

**THE NEW MEXICO HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION  
STATE BOARD MEETING  
November 15, 2023**

Paul Jensen, President  
Susie Prather, Vice President  
Pam Sena, Treasurer  
Bernadette Barrios, Director  
Sean Alfortish, Director

Jill Giles, Director  
Denise Chambliss, Director  
Larry Strain, Director  
Jose R. Gonzalez Jr., Director

Vanessa Alexander, David Locke, Loretta Quintana, Danna Buechler, Erin Gonzalez, Drew Swasey, Janis Murry, Jody Roberts

Paul Called the meeting to order at 9:03 am

**Approval of Agenda**

Denise asked about the list of Finance Committee members from Jason, Pam has it and will forward it. Motion made by Pam to approve agenda and Susie 2<sup>nd</sup>, Motion passed.

**Approval of October Minutes**

Motion made by Pam to approve October minutes, Susie 2<sup>nd</sup>, Motion passed.

**Approval of August and September Financials**

Motion made by Pam to approve August and September Financials, as prepared by Terri and Brenda. Paul 2<sup>nd</sup>, Motion passed.

**October Financials**

October financials could not be prepared as Pam has no access to Wells Fargo accounts. Tony Cappellucci, Brenda and Terri were supposed to change accounts over effective November 1<sup>st</sup>. Never happened. Paul and Denise are involved with Corporate in Pheonix trying to get on the accounts. Corporate has said they will only deal with Tony Cappellucci.

**PAC Report**

Terri and Brenda received the resignation by email of the Thompson Brothers on October 27, 2023. This email was only forwarded to Paul Jensen and Jill Giles. The Board will discuss in Executive Session whether to replace our lobbyists at this time.

**Report from the President – Paul Jensen**

Paul stated our goal is to get our legal situation done. Sean has valuable expertise we can use. The main focus is to get the lawsuits done, whether from legislative help or any other means.

## **Report for Track Committees**

### **Ruidoso**

Pam said Ruidoso has possibly sold. Possible buyer is La Feliz Montana or Golden Gate.

### **Sunland Park**

The ongoing contract renews 30 days after the prior meet ends unless we contact them. Will send confirmation letter, so legally its renewed. Jose said the stall list will be out in a few days.

December 16 – Setup

December 18 – Horses in and racing office opens

December 21 – Training begins

December 21 – Zero date by 2:00 pm

December 29 – First Entries

Pam asked when condition book will be out. Jose will check. Sean stated so we are just renewing, or are they willing to talk with us about specifics? Paul thinks Sunland is open to conversations about big players coming in. He has talked to Sunland and there is no need to change the contract. Larry stated he did not want to stir things up. Paul said Sunland is willing to take friendly communication, worth discussion.

### **Sunray Park**

Jill said no news.

### **Zia Park**

The holding barn has cut the required times to be there. They blamed it on HISA, everyone seems happy with the new time frame. Larry also reported there was trouble with the sound system but that has been resolved. Susie commented that communication is good with Kristy and Lauren. Zia Park has told the horsemen we can use the office for meetings.

### **The Downs at Albuquerque**

Sean stated the faux committee is being dealt with. HISA only requires ambulance to stay open. There is an issue over the \$4,000 required. Will talk more in Executive Session. Bernadette said Albuquerque is collecting money from trainers. \$200 per trainer, then \$20 per horse, \$15 for haul-ins. Sean said it looks like the meet was successful.

## **New Business / Discussion Items**

Pam gave report of office closing. Susie gave information on Insurance Termination Letters (Presbyterian Health, VSP Vision, Delta Dental, Term Life, Disability), Comcast (bill cut from \$400 to \$100), Verizon (Cancelled), Mass Texting (Cancelled), Albuquerque Journal (Donate remainder of subscription to the Veterans Association), Pitney Bowes (cancelled contract with early termination of \$959.35 to be paid by

12/13/2023). Sean then suggested because of all the benefits Terri and Brenda had received that we compose a new employee handbook going forward.

Sean gave his history with NHBPA. He said the November 30<sup>th</sup> NMRC meeting has to be addressed and we need to let the details go nation wide with what's happening. We need to continue getting signatures from those horsemen who support NMHA.

Pam read email motions.

Bernadette stated that Izzy called her regarding split tests. She informed Izzy that Terri and Brenda were no longer employed. Bernadette pointed out that in July it was brought up that we stop doing split tests. Denise stated that we have had two split tests as of November 9<sup>th</sup>. Jill gave procedures for split tests. NMRC is legally responsible for split tests. Due to budget cuts from NMRC Paul made a Motion to suspend our part in the chain of custody for split tests. Jose 2<sup>nd</sup>, Motion passed. Sean suggested we send a letter to NMRC, post the labs on our website and a tutorial of the rules.

Denise stated we need to update and clean up our Medical Guidelines. Sean is going to send a copy of the forms that Louisiana uses. Pam asked Jill to clarify medical reimbursements amount for a family if both spouses are licensed. Jill stated each license entitled that person to \$1250. Discussion was had on whether to continue the 60-day requirement for filing the medical reimbursements. Discussion was tabled to January 17, 2024.

Denise gave report on Accounts Payable. NHBPA due, Property Taxes due, Insurance for Building and Officers Liability due, NOW CFO due, Credit Cards due Friday.

Susie gave social media update. New pages have been created for all racetracks called Committee Talk.

#### **Old Business**

Jill stated no old business.

#### **Public Comments**

One public comment was made.

#### **Executive Session**

Directors entered Executive Session at 11:00 am

#### **Adjourn**

Paul adjourned the meeting at 11:23 am