

Cloverleaf Standardbred Owners’ Association, Inc.

March 21, 2016 – Minutes

Kent Island Holiday Inn Express, Grasonville, Maryland

Present:	President	Thomas Cooke
	1 st VP	William Long
	2 nd VP	Jerry Nock
	Executive VP	Sharon L. Roberts
	Executive Benefits Coord:	Georgina Maybee

Directors:	William DeLodovico	Dan Myer	Kenneth Schlotzhauer
	Eli Solomon	Gary White	

Absent:	Daniel Bittle	Frank Milby	William Spicer
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President Thomas Cooke called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Sharon Roberts updated the Board on Dan Bittle’s condition and that we need to keep him in our prayers.

Approval of the February 24, 2016 Minutes:

Motion 1: A motion was made by Jerry Nock, seconded by Kenneth Schlotzhauer to approve the February 24, 2016 minutes. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

CSOA Audit Error Update: Sharon Roberts reported that the CSOA Audit Error has been corrected per the Board’s request.

A copy of Tom Cooke’s Director’s Briefing Book was distributed to the Board and is attached to the permanent minutes.

HHI Conference (2016) Update: President Cooke reviewed the HHI member states status for the Board.

DSOA - Rule Change “DE Owned, Bred, and/or Trained Preference”: The Rules Committee Meeting will be April 5, 2016 at the Delaware Department of Agriculture.

MRC Update: President Cooke updated the Board on the MRC meeting held on March 15, 2016. MJC wants to open an OTB at Timonium they didn't include the community in the talks at the beginning as a result they are meeting with the community now.

RCR Condition Sheet: Mark Gray and Dan Myers has concerns over the NW of \$1,000 Class. Their thoughts is that the bottom class should be for only MD horses also when combining races the lower class needs to be able to draw for the inside. The RCR TRC should meet to discuss the issues.

MSRF Advisory Board Meeting Update: Gary White The MSRF Board met on March 15, 2016. At the meeting the “proposal” the fund will pay out if funds (Breeders and Stallion Bonus) when they are available they will be released. The date was set for 3 days after the December MRC Meeting. Mike Hopkins and the DLLR are working on direct deposit to solve this problem.

By November 1st of each year, notice will be given on what is earned in bonus.

To clarify there is no “reserve fund”.

Gary White and Peter Szymanski presented and reviewed a July regulation proposal. The proposal needs to be a unanimous and all parties need to be involved in the process.

MSBA Update – Dan Myer: There was no update.

There was discussion about racing 2 year olds later would be better and there is no certainty with RCR being open.

Horse Industry Day – Economic Survey: Gina Maybee updated the Board on the Economic Survey that is going to be conducted. We need everyone to participate in the survey to give the MD Legislators an insight on the benefit of the purse money from slots and how it is being used.

Motion 2: A motion was made by Eli Solomon, seconded by William DeLodovico to contribute \$1000 to help offset the cost of the Economic Survey. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

TRC Update – Kenneth Schlotzhauer: There was no update.

Election of Officers:

Nomination for President:

Motion 3: A motion was made by T. Cooke, seconded by E. Solomon to nominate William Long as President.

Motion 4: A motion was made by W. DeLodovico, seconded by K. Schlotzhauer to nominate Thomas Cooke as President.

Motion 5: A motion was made by E. Solomon, seconded by W. DeLodovico to close the nominations.

A closed ballot vote for president was taken. The results of the vote was Thomas Cooke was elected as President.

Motion 6: A motion was made by W. DeLodovico, seconded by Jerry Nock to nominate William Long as 1st VP.

Motion 7: A motion was made by E. Solomon, seconded by W. DeLodovico to close the nominations.

Motion 8: A motion was made by W. DeLodovico, seconded by K. Schlotzhauer to nominate Jerry Nock as 2nd VP.

Motion 9: A motion was made by T. Cooke, seconded by W. DeLodovico to close the nominations.

Motion 10: A motion was made by T. Cooke, seconded by J. Nock to nominate William DeLodovico as Secretary.

Motion 11: A motion was made by T. Cooke, seconded by E. Solomon to close the nominations.

Motion 12: A motion was made by E. Solomon, seconded by W. Long to nominate Daniel Bittle as Treasurer.

Motion 13: A motion was made by W. Long, seconded by E. Solomon to close the nominations.

Motion 14: A motion was made by K. Schlotzhauer, seconded by J. Nock to approve the slate as nominated. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

Election Results - CSOA 2016 Officers:

President:	Thomas Cooke
1st VP:	William Long
2nd VP:	Jerry Nock
Secretary:	William DeLodovico
Treasurer:	Daniel Bittle

Adjournment:

Motion 15: A motion was made by William DeLodovico, seconded by Jerry Nock to adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 7:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sharon L. Roberts

Executive VP