

Board Actions

MTHA Phone Conference Meeting – March 19, 2013

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

Members absent: Richard J. Meyer, president and Christopher W. Grove.

Claiming Rules - 25% Raise

The Board supported by a vote of 9 to 4 the recommendation of Maryland Racing Commission and Maryland Jockey Club to amend Maryland claiming rules to state: For a period of thirty (30) days after a claim, any claimed horse shall not race in a claiming race unless it is entered for at least 25% more than the price for which it was claimed.

Voting in favor was: Mr. Bender, Ms. Bricker, Mrs. Gaudet, Mr. Heft, Mr. Horning, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Keefe, Mr. Murray and Ms. Voss.

Voting against was: Mr. Bailes, Mr. Capuano, Mr. Glasser and Mr. Hoffberger.

Voiding of Claims

The Board unanimously supported, in concept, the MRC recommendation to void claims in the event that a claimed horse dies during a race or is euthanized on the track following a race pending further discussion and input from the MTHA Board of Directors before implementation.

Medication Reforms

The Board unanimously supported recommending to the Maryland Racing Commission that it not implement the prohibition on adjunct bleeder medications before the Laurel Park 2013 Fall Meet to allow horsemen time to adapt to this change.”