

Cloverleaf Standardbred Owners' Association, Inc.

April 25, 2016 - Minutes

Kent Island Holiday Inn Express, Grasonville, MD

Present:	President	Thomas Cooke
	1st VP	William Long
	2nd VP	Jerry Nock
	Secretary	William DeLodovico
	Executive VP	Sharon L. Roberts
	Executive Benefits Coord.	Georgina Maybee

Directors:	Frank Milby	Dan Myer	
	Eli Solomon	William Spicer	Gary White

Absent: Daniel Bittle Kenneth Schlotzhauer

President Thomas Cooke called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Approval March 21, 2016 Minutes:

Motion 1: A motion was made by Dan Myer, seconded by Eli Solomon to approve the revised March 21, 2016 minutes. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

CSOA Board Briefing Book: President Cooke distributed the CSOA Board Briefing Book to the Board. A copy will be attached to the permanent minutes.

MRC Meeting Update: President Thomas Cooke updated the Board on the recent MRC Board meeting. MJC (thoroughbreds) has opened a new OTB in Boonsboro and its doing well. It's a two story building with no handicap accessibility to the second floor. MJC is preparing for the Preakness. There are significant ongoing updates and renovations to Laurel Park.

The MSRF was on the agenda. Cheri Stambaugh reported on the purses for the Stake Races and the **total purse amount** will be close to 2015 purses.

New Horse Ownership: President Cooke review the “DE Owned Horse” form to verify the sale of horses. We are researching a similar form for “MD Owned Horses.” Chris McErlean stated he would take it under consideration.

60 Day Waiting List and Preference: Director Frank Milby brought up and discussed the issue of the 60 waiting list and the preference.

SBOANJ Release of Purse Money: President Cooke reviewed and discussed the press release on releasing the purse money prior to post race testing results approval by the NJRC. This approval was granted on an experimental basis through December 31, 2016 and applies to all overnight races offering a purse of \$25,000 or less conducted at the Meadowlands and Freehold Racetracks.

The directive does not apply to horses selected for post-race testing in stake races, overnight races in excess of \$25,000 or the release of claim money prior to receipt of testing results.

Motion 2:

A Motion was made by Dan Myer, seconded by Eli Solomon for President Cooke to sit down with Chris McErlean and request the early release of purse money. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

Motion 3:

A motion made by Frank Milby and Dan Myer, seconded by Jerry Nock to expedite the Driver and Trainer checks. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

OD Classifications: President Cooke reviewed the ABC race classifications with the Board. Ocean Downs has informed CSOA that the ABC classification system is in effect for the 2016 meet.

OD May Training: Dan Myer updated the Board on a call from Peter Szymanski. Someone will be in the office Sunday at 8:00 am to 10:00 am to take entries for training. Training will start next Monday May 2nd.

There is going to be a “MD Open Special” and an “Open Race” at the Ocean.

The water truck at Ocean Downs is broken.

Dan Myer will set up a TRC meeting at OD.

The Meeting Recessed at 7:04 pm

The Meeting Reconvened at 7:18 pm

RCR TRC Meeting: Post time at Rosecroft on Triple Crown days will be 7:00 pm.

Jerry Nock reported on the meeting. The committee reviewed the condition sheet. The MD horses had not been doing as good at the being of the meet. Pete Hanley reported that he was there to fill the races the best he could.

Some trainers have several horses that fit the same class and that has been a problem.

Gina put together a program booklet (includes all race programs from the start of the Spring Meet) that states MD Owned, MD Bred and MD Sired and distributed it to the Board. The booklet includes RCR Preference Breakdown Per Race.

When Gina receives the sheets she reviews all the races to determine Preference and Bonus.

The USTA Race Office Eligibility Sheet no longer states who is the breeder, therefore there is additional time allocated for research on Pathways.

A binder will be in the paddock for the horsemen to review with Gina's information.

CSOA voted to randomly test horses and Mike Hopkins has agreed to the modified procedure.

Horse Industry Survey:

President Cooke, Sharon and Gina have been working on a "Horse Industry Survey". This survey will be comparing the years 2010 to 2015. The horse industry needs to be prepared to show the State of Maryland "What the impact on the horse industry is from slot revenue". **We need everyone to participate in the survey.**

Maryland Stadium Authority Study:

The Stadium Authority is doing a study on Pimlico. They will be reviewing facility improvements, funding and keeping the Preakness in Maryland. This work will be conducted over many months.

RCR Paddock Issue:

There are holes in the paddock that need repair, a couple of people have fallen. Sharon Roberts will bring the issue to Dan Herbst's attention.

ADW Wagering:

Sharon Roberts drafted a letter on behalf of CSOA to give PGRV, LLC authority for AWD Wagering (per our horsemen agreement with PGRV, LLC).

The next CSOA meeting will be on June 14th.

Motion to adjourn:

Motion 3: A motion was made by Dan Myer, seconded by and Jerry Nock to adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sharon L. Roberts

Executive VP

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