

Cloverleaf Standardbred Owners' Association, Inc.

October 10, 2016 – Minutes

Rams Head Shore House, Kent Island, MD

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

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

President Thomas Cooke called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Dan Bittle joined the meeting via telephone.

Approval of Minutes: September 8, 2016 Minutes

Motion 1: A motion was made by Jerry Nock, seconded by Frank Milby to approve the September 8, 2016 minutes with changes. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

Proposed CSOA 2017 Budget:

Sharon Roberts distributed the Proposed CSOA 2017 Budget to the Board. Sharon Roberts reviewed and answered questions on the “proposed “CSOA 2017 Budget.

Sharon Roberts advised to Board that she will no longer have a place to stay during the Ocean Downs race meet. Sharon reviewed options for housing and the costs. Sharon suggested hiring someone local for the position as Ocean Downs Representative. Sharon told the Board that she has spoken to Jerry Nock (CSOA 2nd VP) to see if he might be interested in the position. Mr. Nock stated that he would have to think about it. Sharon suggested the salary be \$100 per race day and reimburse the representative for their cost of health insurance for 4 months. After some discussion, the Board decided to eliminate the health insurance and use the base salary

as \$5,000. There was conversation of advertising the position which will be decided later. We can advertise in the CSOA Newsletter and post the position in the paddock for horsemen to view.

Motion 2:

A motion was made by William DeLodovico, seconded by Frank Milby to approve the “proposed” CSOA 2017 Budget. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

Dan Bittle left the meeting.

CSOA By-Laws Changes: Eli Solomon – Chair, Tom Cooke, William Spicer and Sharon Roberts make up the CSOA By-Laws Committee.

Eli Solomon updated the Board on the CSOA By-Laws Meeting. The Board has copies of the recommended by-law changes. Eli Solomon suggested three additional changes. The changes are as follows:

Bolded and Underlined means language “Added”

[Brackets] means language “deleted”

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Article II: Members Section 3 – Membership Dues

Add: **“Annual”** – 1st word in paragraph

Delete: **[per year]** in first sentence

Delete: **[Effective on the 1st of January 2007.]**

Change “all” to **“All”**

Delete: **[Those members that have paid their membership during the last third of 2006 (Sept., Oct., Nov., & Dec.) will not have to pay again until January 1, 2008. All other members will pay as of the beginning of the year (2007).]**

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Section 4 –

Delete: **[Provided, however, that]**

Change: “the” to **“The”**

Change: “new” to “**NEW**”

Change: “that” to “**for**”

Add: member “to” be eligible to vote.

Article III Meetings: Section 1 (B): Special Meetings

Delete [six (6)] and Add “four (4)”

Motion 3:

A motion was made by Frank Milby, seconded by Jerry Nock to approve the changes plus the added 3 changes. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

CSOA Banquet: The CSOA Banquet will be held on ***February 4, 2017*** at the Kent Island Volunteer Fire Department. MSBA has not decided to combine the two banquets for this year.

Nominating Committee: Tom Cooke – Chair, William DeLodovico, Frank Milby, Jerry Nock and Eli Solomon.

The directors whose terms are up for election:

Director	Category
William Long	Trainer
Kenneth Schlotzhauer	Trainer
William Spicer	Owner
Gary White	At Large

The Nominating Committee’s recommendation is to re-nominate the sitting directors whose term are up.

Motion 4:

A motion was made by William DeLodovico, seconded by Frank Milby to accept the Nomination Committee’s recommendation to re-nominate the four sitting directors. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

Time frame for the Election is as follows:

November 9, 2016	Mailing to CSOA Membership
December 9, 2016	Candidates submit letter of intent to run
December 19, 2016	Candidates submit resumes
January 8, 2017	Ballots mailed to CSOA Membership
February 8, 2017	Election

RCR TRC Meeting: The RCR TRC met and raised concerns with the seeding of races at RCR. A meeting with Pete Hanley will be set to review the concerns.

MRC Meeting: Review by Dr. Bowman – MRC had adopted the Medication Rules but didn't adopt the penalty guide lines. The MRC will review.

Cooke addressed the Maryland Racing Commission and thanked Ocean Downs for working with the horsemen over the years.

The MGM Casino at National Harbor will open at 11 pm on December 8, 2016.

Maryland Million Day is October 22, 2016, after Maryland Million Day "The Stronach Group" will sit down with CSOA to discuss the future at Rosecroft.

September 21, 2016 - Cooke has sent a "Proposition" to the MRC on penalties. A workable situation is to attach a sanction to the horse and to hire an investigator. A copy of the CSOA Board Briefing Book was distributed to the Board and will be attached to the permanent minutes.

President Cooke submitted two Rule Change Proposals requesting an Outrider and the payment of On-Track Driver Insurance to the USTA. The USTA District Meeting will be held on November 18, 2016 at Harrington Raceway.

President Cooke and Sharon Roberts met with Churchill Downs and Saratoga Harness representatives at BWI Airport on the upcoming sale of Ocean Downs. CSOA's contract is good through March of 2020. There will be **No improvements** this year (2017) on the backstretch and **No additional race days**. The new owners must be approved by the Maryland Gaming Board (casino license) and the Maryland Racing Commission (racing license).

All employees of Ocean Downs have been retained.

MSBA Survey: Dan Myer reported the MSBA Survey was mailed this morning. The mailing went to 189 people, which included the years 2010 through 2015 (anyone that bred in MD and breeders list).

Workers' Compensation: Steve Warrington has expressed concern that he must have Workers' Compensation Insurance in Maryland to race, Mr. Warrington does not have any employees and uses independent contractors to paddock his horses. He has been told if the independent contractor gets hurt while paddocking his horse they will not be covered because they are not an employee. Mr. Warrington would like to know if CSOA could help the horsemen in any way with this issue. Delaware had a similar situation and resolved the issue with a policy that the organization purchased. Sharon Roberts has been asked to call DSOA about their policy to see if CSOA could do something on the same lines and to contact Mike Hopkins from the MRC. The Workers' Compensation conversation was tabled to a future date.

CSOA Benefit Program – Sharon Roberts updated the Board on the programs that are being researched for the CSOA Benefits Program.

CSOA is considering "Life Insurance" for the members. At the next CSOA meeting we will have more information to share. The Board has not decided on the division of the benefits between the member and the organization. The CSOA Death Benefit was tabled to a future date.

Adjournment:

Motion 5:

A motion was made by Frank Milby, seconded by Bill Spicer to adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sharon L. Roberts

Executive VP