

# Board Actions

MTHA Board Meeting – June 24, 2013 – Laurel Park

**Members present:** Richard J. Meyer, president, Christine E. Bricker, Linda S. Gaudet, H. Neil Glasser, Arnold A. Heft, Richard J. Hoffberger, Michael F. Horning, Timothy L. Keefe, Lawrence E. Murray and Katharine M. Voss.

**Members absent:** W. Robert Bailes, Howard M. Bender, Dale Capuano, vice-president, Christopher W. Grove and R. Larry Johnson.

## 2012 Financial Statements

The Board unanimously accepted the 2012 Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association's Financial Statements.

## Timonium Purses/Day

The Board approved by a vote of 6 to 3 to a 10-day live racing schedule and daily purse levels of \$150,000 for the 2013 Timonium State meet which begins on August 23.

In addition, the Board approved an expense sharing contribution from the Thoroughbred Purse Account not to exceed a total of \$150,000 to subsidize expenses during three additional live race days added in 2013.

*Voting in favor:* Ms. Bricker, Mrs. Gaudet, Mr. Glasser, Mr. Heft, Mr. Hoffberger and Mr. Murray.

*Voting against:* Mr. Horning, Mr. Keefe and Ms. Voss.

## Timonium Trainer Bonus

The Board unanimously approved a \$5,000 contribution from the Thoroughbred Purse Account to fund 50% of the Timonium Trainer Bonus program during the 2013 Timonium State Fair meet.

## Immigration Program

The Board unanimously authorized up to \$15,000 to secure the services of an attorney specializing in immigration issues to assist trainers and their employees in matters associated with the immigration process.

## Totally Thoroughbred Horse Show Support

The Board unanimously approved a \$5,000 contribution from the Thoroughbred Purse Account to fund prizes for the second annual Totally Thoroughbred Horse Show to be held July 13 at Pimlico.

## Weights/Bugs

The Board unanimously supported a rule and/or policy change to permit an apprentice rider to be named at scratch time at the appropriate reduced weight.