

A motion was made by Eli Solomon, seconded by Bill Spicer to adjourn meeting. The vote was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sharon L. Roberts

Executive VP

**Kentucky Derby Day** – Kelley Rogers advised the board that revenue from Kentucky Derby Day usually exceeds \$1.1M, but revenue maybe under because of economy. RCR retains 18%, which equates to \$180,000. After paying all the fees we may net \$120,000.

**Guest Speaker -** Guest – Leigh Nichol from Winbak Farm requested to speak to the board and members in reference to breeding and over night racing, SB911 and HB1212. The split was 85% for overnight and 15% breeders. With the passage of SB911 and HB1212 the split is now 89% for overnights and 11% for breeders. Ms Nichol distributed a chart on comparison of 2008 Sires Stakes. MSS may be at \$1M for 2009 (between \$800,000 and \$1M). The Finals may go for \$40,000 and prelims at \$3 to \$4,000. A portion the MSS and MRF Funds were taken by the State from the unclaimed tickets.

Ms Nichol wants to work with Cloverleaf to make this a breeding program. She would like CSOA to agree to 85% overnights and 15% breeders split of the future slot money for purses. She would like the CSOA to take 4% and put into breeding purses. Ms. Nichols asked if the MRF races be suspended and supplement the MSS races. In order to suspend the MRF races that would have to be by a statue change. Eli Solomon stated, “Nothing can change for at least three years”. Eli Solomon will research to see if anything can be changed.

### **Financial Report –**

Sharon Roberts distributed and reviewed copies of the March Financial Report to the Board. A copy of the report will be attached to the permanent minutes.

### **Ocean Downs/CSOA Contract -**

Sharon Roberts distributed the signed copies of the OD/ CSOA contract to the board.

### **Annual Stockholders Meeting -**

The Annual Stockholders meeting will be held on Monday April 27, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. CEI President Kelley Rogers wants to meet with the stockholders in Executive Session at 6:00 p.m. before the Annual Stockholders Meeting.

**Kentucky Derby** – RCR will promote the 10% premium on win bets. Ads have been placed in 9 local newspapers to promote the Triple Crown. There will be Rewards Club specials, and buffet with reserve seating.

**Boxing** - Boxing events are scheduled for several Friday and Saturday afternoons.

**Rugby** - The Rugby schedule was distributed to let the horsemen know when the track would be closed for training.

**Stall Rent** – Horsemen need to have their stall applications in by May 15 for the next six month period. Sharon Roberts will compile a work sheet that will account for the money paid for stall rent compared to the operation cost. Kelley Rogers, Tom Cooke, Arthur Lisi, Charlie Robbins and Sharon Roberts will meet and review the numbers to see where we are for the rest of the year.

**Qualifiers** - Qualifiers are scheduled for Saturday May 9 and 23 at 10:30 a.m. Kelley Rogers stated that the cost to run qualifiers was approximately \$1200 which includes the Judge, EMTs, and the tele- timer charge. After the May 23 qualifier the decision will be made on the dates for qualifiers in June.

Qualifiers went well on Saturday April 18. It was well attended, food was great and everyone enjoyed themselves. A CAADA Race and two prize races were held after the qualifiers.

**Legislative Session** – Nothing with significance was accomplished in Annapolis this year. Senator Muse tried to help us but was unsuccessful.

**Slot Applications** – The Slot Applications were disappointing. Ocean Downs is the only track with a completed application. Magna did not turn in a completed application. The amount of slots applied for is less than half that the state anticipated.

**Instant Racing** – Instant Racing is on hold after the Legal Opinion from the Attorney General.

**MRC Meeting** - The next MRC meeting is scheduled for April 28<sup>th</sup> at noon.

**Preakness Day** - We are planning a Preakness Party along with Mark Clark for the horsemen and members.

CSOA office from the Worcester County Commissioners Office. The Legal Opinion stated that OD could not have slots if they stopped racing for twelve consecutive months. In the OD contract the horsemen receive the following benefits:

3 year contract (1<sup>st</sup> time ever)

Purses for three years

No backstretch after December 31, 2009

No stall rent January and February 2009

No stall rent for June, July & August 2009 (during race meet)

### **Update on Horsemen -**

Kit Hayward underwent surgery

Beth Trotto will undergo surgery on Tuesday

George and Betty Bartlett were in a serious car accident. They will be moved home tomorrow but require high level of care.

### **Rosecroft Update -**

#### **Backstretch Update –**

President Cooke advised the Board and members that this will be a difficult meeting tonight. A un- named party has decided to go after the backstretch, trailer park and dorm. That party filed a complaint against RCR with Prince Georges County along with pictures he has taken of the backstretch. An investigation is expected in the near future. The county can close the backstretch, dorms and trailer park. This party has been barred from RCR property.

#### **CEI Update –**

Kelley Rogers reported that the unnamed party that filed the complaint with Prince Georges County had filed a lawsuit against RCR and RCR's Legal Counsel was successful in getting a summary judgment in RCR's favor.

**Handle** – The Handle through March is down by **18%**.

**Cloverleaf Standardbred Owners' Association, Inc.**

**Minutes**

**April 22, 2009**

<b>Present:</b>	President	Thomas Cooke	
	Secretary	William Long	
	Treasurer	Dan Myer	
	Executive VP	Sharon Roberts	
Directors:	Daniel Bittle	Betsy Brown	Tammy Lafferty
	Wm "Bib" Roberts	Kenneth Scholtzhauer	Eli Solomon
	William Spicer	Gary White	
Absent:	Gerald Brittingham	Judy Welty	Thomas Winebrener
	Ralph Hayward	Gary Ewing	Jerry Nock
	Don Milby		

President Thomas Cooke called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m. and welcomed the Board and members.

Motion 1 – A motion was made by Eli Solomon, seconded by Betsy Brown to approve the March 18, 2009 minutes and the March 18, 2009 Executive Session minutes with changes. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

President Cooke thanked everyone for all the help with the Ocean Downs Contract. Now that the OD contract had been signed, President Cooke can update everyone that we were in possession of a Legal Opinion that had been forwarded to the