

Cloverleaf Standardbred Owners' Association, Inc.
Minutes
July 27, 2010

Present:	President 1 st VP 2 nd VP Secretary	Thomas Cooke Dan Myer Jerry Nock William Long	
Directors:	Gary Ewing Jackie MacLeod James Simmons Gary White	Ralph Hayward Don Milby Eli Solomon	Tammy Lafferty Kenneth Schlotzhauer William Spicer
Absent:	Daniel Bittle Judy Welty	Betsy Brown	William DeLodovico

President Cooke called the meeting to order at 6:35pm.

Motion – A motion was made by William Spicer, seconded by Jerry Nock to approve the May 26, 2010 minutes. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

CEI Management Report – C.E.I. President Kelley Rogers updated the board on the July 29, 2010 Anti-Trust hearing concerning the Maryland Jockey Club's and Maryland Thoroughbred Association's motion for dismissal. The hearing will be held July 29, 2010 in Baltimore at 3:00p.m. in front of Judge Bennett. This is an important day for Rosecroft; this anti-trust case with a win could very well possibly give us free market.

Mr. Vogel until September 1, 2010 remains our contract purchaser, although it is a non-exclusive contract. C.E.I is able to talk to any interested party about purchasing the racetrack and can provide any and all due diligence material asked for.

Mr. Rogers is vigorously working with 3 interested parties, which he has previously mentioned. No new suitors on the scene.

Rosecroft is almost in total shut down mode now. Backstretch will be cleaned up August 2, 2010.

Clean up of the backstretch will begin after August 2, 2010. A hearing for the \$18,000 bond which was put up by the parties from the backstretch while awaiting a hearing for a permanent restraining order; will be within a couple of weeks and we expect to receive the entire \$18,000.

There was an R.V. stolen from the backstretch and a horse round pen removed from the backstretch as well. Rosecroft/CEI will follow up and file a report with the police if the owners want to take that course of action.

Cat population is a huge problem. County will be bringing traps out.

Maryland Sire Stakes / Race Fund Races Update –

C.S.O.A. President advised the board that condition sheets will be posted by Friday, July 30, 2010 for August 7, 2010 at Ocean Downs and Maryland Standardbred Race Fund websites. There are a number of 2 year olds and not many 3 year olds. Cheri Stambaugh is estimating approximately a range of \$12400-\$16300 subject to being split for the Race Fund events.

For the Maryland Sire Stakes program, eliminations will be \$3,500 and the final will be \$35,000. There is extra money thrown into those races because Mr. Rogers gave her notice that it does not look like there will be the fall series at Rosecroft. Ocean Downs will allow horses anytime for the races anytime after 3:00 pm Friday before the race and must be departed by 7:00 pm Saturday.

All efforts to have qualifiers at Ocean Downs at this time have failed.

Many are having problems getting in at Chester to qualifiers, so many are traveling to Meadowlands, Poconos, and Gaitway Farms in New Jersey.

Dan Myers asked Mr. Cooke if representatives from Ocean Downs represented that Cheri Stambaugh that there wasn't a need for qualifiers. Mr. Cooke said that yes that he was told from them. Cheri Stambaugh wanted to make clear that she never told them that.

Stall space is being used as an excuse as to why qualifiers at Ocean Downs is not feasible.

Ocean Downs Update

CSOA has received substantial fees from legal counsel in excess of \$60,000 plus. \$12,000 for just Ocean Downs matters and he has that he has worked 5-6 hours a day on Ocean Downs. Mr. Cooke and Mr. Goldstein had to go to bankruptcy court to testify for CEI lawyers. Mr. Goldstein billed CSOA for that testimony. CEI lawyers were granted large sum of fees cut only 6-7%.

Mr. Cooke has had discussions with Mr. Fasy concerning extending the 2011 meet, since there will be extra money for purposes next year. There is also flexibility with the money put aside for the Chesapeake Series. Also looking for protection of the Maryland Maryland Horsemen that have been there.

There was much discussion concerning Ocean Downs. It is on the record at the Maryland Racing Commission Meeting that there will be double the money next year. There are people that believe that there will not be racing in 2011 at Ocean Downs. There was more discussion concerning arbitration. An arbitrator does not have the power to force

Rickman into anything for 2011 only can deal with 2010. If Rosecroft Raceway ceases to exist, all the slot purse account money will be going to Ocean Downs, it needs to make sure we protect Maryland horsemen.

Discussion concerning qualifiers or training one day a week, Jackie MacLeod asked Kelley Rogers what it would take to have the track open 1 day a week. Fundraiser possibility to raise the money to pay for funds needed to have the track one day a week. Jackie MacLeod volunteered to do the track work, pay for the fuel needed to run the equipment, and removal of the manure. Charge a fee to have horses trained. Mr. Rogers stated that it was \$12,600 a quarter for track Accident/Liability insurance and \$6,500 for a blanket liability monthly. Bank note has special covenants over what type of insurance we are required to have. After a lengthy discussion, Kelley Rogers addressed the issue of expenses for opening the track one day a week and qualifiers at a facility that is closed. Issue may be that once we go into Chapter 7 any money put up for this cause will be lost. Previous experience shows that qualifiers are \$1,200.

Qualifiers may be an issue because we have returned all teletimer equipment.

Backstretch was left in horrendous shape. People left trash everywhere.

The Maryland Court of Appeal decided that the zoning issue for Ann Arundel County slots parlor was valid for referendum. Cordish dealt a defeat and the CSOA board supported Cordish's efforts. Governor O'Malley has come out saying that he was very happy with the courts decision.

President Cooke updated the board on the health condition of Director Betsy Brown; she is to have surgery that requires bone shaving on one of her vertebrae and is currently in the hospital.

There was a discussion about removing a director Betsy Brown. There was a discussion concerning if there was a motion at the last CSOA meeting but there was a just a request that Betsy Brown resigns from the board.

Motion - A motion was made by Dan Myer, seconded by James Simmons for removal of Director Betsy Brown. Eli Solomon asked if there needed to be a reason stated for the removal. The vote was unanimous. It will be on the agenda for the next CSOA meeting.

There is some evidence that Governor O'Malley is trying to help Rosecroft. We now seem to have the full support of the Prince George's County Delegation.

There was some discussion on surrounding states West Virginia and Chester table games are starting up and doing great. New Jersey's governor did a 180 and pulled his support from the racing industry.

President Cooke indicated that there may need to be a relocation of the CSOA office. If Rosecroft Raceway goes into Chapter 7 Liquidation the office will need to be moved off Rosecroft Property.

Old Business –

New Business –

Pam Polk asked that CSOA give out more updates in the form of a newsletter.

Motion – A motion was made by Ralph Hayward and seconded by Dan Myer to request qualifiers August 7, 2010 and August 14, 2010 after race fund races limiting the qualifiers to Maryland Race Fund and Maryland Sire Stake eligible horses. The vote was Unanimous.

Cheri Stambaugh has notified C.S.O.A. that Betsy Brown is not eligible to finish term since she has moved to Virginia. Jackie MacLeod nominated Dan Myer, seconded by Eli Solomon. The vote was unanimous Dan Myer abstained.

There was much discussion concerning comments made by Cheri Stambaugh concerning qualifiers.

Motion – A motion made by Dan Myer, seconded by Ralph Hayward to suspend the by-laws that requires members to hold a current MRC license for the upcoming CSOA 2011 election. The vote was unanimous.

Motion to Adjourn – A motion was made by Don Milby, seconded by Jerry Nock to adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

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