudet, Mrs. Hayden, Mr. Keefe, Mr. Murray, Mr. Reed and Ms. Voss.

Voting against: Mr. Horning, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Motion and Mr. Trombetta.

Christmas Party

The Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendations of the Awards committee to recognize Midwest Thoroughbreds as 2014 Outstanding Owner, Phil Schoenthal as 2014 Outstanding Trainer and Dottie Jones, Victor Garcia and Ronald Singh as Backstretch 2014 Workers of the Year.

Aftercare Program

The Board voted unanimously to authorize the Aftercare Committee to distribute up to \$29,000 from the Purse Protection & Retirement program.

Recreation Program

The Board unanimously to appropriate up to \$40,000, the same amount as in previous years, to extend the Recreation Program through December 31, 2015.

Benevolence

Following established procedure, the Board unanimously approved up to \$65,000 in 2014 to fund the Benefit Trust, by which the MTHA provides health benefits to trainers and their spouses.

Backstretch Pension

The Board voted unanimously to adopt resolutions to amend the Backstretch Pension Plan Document to permit participants, who have reached the normal retirement age, to receive disbursements from the plan and continue to work.

Jockey Worker's Comp.

The Board voted unanimously to approve a contribution of up to \$1.2-million from the Thoroughbred Purse Account to fund the balance of the Jockey Worker's Compensation Insurance premium in 2015 over the amount collected by the Maryland Racing Commission from a \$100 license fee.

Maryland Horse Council

The Board voted unanimously to renew its lifetime membership in the Maryland Horse Council and appoint Ms. Bricker as the liaison with this group.

2015 Race Days

The Board voted unanimously to purchase the months of January, February, August and December in 2015 from Maryland Jockey Club on the condition that the parties agree to a one-year revision of terms in the 10-Year Deal.

2015 Simulcasting Consent

The Board voted unanimously to grant its 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 run from January 1, 2015 through and including December 31, 2015.