

Cloverleaf Standardbred Owners' Association, Inc.

Minutes February 17, 2010

Present:	President	Thomas Cooke	
	2 nd VP	Jerry Nock	
	Secretary	William Long	
	Treasurer	Dan Myer	
	Executive VP	Sharon Roberts	
Directors:	Daniel Bittle	Betsy Brown	William DeLodovico
	Ralph Hayward	Tammy Lafferty	Don Milby
	Jackie MacLeod	Kenneth Schlotzhauer	James Simmons
	Eli Solomon	William Spicer	Judy Welty
	Gary White		
Absent:	Gary Ewing		

President Thomas Cooke called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

President Tom Cooke welcomed William DeLodovico, Jackie MacLeod and Jim Simmons to the Board. The new directors addressed the board and members on their background, thoughts and willingness to serve on the board

Motion – A motion was made by Eli Solomon, seconded by Jerry Nock to approve the January 22, 2010 minutes. The vote was 13 in favor and 3 new directors abstained. The motion carried.

President Cooke reported that last month the harness industry lost Earl Beal and last night Dr. Hurtgen passed away from an apparent heart attack while helping to foal a mare on his farm. Both men were highly regarded in the harness industry. Sharon will send flowers and sympathy cards on behalf of CSOA Board and Members.

Election of Officers:

Nominations for President

A motion was made by Tammy Lafferty, seconded by Eli Solomon to nominate Thomas Cooke for President. There were no other nominations.

A motion was made by Eli Solomon, seconded by Jerry Nock to close the nominations for President.

Nominations for 1st Vice President

A motion was made by Kenneth Schlotzhauer, seconded by Gary White to nominate Dan Myers as 1st Vice President. There were no other nominations.

A motion was made by Eli Solomon, seconded by Gary White to close the nominations.

Nominations for 2nd Vice President

A motion was made by Dan Myer, seconded by Tammy Lafferty to nominate Jerry Nock as 2nd Vice President. There were no other nominations.

A motion was made by Eli Solomon, seconded by Tammy Lafferty to close the nominations.

Nominations for Secretary

A motion was made by Tom Cooke, seconded by Tammy Lafferty to nominate William Long as Secretary. There were no other nominations.

A motion was made by Tammy Lafferty, seconded by Tom Cooke to close the nominations.

Nominations for Treasurer

A motion was made by Kenneth Schlotzhauer, seconded by Eli Solomon to nominate Daniel Bittle as Treasurer. There were no other nominations.

A motion was made by Eli Solomon, seconded by Tom Cooke to close the nominations.

The results of the Election are as follows:

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

Vogel Sale Update - Kelley Rogers updated the Board. Mr. Vogel is now the secured mortgage holder. A racing license is pending. We have a final hearing March 10th before Judge Mannes in Bankruptcy Court. Judge Mannes ruled against CEI for an extension of exclusivity (120 days time frame). Judge Mannes had already granted one extension but would not extend further and denied a second extension. By removing the exclusivity it gives anyone the right to file a re organization plan for Rosecroft. If someone places a bid they could out bid Mr. Vogel but they would have to reimburse Mr. Vogel for all his costs (soft and hard). Mr. Vogel has approximately \$7M invested at this time.

Judge Mannes ruled in CEI's favor not to dismiss the bankruptcy case. Judge Mannes has set March 10th and reserved the 18th to continue the testimony in the bankruptcy case. We continue to file monthly and weekly reports with the bankruptcy court.

MRC Meeting – CEI's Racing License was extended till April 14th. It was not pleasant meeting. CEI has to submit a qualified financial report for January and February by March 31st. There will be a hearing on April 13th to review the financials.

Mark Vogel's application for a racing license will be heard at the May MRC Meeting.

Track Update – May 1st the backstretch, trailer park and dorm will close. Sharon Roberts is contacting Wayne Jett to help re-locate the trailers. Kelley Rogers suspended March and April trailer and stall rent in order to help people to plan to move.

Race Dates – If everything goes well Rosecroft will start racing overnights the second week of September after the Ocean Downs race meet.

Ocean Downs Update – Sharon Roberts spoke with Peter Szymanski. They are at a standstill with all the snow and they are very uncertain about what is happening and any time frame.

Qualifying Days – Kelley Rogers updated the Board that there are two scheduled qualifying days to help ease the burden of the horsemen. The days are February 24th and March 10th.

Magna Bankruptcy Update –They have completed a certified check of the 4,600 signatures, they need 18,790 total signatures. These signatures are needed to put an ordinance on the ballot in reference to zoning. Mr. Cordish is going to fight and move forward with his plans. Mr. Cordish plans to move ahead with his bid to purchase Laurel & Pimlico.

Legislation - HB14 - Eli Solomon requested that the CSOA Board take a stand on HB14. There is a scheduled Horse Industry Board meeting and Mr. Solomon represents the Harness Industry on the Board. The Horse Industry Board opposed the HB14. Delegate George is the sponsor of HB14. The CSOA Board is in agreement to abstain on any decision or to take a position at this time on HB14.

HB40 – is in reference to cutting the purse money. CSOA took no position.

HB 885 – CSOA took no position.

Legislative Update – The bills will be introduced Thursday February 18th.

Card rooms at Racetracks

Omnibus Save the Standardbred Race Act

Separate Standardbred Racing Commission

Change the Purse split revenue from 80/20 to 70/ 30 and the Breeders split from 89 /11 to 85 /15.

The ruling by the Attorney General was to legalize simulcasting of dog racing has to go on the ballot.

Separate piece of legislation –Card Rooms at racetracks, Senator Muse is the leading sponsor in the Senate and Delegate in the house.

2 – Legalization of Instant Racing machines at RCR

In the next two weeks we will be contacting Legislators with talking points. County Commissioners anyone with else you may know with influence. We will arm you with the facts and information. We expect Mr. Rickman's support. We must get the Eastern Shore people on board. These bills will be local courtesy bills with local support.

Dover Qualifiers – Kelley Rogers was told to tell our horsemen to drop horses in at Dover Downs for qualifiers. President Cooke called Charlie Lockhart and has no return call to date.

Lobbyist Update – Franklin Goldstein agreed to lobby and legislative representation at the costs of \$20,000 for the 2010 legislative session.

The meeting recessed at 7:40 pm.

The meeting resumed at 7:50 pm

Qualifiers – Qualifiers will be held on Wednesday February 24th and March 10th.

Old Business - There was no Old Business

New Business – There was no New Business. The Chesapeake Bay Series that is held at Ocean Downs will be on next month's agenda.

The Board went into Executive Session.

Motion to Adjourn – A motion was made by Kenneth Schlotzhauer, seconded by Jerry Nock to adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sharon L. Roberts

Executive VP