

**Cloverleaf Standardbred Owners' Association, Inc.**  
**October 20, 2014 - Minute**  
**VFW, Grasonville, Maryland**

<b>Present:</b>	<b>President</b>	Thomas Cooke
	<b>1<sup>st</sup> VP</b>	William Long
	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> VP</b>	Jerry Nock
	<b>Secretary</b>	Jackie MacLeod
	<b>Treasurer</b>	Daniel E. Bittle
	<b>Executive VP</b>	Sharon L. Roberts
	<b>Executive Assistant</b>	Georgina Maybee

**Directors:**

<b>Present:</b>	William DeLodovico	Gary Ewing	Dan Myer
	Kenneth Schlotzhauer	James Simmons	William Spicer
	Gary White		

<b>Absent:</b>	Don Milby	Roland Offutt	Eli Solomon
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President Thomas Cooke called the meeting to order at 6:15.

**Minutes:**

Motion # 1:

A motion was made by Jerry Nock, seconded by William Spicer to accept the August 5, 2014 minutes. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

**PGRV/CSOA Contract Update:** President Thomas Cooke distributed to the board and members a draft of the points, length of contract, days, bonus, insurance etc. and an agreement in principal from 2016 through 2020 with Prince George's Racing Ventures, LLC. A copy will be attached to the minutes.

Motion # 2:

**Motion:** A motion was made by Jackie MacLeod, seconded by Jerry Nock for a sense of the group to enter into a contract with PGRV LLC per the points of the contract. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

**Legislative Update:** President Thomas Cooke distributed and reviewed with the board and the "2015 Legislative Update." This document will be attached to the official minutes.

Motion # 3:

After some discussion a motion was made by Jerry Nock, seconded by Kenneth Schlotzhauer to accept and support the 2015 Legislative Proposal. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

**OD/CSOA Contract Update:** President Thomas Cooke distributed a Confidential Document “**Proposed Contract with Ocean Downs**” to the Board. A copy of this document will be attached to the official minutes.

**ABC Classification System:**

At the request of Board member Gary Ewing, a vote was taken to get a sense of the Board regarding support for or disagreement with the ABC System. The vote was 4 in favor and 8 against the ABC classification system.

A vote was taken to get a sense of the Board regarding who likes the “Condition Races - last 5 starts”. The vote was 12 in favor.

Do we want to try to abolish the ABC System?

The sense of the Board is that CSOA offer a proposal that requires established/ written criteria on the ABC classification system – the process by which horses move up and down.

**The Board recessed at at 7:15 pm.  
The Board reconvened at 7:30 pm.**

**MRC Trial Testing at RCR :** There has been one Clenbuterol positive and an overage this meet at RCR. There has been **No TCO2 Testing Positives.**

In PA if there is a Pre Races TCO2 Positive the horse is scratched for unfit condition to race and fined \$100.

**MSBA Report:**

Dan Myer is pursuing a change in the qualifying times.

Bruce Quade, MRC Chair offered to get training days for OD in May before racing starts in order to give the MSS, MSRF and young horses the opportunity to train on the track. Peter Szymanski stated that the cost for training 2 days a week for 4 weeks in May would be cost would be \$8,000. (two times a week for 4 weeks in May 2015).

OD offered to pay half and outside parties would have to cover the balance. The question was raised regarding if CSOA would be willing to pay \$2,000? MSBA would pay \$2,000.

Another idea raised at the meeting involved asking the horsemen to pay \$50 a month to train to help offset the costs that CSOA and MSBA is paying.

Motion # 4

**Motion:** A motion was made by Gary White, seconded by Wm. DeLodovico to support to change the regulations for a one second allowance from OD to RCR. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

**Maryland Advisory Board:**

Maryland Standardbred Advisory Board has not met to date but a tentative meeting is scheduled for November 10<sup>th</sup>.

The subject of the purse payout in the MSS and MRF was discussed to change the way the purses are distributed with a 3 horse field.

Current Purse distribution in a 3 horse field is as follows: **60 -30- 10**

Proposed change is: **55-30-15**

Motion # 5:

A motion was made by Kenneth Schlotzhauer, seconded by William Spicer to change the distribution to 55 -30 -15 in a 3 horse field. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

Motion # 6:

**Racing Under Saddle at Rosecroft:**

A motion was made by Kenneth Schlotzhauer, seconded by William Spicer to contribute \$750 to the PGRV Racing Under Saddle at RCR this year. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

Motion # 7:

**HHY Foundation:**

A motion was made by Jerry Nock, seconded by William DeLodovico to contribute \$2,000 to the Pledge Drive for the HHY Foundation. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

**CSOA Elections Update:** 5 directors are up for election.

Nomination meeting will be held on November 11<sup>th</sup>.

The 2015 Nominations Committee:

Bill Long - Chair  
Gary White  
Kenny Schlotzhauer  
William DeLodovico  
William Spicer

**CSOA Banquet Update:**

The banquet date has not been confirmed yet but we are looking at February 21, 2015. The tentative date for the CSOA Annual Meeting is February 18, 2015.

Motion # 8:

A Motion was made to add to the Condition sheets at RCR for an additional allowance - add another \$500 for MD Preferred horses. Gina will relay our request to the Race Secretary.

Motion # 9:

**Adjournment:**

A Motion was made by Jerry Nock, seconded by William DeLodovico to adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sharon L. Roberts  
Executive VP