

Cloverleaf Standardbred Owners' Association, Inc.
August 5, 2014 – VFW Grasonville, MD
Minutes

Present:	President	Thomas Cooke
	1st VP	William Long
	2nd VP	Jerry Nock
	Treasurer	Daniel Bittle
	Secretary	Jackie MacLeod
	Executive VP	Sharon Roberts
	Executive Admin. Assist.	Georgina Maybee

Directors:

William DeLodovico	Gary Ewing	Dan Myer
Roland Offutt	Kenneth Schlotzhauer	James Simmons
Eli Solomon	William Spicer	Gary White

President Thomas Cooke called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm.

President Cooke thanked everyone for all the prayers and concerns during his recent health crisis.

Approval of the minutes for June 2, 2014

Motion- A motion was made by Eli Solomon, seconded by Jerry Nock to approve the June 2, 2014 minutes with spelling corrections. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

Mike Hopkins - MRC Executive Director

Distributed Multiple Medication Violations Sheet- (copy will be attached to permanent minutes)

Uniform Laboratory Accreditation Process. (RMTC Accreditation)

Create Multiple Medication Program – assigned points as follows:

<u>Penalty Classification</u>	<u>Time to Expungement</u>
Class A Drugs	Permanent
Class B Drugs	3 Years
Class C Drugs	2 Years
Class D Drugs	1 Year

The regulation will go into effect as of Jan 1, 2015. Anyone with a positive as of January 2014 is subject to the above new sanctions.

Points will be maintained with the ARCI

The MRC has started the process to add 2 more medications to the existing list.

The State of Maryland has a 5-year contract with the Truesdail Laboratories Inc. in California.

Blood Drawn from 1st and 2nd Place Horses

Process – Thursday, Friday and Sunday nights race blood samples are sent on Monday.

Monday blood samples are sent on Tuesday.

There is a 3 to 5 working days turn around.

Results are sent to Mike Hopkins and then he forwards the results to Judges. If there is a questionable result they are held for 2 additional testing days.

Starting today Mr. Hopkins will forward Sharon Roberts and Peter Szymanski a copy of the test results so everyone will know when they are cleared.

MRC Commissioner, Tammy Lafferty has contacted Bill Fasy by email with concerns addressing the process of purse checks and how long it takes to process. Ocean Downs will not cut checks more than once a week.

OD Bookkeeper Hours are 9am to 5pm Monday through Friday

Check runs on Fridays

All paperwork needs to be in before checks are cut.

Peter Szymanski mails checks that are not picked up on Friday evenings or Saturday morning.

Process for releasing checks –

Laboratory, Mike Hopkins, Paul Tishuk then Pete Szymanski.

Split samples are kept in a locked refrigerator or freezer

Cost \$400 to \$500 for a split sample

Report comes back to Judges or Mike Hopkins.

Any change in the composition or in the delay of the split sample?

Motion – A motion was made by Dan Myers, seconded by William DeLodovico to endorse the Multiple Medication Violations Proposal. The vote was unanimous. **The motion carried.**

Blood Gas Testing-

Truesdail Laboratories, Inc. – Dr. Malin and Dr. George Hester agree to the following:
Change to – eliminate a special testing machine at the track.

1 hour after races draw 2 tubes - tubes will be tested at laboratory

Both vials will be sent to California – must exceed the 37 or 39 levels call a high test.

If 1st tube is high the second one must be high as well.

New Procedures

Eliminate ERMA machine and extra time.

No Pre Race Testing.

Dan Myer asked: Any statistics on how accurate the testing is? Is there a precedent?

Why doesn't the State of MD do the same as PA and DE?

Extra cost involved, the additional cost of \$12 per test.

They will not be doing the blood gas testing on the thoroughbreds in Maryland.

In the process of legal review on the penalties.

It is the sense of the Board to move forward with the proposal.

Eliminate the potential for error.

D. Myer asked if there was any documentation to support this system/procedure?

MRC will not release the testing level.

President Thomas Cooke suggested that the Fall RCR race meet be used as a trial run.

Post Race testing results - no positives on TCO₂ Testing.

Motion – A motion was made by Eli Solomon, seconded by Dutch DeLodovico to conduct Blood Gas testing on a trail basis at the RCR 2014 Fall Meet. The vote was unanimous. **The motion carried.**

Motion – A motion was made by Eli Solomon, seconded by Jackie McLeod that the CSOA Board urges the MRC to do a simultaneous study to validate the blood gas testing process. The vote was unanimous. **The motion carried.**

There is an issue here regarding what party/s would pick up the cost of such a study?

Race Draws - MD doesn't have Judges at the draws. There have been horses scratched because of conflict of interests in several races. Mike Hopkins stated that the Judges do **not** have to be at the draws.

