



**Board of Trustees Meeting
Zoom -**

January 28, 2021

PRESENT

President Tom Goncharoff, 1st Vice President Mike Logan, 2nd Vice President Verner Query and board members Vanessa Alexander, Norma Alvarez, Mark Brown, C. Warren Franklin, Annette McCloy, Helen Nave, Susie Prather, and Nancy Summers

ABSENT

Mac Murray

QUORUM

President Goncharoff acknowledged a quorum present.

ACTION ITEMS

VOTING FOR OFFICERS

President Goncharoff started off by saying the first item is to vote for the 2021 President.

Mark Brown nominated Tom Goncharoff for President and made a motion for nominations to cease.

Norma Alvarez nominated Mike Logan for President. Mike Logan thanked Norma Alvarez for the nomination but respectfully declined.

There were no other nominations. Tom Goncharoff is our 2021 President.

President Goncharoff welcomed the new Board of Trustees.

Verner Query nominated Mike Logan for 1st Vice President.

Norma Alvarez asked about if we are supposed to have Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse officers. This was discussed and determined that we do need to have one Vice President be a Quarter Horse Trustee and the other Vice President a Thoroughbred Trustee. This is not in the By-Laws but has been our policy.

There were no other nominees for 1st Vice President, so Mike Logan is our 2021 1st Vice President.

Mike Logan nominated Verner Query for 2nd Vice President.

There were no other nominees, so Verner Query is our 2021 2nd Vice President.

2021 MAGAZINE ISSUES

Mary Barber reported that she is concerned that without horseracing, there will not be a lot of information to put in our magazine and asked how the Trustees felt about seeing if Speedhorse would be interested in doing three digital issues and then a paper issue for our stallion edition. Norma Alvarez feels that we need to have a paper issue for the summer issue because that magazine will come out right before the horse sales and it will be important to get information out to everyone at that time.

After further discussion, Norma Alvarez made a motion that we have paper issues for the summer and the winter issues and digital issues for the spring and fall issues, seconded by Vanessa Alexander. Motion carried 10:0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

LEGISLATION

President Goncharoff asked if anyone has any question on where we stand on the three bills that have been introduced? The ADW Bill, the Lottery Bill and Gaming Tax Bill were discussed at length. The New Mexico Horse Breeders are in favor of the ADW and Gaming Tax Bill but do not support the Lottery Bill.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Mary Barber reported that our next Board of Trustees meeting will be in March and would like to know if any of the Trustees have specific times, they cannot make a meeting. We usually have our meetings on Wednesday or Thursday afternoons. She suggested Thursday, March 25th. There were no objections so Mary Barber will plan on that day. President Goncharoff said that if something should come up sooner, we can always schedule another meeting. These Zoom meetings go a lot faster than when we meet in person. Inviting the other nominees that were not elected today to our Board Meetings was discussed and Mary Barber will reach out to them. She will also send them Thank You notes for running for the Board. Mary Barber showed the Trustees the personalized belt buckles she had made for the outgoing Trustees and she will mail them off soon along with a Thank You note for serving on the Board.

Mike Logan reported that Tom Goncharoff has put in many hours on the phone working on the legislation and wanted to thank him for putting in so much time. President Goncharoff told the story about the article that was in the Santa Fe newspaper about how the people who work for the Lottery

did not even know about the Lottery bill and Mary asked if she should send this out to all the legislators. He told her to go for it. Well, she sent it out and then said I hope I am not in any trouble for that. We did get quite a few replies from the legislators. There were about twenty of them and they were all very good responses. We let them know that the Breeders are not in support of this Bill at this time. There was quite a bit more discussion about the Lottery Bill.

There was also discussion about the New Mexico Horse Council. Venessa Alexander will reach out to them. It would be good for us to get together. Vanessa Alexander will plan on attending their membership meeting on the 30th.

Mike Logan brought up that we put committees together and there is a legislative committee. We did not have a seat at the table when these bills were put together and he thinks we need to make sure that we have a seat at the table in the future.

President Goncharoff talked about the Thompson Brothers who are lobbyists for the horsemen. The NMHA finally discussed how they felt about us hiring them and they had no objections. They thought it was a good idea. If we wanted to hire them now, for example, they would charge us \$2,500 a month through April 15. These guys are really good and know our industry. If we decide to hire them, and we had a conflict with the horsemen, they will have to represent the horsemen in that situation. It is getting a little late in the game and we will have to decide whether we want to pursue this and discuss if it is worthwhile for us to even hire lobbyists for this session. That is where we are at on the lobbyist situation.

Welcome again to the new members and congratulations to those who were re-elected. We will follow up with the outreach to the other nominees that were not elected.

Mark Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Verner Query. Motion carried 10:0.

Tom Goncharoff
NMHBA President

Mary M. Barber
Attest