

**Cloverleaf SOA Annual Meeting**

**February 18, 2015 – Minutes**

**VFW Grasonville, Maryland**

**President:** Thomas Cooke  
2nd VP: Jerry Nock  
Secretary: Jackie MacLeod  
Executive VP: Sharon L. Roberts  
Executive Assistant: Georgina Maybee

**Directors:**

Dan Myer                      Kenneth Schlotzhauer                      Eli Solomon  
William Spicer              Gary White

**Absent:**

William Long              Daniel Bittle                      William DeLodovico  
Gary Ewing              Don Milby                      James Simmons

President Thomas Cooke called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

**Approval of October 20, 2014 Minutes:**

**Motion 1:** A motion was made by Jerry Nock, seconded by Bill Spicer to approve the October 20, 2014 minutes. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

**2014 The Year in Review:**

President Thomas Cooke distributed the “2014 The Year in Review”. A copy will be attached to the permanent minutes.

Maryland Bonus

On Track Driver Insurance – Rosecroft pays 100% of the On Track Drivers Insurance and Ocean Downs pay \$ 6,700 of the On Track Drivers Insurance. The USTA Regulations states that the tracks must have the insurance but does not state who should pay of the insurance.

ABC System verses the Conditioned Races – members are equally divided on which system to use. Ocean Downs uses the ABC System and Rosecroft uses the Condition System.

**Legislative Update:**

Annapolis – Bruce Bereano – January, February, March & April @ \$2,500 a month.

President Cooke’s proposal is to pay Bruce Bereano for January and February at \$2,500 a month and nothing after that time period until we see some results. Mr. Bereano offers us a value in Annapolis.

**Motion 2:**

A motion was made by Eli Solomon, seconded by Jackie MacLeod to pay Bruce Bereano \$2500 a month for January & February 2015. The vote was unanimous.

**Preferences:**

President Thomas Cooke updated the Board on the proposed “Preference” language to change the MRC regulation. The next MRC Meeting is scheduled for February 25, 2015.

A copy of the proposed change will be attached to the permanent minutes.

**Motion 3:**

A motion was made by Jerry Nock, seconded by Bill Spicer to support preference language change in MD Regulation. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

**Update from CSOA Office:**

Gina Maybee updated the board on upcoming events and promotions which CSOA is supporting and sponsoring.

CSOA & MSBA Awards Banquet – February 21, 2015 tickets are still available

Horse Industry Day in Annapolis

RCR HHY camp Tuesday June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Scavenger Hunt – MD Horse Industry Board

Fall Drive for Youth HHYF out of Indiana

Working with Lisa Watts on other promotions.

### **OD Contract Update:**

President Thomas Cooke reviewed the points of the OD /CSOA Contract with the Board and requested permission from the CSOA Board latitude to strike a final deal.

Time is of the essence. Instead of “writing 60% of the races MD” we would like “to use 60% of the races MD”. OD wants to see the \$400,000 cap on bonus.

The suggestion was to see if we could have Qualifiers one day a week during day time and one night have 2 qualifying races before the pari-mutual races.

### **Motion 4:**

A motion was made by Eli Solomon, seconded by Jackie MacLeod to accept the \$3.50 per horse entered to offset the On Track Drivers Insurance at Ocean Downs. The vote unanimous. The motion carried.

### **Motion 5:**

A motion was made by Eli Solomon, seconded by Dan Myer to give President Thomas Cooke, permission to negotiate the OD/ CSOA contract. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

### **Claiming Issue – Dan Myer:**

Claiming Issue: An issue was raised with the MD thoroughbred horsemen and it could happen with the MD Standardbred horsemen. What should be the outcome when horses that are claimed come up positive? Dan Myer cites a situation in which a horse tested positive after being claimed and subsequently in to race and claimed again. Where is the responsibility/liability ?

### **Motion 6:**

A motion was made by Jerry Nock, seconded by Kenneth Schlotzhauer to “test any horse claimed - if the horse tests positive the new owner has the option to void the claim. After the test comes back the new owner has 2 days to void the claim. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

### **MSBA – Dan Myer:**

Dan Myer was contacted as the “Advisory Board Breeder” member that the Maryland MSS and MRF lists were not posted in November of 2014.

The issue of the MD MSS and MD MRF lists were not posted in November 2014 during the all-important horse sales. That raised an issue that a person purchasing a horse and was not able to confirm if the horse was eligible to the MSS and MRF.

CSOA suggests the Advisory Board request that the Executive Director Cherri Stambaugh to post list of eligible horses in a more timely fashion.

The payments were due on May 15 and to the 1st week of November is too long a period for the list not to be posted.

The consensus was to urge Cherri Stambaugh to post the lists within 20 days of the payment.

**Motion 7:**

A motion was made by Jerry Nock, seconded by Eli Solomon to endorse the Advisory Board to bring up the posting of the eligible horses list per the USTA rules. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

**2014 CSOA Financial Review:**

Sharon Roberts distributed and reviewed the CSOA Financial Review for the Year Ending October 31, 2014. A copy will be attached to the permanent minutes.

**Motion 8:**

A motion was made by Eli Solomon, seconded by Jerry Nock to accept the CSOA Financial Review for the Year Ending October 31, 2014. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

**CSOA Proposed 2015 Budget:**

Sharon Roberts distributed and reviewed copies of the CSOA Proposed 2015 Budget to the Board. A copy will be attached to the permanent minutes. One item was to hire a part time person to work two days a week.

**Motion 9:**

A motion was made by Eli Solomon, seconded by Jerry Nock to accept the CSOA Proposed 2015 Budget. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

A comment was made on the high costs of the sulkies and what CSOA pays out in equipment damage coverage. Currently CSOA will pay all claims in excess of \$25, to a maximum of \$2,400 for all damage or \$200 per wheel. A request was made for CSOA to look into increasing the amounts of coverage. It was brought to the attention of the Board that sulkies can be added to Home Owners Insurance Policy.

**Election Report by Nominating Committee:**

The Directors Seats were uncontested – No election was held. The results are as follows:

**Owner:** E. Daniel Bittle, Jr.  
Thomas Cooke  
Eli Solomon

**Trainer:** A. Daniel Myer  
Jerry Nock

**At-Large:** Phased Out

**Adjournment:**

**Motion 10:**

A motion was made by Jerry Nock, seconded by Eli Solomon to adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sharon L. Roberts

Executive VP