

Cloverleaf Standardbred Owners Association, Inc.

June 14, 2016

Rams Head Shore House, Kent Island, MD

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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	Kenneth Schlotzhauer
	Eli Solomon	William Spicer	
Absent:	Daniel Bittle	Gary White	

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

Approval of the April 25, 2016 minutes:

Motion 1: A motion was made by Eli Solomon, seconded by Jerry Nock to approve the April 25, 2016 minutes. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

President Cooke distributed to the Board "**June 14, 2016 CSOA Board Briefing Book**". A copy will be attached to the permanent minutes.

President Cooke reviewed the CSOA Newsletter for the board and members in attendance.

The letter from Chris McErlean was read into record. Attached to the permanent minutes.

PGRV, LLC – Sale of Rosecroft:

The sale of RCR is a "Stock" sale. The Stronach Group is assuming all the contracts. The CSOA agreement is through **December 2016**.

Business plan for Rosecroft: We would like a 10-year agreement.

The sale of Rosecroft is important to the MD Standardbred Breeders.

National Harbor will come on line at the end of the year. Will it have an impact on the handle?

The Stronach Group told track employees there would be no changes at Rosecroft - everything will stay in place. Everyone recognizes that the facility needs a facelift.

President Cooke stated we are cautiously optimistic that we will race in 2017.

In switching racing days from Saturday to Sunday, there was an 83% to 85% increase in handle.

Medication Meeting at Harrington: There are two RCI Standardbred Town Hall Meetings scheduled. One at Harrington Raceway June 14, 2016 and at the Meadowlands on June 18, 2016. The Town Hall meetings represent an effort by the Association of Racing Commissioners International to unify the racing industry in the US and develop a consensus path to improve the policing of the sport and advance uniform regulatory policies.

Red Mile Historical Racing Wagering Numbers: More than 900 Historical Racing machines went into operation at the Red Mile early last September and after a steady growth process, monthly wagering increased to more than \$21.4 million in March.

Month	Handle
September	\$5,115,524
October	\$11,559,286
November	\$10,817,617
December	\$13,926,065
January	\$14,520,539
February	\$18,423,597
March	\$21,403,470

Revenue from the Historical Racing Machines has enhanced the stakes program in KY where the new rules allow a breeding to any Stallion in the US as long as the mare is a resident of KY for a certain number of days.

Upcoming Sales:

Blooded Horse Sale – Pre Jug Mixed Sale – August 29 & 30, 2016

Goshen Yearling Sale – September 18, 2016

Buckeye Classic Yearling Sale – September 27, 2016

Lexington Sale – October 24 through October 8, 2016

Harrisburg Horse Sale – November 7 through November 12, 2016

OD Update: The MRC wants Ocean Downs to pay for more extensive testing.

Glaucine Testing Conference Call with Mark Ford: Mark Ford, Thomas Cooke and Sharon Roberts discussed the Glaucine Positives. There is a huge flight in NY over the positives. There is a lot going on behind the scene.

Amanda Jackson spent \$2,400 to get the split tests. The test came back positive. The Hearing was scheduled but subsequently cancelled by the Judges for no stated reason. Attorney Howard Taylor has suggested that the issue will go away.

There were 5 thoroughbreds and 2 standardbreds in Maryland that tested positive for Glaucine.

OD Paddock: The first race at Ocean Downs is where the sun was the hottest. Board members would like to request that OD move the 1st and 2nd races to the other side of the paddock barn.

Training at Ocean Downs: Training has been re scheduled for Sundays due to the construction at OD with the exception of Sunday June 19th there will be **NO Training**.

Ocean Downs 2016 Purses: Total Ocean Downs purses for 2016 is \$3M. The purses will start lower at the beginning and increase over time.

MD Open purse \$8,000 with bonus = \$12,000.

115 horses were entered the 1st night and 94 horses entered the second night.

There are a lot NJ horsemen racing at OD now.

Handicapped Parking at OD Update: Wilson Fisher complained to Tammy Lafferty (MRC Commissioner) about the lack of handicapped parking. Peter Szymanski said there is handicapped parking and Security will ride the person to the paddock.

Driver's \$10 Payment:

Motion 2: A motion was made by Dan Myer, seconded by Frank Milby for the following:

Each driver in a race shall receive a minimum payment of **\$10** for driving in the race.

The \$10 payment would apply to drivers who finish 6th, 7th or 8th.

A driver who finished 5th in a \$3,500 race (lowest purse at OD) would receive \$1.25 in addition to the \$8.75 earned for finishing 5th.

Example:

$\$3,500 \times .05\% = \$175.00 \times .05$ for diver = \$8.75

The extra \$1.25 would bring the driver's total payment to **\$10**.

Funding Source: Purse Account

The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

OD \$3.50 On Track Driver Insurance Charge: A members asked if OD is collecting the \$3.50 from those whose horse does not get a purse. The answer is yes – the track does attempt to collect the \$3.50 from everyone. CSOA gets credit for all payments made as well as those that are not made.

