

Board Actions

MTHA Board Meeting – November 6, 2015 – Laurel Park

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

Members absent: None.

2016 Racing Calendar

The Board unanimously agreed to a one-year modification of the 10 Year Deal to establish a set fee of \$5.2-million in 2016 for the purchase of additional racing days and agreed to a 2016 racing calendar that consists of 157 racing dates at Laurel Park and Pimlico with the stipulation that the schedule may be adjusted up or down based on available Purse funds.

Christmas Party

The Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendations of the Awards committee to recognize Frank Stronach as Outstanding Owner, H. Graham Motion as Outstanding Trainer and Eveline Kjellstrup and Rigoberto Salazar as Backstretch Workers of the Year.

In addition the Board voted unanimously to create two additional awards for 2015, an Unsung Hero Award to Joe Miller and Special Lifetime Achievement Award to King T. Leatherbury.

Transport Van

The Board unanimously approved all expenses related to the purchase of an 11-person transport van and the operation of a shuttle service for backstretch workers operated by MTHA.

Recreation Program

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

Backstretch Pension Plan

The Board unanimously appropriated \$400,000 from the Thoroughbred Purse Account for the 2015 contribution to the Backstretch Employees Pension Plan pending Maryland Racing Commission approval.

Benevolence

Following established procedure, the Board unanimously approved up to \$65,000 in 2016 to fund the Benefit Trust, by which the MTHA provides health benefits to trainers and their spouses.

Jockey Worker's Compensation Insurance

The Board voted unanimously to approve a contribution from the Thoroughbred Purse Account to fund the balance of the Jockey Worker's Compensation Insurance premium in 2016 over the amount collected by the Maryland Racing Commission from a \$100 license fee.

Shockwave, Tapping and Vaccination Protocols

The Board voted unanimously to endorse the general idea of the creation of reporting protocols for shockwave, joint injections and vaccinations and authorize the MTHA Racing committee to work out the details of such protocols with Maryland Jockey Club.

2015 Simulcasting Consent

The Board unanimously granted the Executive Committee the authority to grant 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 through and including December 31."

Field Size Limits

The Board unanimously endorsed the practice of limiting field size to 12 starters in all turf races, with the exception of stakes, as well limit two-year-old races on the dirt under 6 furlongs to 12 starters.