

Board Actions

MTHA Board Meeting – January 24, 2013

Members present: Richard J. Meyer, president, Dale Capuano, vice-president, W. Robert Bailes, Christine E. Bricker, Linda S. Gaudet, H. Neil Glasser, R. Larry Johnson, Richard J. Hoffberger, Timothy L. Keefe, Lawrence E. Murray and Katharine M. Voss.

Members absent: Howard M. Bender, Arnold A. Heft, Michael F. Horning and Christopher W. Grove.

Maryland Purse Protection and Retirement Program

The Board approved in concept funding *The Maryland Purse Protection and Retirement Program* with an optional ten dollar (\$10) deduction from owner's horsemen's accounts at time of start for each horse who starts a race in Maryland, pending Maryland State Board of Elections approval. Also, the Board approved a ten dollar (\$10) increase in the Bonus Award for 7th place through last in all races in Maryland. ***The motion carried 8 for, 1 against.***

Voting in favor were: Mr. Bailes, Ms. Bricker, Mr. Capuano, Mrs. Gaudet, Mr. Glasser, Mr. Hoffberger, Mr. Keefe and Ms. Voss. ***Voting against was:*** Mr. Johnson.

Horse Show Funding

The Board approved a contribution from the Thoroughbred Purse Account to assist funding "*The Maryland Charity Thoroughbred Horse Show*" at Show Place Arena on April 27 and 28, 2013. ***Voted unanimously.***

Drug & Alcohol / Health Center Funding

The Board appropriated up to \$40,000 from the Thoroughbred Purse Account as the MTHA's 2013 contribution to the Drug and Alcohol Program and appropriated up to \$60,000 from the Thoroughbred Purse Account for the 2013 operation of the Backstretch Health Center. ***Voted unanimously.***

Claiming Rule

The Board approved proposing a rule change that would deem claimed horses ineligible for a period of thirty (30) days to be re-entered for a claiming price less than the price that the horse was last claimed. ***The motion carried 8 for, 2 against.***

Voting in favor were: Mr. Bailes, Ms. Bricker, Mrs. Gaudet, Mr. Hoffberger, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Keefe, Mr. Murray and Ms. Voss. ***Voting against were:*** Mr. Capuano and Mr. Glasser.

Waiver Rule

The Board approved proposing a rule change that would permit an optional one-time waiver, to be declared at time of entry, which affords the ability to declare a horse ineligible to be claimed provided that the horse has not started for a minimum of 180 days since its last race and is entered for a claiming price equal to or greater than the claiming price of the horse's last start. ***Voted unanimously.***