John Gazzerro asked if there is pre-race testing at OD. The answer is NO.

There is concern that management at OD needs to monitor the trainers on horses. Who are the actual trainers?

Maryland State Fair Update: Gina Maybee updated the Board and members on the Maryland State Fair dates and activates. There are 11 fair days from August 25 through September 5. Gina has requested that “when available” to simulcast Ocean Downs Live signal. Line up handicappers and announcers in the tents. Teach children how to call the races. The horse show ring will feature “Horse Lovers United Standardbred Make Over”. We need volunteers to show a Standardbred with a jog cart. There will be a parade - several Standardbred horses will be needed.

The Standardbred show will be on **August 29th**

Friday September 2nd will feature a Riding Showcase put on by Horses Healing Maryland's Military Therapeutic Association.

We need a very claim horse to be in the parade. There will be marching bands.

Other Up Coming Events Planned: Looking for experiences. Hands on with horses. Brian Burton and Sharon Roberts have agreed to host a “hands-on experience” at their farms to be held in the fall.

There will be an “**Adult Hands-On Camp**” at Rosecroft in the fall. Gina will coordinate with Lisa Watts on scheduling events.

RCR 2016 Spring Meet Recap (Gina Maybee)

MD Preferred Entries 73%

MD Preferred Purses 72%

MD Preferred Purses with Bonus 75%

Total Purse paid \$2.6M for 27 race days

Currently there is \$14,000 sitting in the RCR purse account.

The 60-day rule does not exist at OD.

There were complaints about RCR Draw Results getting out until late in the evening.

One member commented that in their opinion the Race Secretary is handicapping all the horses and penalizing the horses doing well in the previous year. At the end of the meet he brought in horses for the upper class money.

MRF: The final purses will be \$35,000 to \$39,000. The breeder’s bonus money only applies to the finals.

With the uncertainty of the future some people are not breeding in Maryland.

Horsemen Benefits Update (Sharon Roberts): Sharon Roberts updated the Board on death benefits for horsemen. We have been working with Dick Johnson to find Life Insurance and Final Expense insurance for a total of \$25,000 of insurance.

Commercial Group Life Cost Estimate:

\$15,720.00 Annual – Ages 16-64 benefit 25K, Ages 64-69 15K benefit

Individual Final Expense (Whole Life) 10K Cost Estimate:

\$13,000 Annual – Ages 65-69

\$37,000 Annual – Ages 70-80

Estimated Total Cost - \$65,720 (based on current number of members and ages).

Motion 3: A motion was made by Jerry Nock, seconded by Kenneth Schlotzhauer to split the insurance money benefit \$15,000 to the member and \$10,000 to CSOA to be applied to the CSOA Benefit Fund. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

Sharon Roberts was given the name of Dino Miliucci from AARP Coverage to see if there are additional benefits we can acquire for the members.

Bonus Review: Frank Milby raised the issue of the Drivers and Trainers getting 5% of the MD Bonus. There was a heated discussion, with many questions and answers. President Cooke indicated that he could support such a measure out of sense of being fair and would try to construct a formula that would produce a win-win outcome.

Motion 4: A motion was made by Frank Milby, seconded by Kenneth Schlotzhauer for the following:

To provide that the drivers and trainers each earn 5% of the bonus money awarded.

Example:

\$5,000 purse

Horse finishes 2nd

$\$5,000 \times 25\% = \$1,250$

$\$1,250 \times 50\% \text{ bonus} = \625

$\$1,250 + \$625 = \$1,875$

$\$1,875 \times 10\% \text{ (Driver/Trainer)} = \187.50

Owner: \$1687.50

Driver: \$93.75

Trainer \$93.75

Funding Source: Purse Account

The vote was 6 favor and 3 abstained (W. DeLodovico, E. Solomon & W. Long). The motion carried.

Regulations & Comar Review:

Mike Hopkins (MRC Executive Director) has contacted the racing entities in Maryland for input: The Administration has requested that a review of all regulations and Comar regulations be reviewed to get rid of out dated and obsolete regulations. Tom Cooke, Dan Myer and Sharon Roberts and anyone else interested (Judges, Tack Officials etc.) will meet on June 26 to review the regulations.

- (1) Open Purse definition needs to be clarified.
- (2) Ocean Downs maintains the position that there is no need for an outrider.

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion 5: A motion was made by William DeLodovico, seconded by William Long to adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous. The meeting adjourned 9:08 pm.

The next MRC Meeting will be on July 12 at Laurel Raceway. It is likely that the sale of PGRV to the Stronach Group will be on that agenda.

Next CSOA Board Meeting: August 2, 2016

Location: TBA

Respectfully submitted by:

Sharon L. Roberts

Executive VP

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