

## South Dakota Quarter Horse Racing Association Minutes

Dec 2, 2006—President Lynn Husman called the meeting to order. The treasurer's report was presented by Jill LaCroix. Jerry Oxner moved to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Jerry Olson. All were in favor.

David Myers made a motion to change the Aberdeen Open Futurity from the existing distance of 350 yards to 300 yards. Discussion favored the new distance due to the early date of the race. Jerry Oxner seconded the motion, and the members unanimously approved it. The motion must be brought before the Northeast Area Horse Racing Association for final approval.

Jim Thares discussed the possibility of approaching the South Dakota Gaming Commission concerning the issue of non-members of our association receiving South Dakota bred monies. Following the discussion, Jerry Oxner made a motion to request the SD Gaming Commission to change the rules to read that only members of the South Dakota Quarter Horse Association be eligible to receive South Dakota Bred monies. Seconded by Marge Hedman. All approved.

John G. Johnson made a motion that we continue using The Racing Journal as our official publication. David Myers seconded. All approved. Further discussion involved the possibility of publishing our events and news in various other publications and improving our current Web site at [sdhorseracing.com](http://sdhorseracing.com). Tom Maher motioned that the Swan family investigate the several different possibilities and report back to the Board of Directors. All were in favor.

Tom Maher brought up that the American Quarter Horse Association has set \$15,000 as the minimum purse for black type stakes races. Harlan Walker made the motion that we strive to make all South Dakota Bred and Open futurities and derbies to be run at this amount. Tom Maher seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Lynn Husman discussed retaining John Brown as the South Dakota Horsemen's Association representative/lobbyist. Steve Swan motioned that we recommend to the Horsemen's Association that we retain Mr. Brown again in 2007. Vic Hanson seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Lynn Husman briefly discussed the issue of track insurance. The company which previously insured both the Fort Pierre and Aberdeen race tracks dropped 19 tracks throughout the Midwest. The issue was to be further discussed at the SD Horsemen's meeting.

Following a discussion of various problems occurring in the 2006 racing season, it was agreed to request that both the board of directors of the South Dakota Quarter Horse Racing Association and the South Dakota Thoroughbred Association meet with the track managers and Gaming Commissioner Larry Eliason to try to work out the problems and establish rules and regulations to avoid problems in the future.

Jim Thares discussed the current statute dealing with South Dakota Bred status. The statute states that a South Dakota Bred Horse is a horse that is foaled in South Dakota and the dam of said is owned, in whole, at the time of foaling by a bona fide resident of the State of South Dakota. Marge Hedman made a motion to leave the decision to change the requirement that the mare be owned by a South Dakota resident at the time of foaling to the Board of Directors following further discussion with the Horsemen's Association. Billie Swan seconded and all approved.

Lynn discussed the seminar he attended sponsored by AQHA at the National Convention in February, 2006.

All existing officers and directors will continue serving their terms through 2007.

President: Lynn Husman

Vice President: John G. Johnson

Secretary: Robin Carlson

Treasurer: Jill LaCroix

Directors: Vic Hanson, Richard Henderson, Bob Johnson, Jerry Oxner, Steve Swan, and Harlan Walker.

John G. Johnson motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Harlan Walker and all approved.