There were concerns about the horses that had high Pre Race TCO2 results last year at RCR. The suggestion was to call the USTA to get the horse's positives off their papers (lines). No agreement on what party/s need to approach the USTA on this issue.

The meeting recessed 7:30 pm

The meeting reconvened at 7:45 pm

President Thomas Cooke called the meeting back to order.

President Cooke updated the Board on the passing of Clayton Goad. The Viewing is Wednesday and funeral Thursday.

Electronic Draw -

Motion – A motion was made by Dan Myer, seconded by Jackie McLeod with the electronic draw in effect it's a waste of time for the CSOA representative being present at the draw. RCR is going to the electronic draw. There is no longer a need to have a CSOA representative at the draws. The vote was unanimous. **The motion carried.**

Maryland State Fair – Standardbred Show Contribution

Motion - A motion was made by Eli Solomon, seconded by Gary White to give \$800 to the Standardbred Show Competition at the Maryland State Fair. The vote was unanimous. **The motion carried.**

Pocomoke Fair Update -

The Pocomoke Fair went well. There were short fields and a lot going on in the local area that day as it was also Hambletonian Day at the Big M.

Frederick County Fair –

Motion – A motion was made by Dan Myer, seconded by Jerry Nock to give the Frederick County Fair \$2,000 for purses. The vote was unanimous. **The motion carried.**

Legislative Update -

Sharon Roberts polled the Board on retaining Bruce Bereano for the next (2015) Maryland Legislative Session at no cost to CSOA. **The polling was unanimous.**

RCR TRC Meeting -

Thomas Cooke – Reviewed the changes to the Fall 2014 RCR meet.

A copy of the changes will be attached to the minutes.

Rosecroft will move to the process of direct deposit for all horsemen's purse checks commencing with the upcoming fall race meet.

There will be a special set of "Prep" races for the Maryland Sires Stakes eligible in the 2 and 3-year-old divisions.

There will be a **5%** purse increase across the board for the Fall 2014 meet.

RCR will continue the practice of carding races based on purse dollars earned in the last 5 starts. Additionally, RCR is going to implement the practice of adding a per start clause in each race carded through the NW of \$5000 or below.

RCR will continue with the **15%** bonus for Maryland owned, sired/bred, trained and foaled horses. Additionally RCR will continue to provide a \$100 out of competition stipend for horses finishing 6th or worse.

RCR will continue with the 100% race entry preference policy. Entry preference will be in the following priority: Maryland owned, Maryland sired/bred, Maryland trained, Maryland foaled and Virginia owned (entry preference only, no bonuses).

Horses that were not bonus or preference eligible as of July 13, 2014 (60 days from the start of the meet) will **not** be eligible for a bonus or preference during the entire 2014 Fall meet unless they were (1) claimed or (2) purchased at a public auction.

This does not mean that horses who are not preference or bonus eligible cannot race at Rosecroft.... It means that they will not get a bonus or entry preference.

PGRV has asked CSOA to review each horse that the race secretary has accepted and certify the appropriate MD preference for that horse for the Fall 2014 meet.

A Full field will consist of 9 horses with Maryland Preferred holding entry preferences. NW of 1 will be considered a full race with 8 horses.

Rosecroft will be using the Electronic Draw starting with the upcoming race meet.

Items that need to be addressed are as follows:

Accounting of the direct deposit needs a procedure to reconcile the checks with the horses.

Write claimers on condition sheets.

RCR Spring Meet Update-

Gina Maybee updated the Board and members on the Spring 2014 RCR Meet results.

There was conversation about considering losing the bonus and keeping the Maryland preference. We will take it back to RCR, TRC and PN.

OD Contract Update – Sharon Roberts has contacted Bill Fasy to set up a meeting in mid September to talk about the new OD/CSOA Contract.

Maryland Legislation –

We are working on a legislation to have a Maryland Standardbred Bill. There needs to be short term and long-term contingencies in the legislation for PGRV and OD.

The Crossbreed Simulcasting Agreement expires December 31, 2014.

There was no MSBA update.

The Little Brown Jug trip Update –

The dead line has been extended to August 15th. The bus would leave Wednesday September 24 and return on Friday September 26. There has been little interest.

Maryland Horse Forum on August 7, 2014-

CSOA and MSBA are Gold Level Sponsors for the Maryland Horse Forum and the Gold Level Sponsors have booths to promote their interests. Gina Maybee will be attending the Forum.

New Business –

John Garrazzo addressed the ABC Classification System at Ocean Downs. There is no rhyme or reason for the race secretary's classifications. Some horses have been allowed to double drop down in class while others are allowed to remain in the same class. There needs to be structure on ways the horses are classified. A procedure should be established regarding how horses are moved up and down in classification.

Adjournment –

A motion was made by Dan Myer, seconded by William Long to adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sharon L. Roberts, Executive VP

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