



**Board of Trustees Meeting
Sheraton Uptown Hotel**

**January 27, 2022
Albuquerque, NM**

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

None

QUORUM

President Goncharoff acknowledged a quorum present.

MINUTES

Norma Alvarez made a motion to approve the minutes of December 1, 2021, as written, seconded by Helen Nave. Motion carried 10:0.

Mike Logan made a motion to approve the minutes of December 6, 2021, as written, seconded by Mark Brown. Motion carried 10:0.

Verner Query arrived.

ACTION ITEMS

MISSING EXPORT BROODMARE RETURN FORM

Mac Murray explained that Craig and Melisa Snider purchased the mare Winerette from MJ Farms at the Heritage sale and then brought her back to New Mexico and bred her to Eye Am King. They paid the \$500.00 fee and submitted the Export Broodmare form and took her home to Texas. They brought her back to MJ Farms to foal.

Mac Murray informed the Sniders that there is a return form that is required and told them what they needed to do. The Sniders have stated that they did complete and submit the Export Broodmare Return Form, but the office does not have any record of receiving it.

Mac Murray feels that these people are very straight up, and he believes they did everything right. He has records on this mare and can show everything that happened with this mare at his farm. We do not want to discourage anyone from participating in this program.

After some discussion, Mark Brown made a motion to waive the penalty, seconded by Vanessa Alexander. Motion carried 11:0.

AGENDA FOR ANNUAL MEETING

President Goncharoff would like to highlight some of the board's accomplishments in 2021 during his opening speech and have the Trustees chime in on their individual efforts. Some of the things he will bring up is the legislative party that was put on at Ruidoso Downs. He would like Annette McCloy and Norma Alvarez to cover their part in the legislative outreach events in which they were involved. Although the event was cancelled, he would like Norma Alvarez to talk about our intentions to have a booth at AgFest in order to meet with legislators and to talk with them about our association. Annette McCloy could discuss our summer party and awards ceremony. He would like Mark Brown to start us off about his idea to work with Tom Dawson on creating a commercial and then airing it on the Cowboy Channel and then have Norma Alvarez discuss the statistics she has that are pretty impressive. Nancy Summers can report on our social media, email blasts, and website efforts. President Goncharoff will mention the stallion auction and then Mary Barber can go over the preliminary results later in the meeting. He thanked Annette McCloy and Verner Query for their efforts and for getting a lot of people to donate a stallion breeding. Mike Logan can go over his accomplishments on our New Mexico Bred stakes and the great relationships he has built with racetrack managers.

Following President Goncharoff's speech, Mary Barber will give her treasurer's report. We have to have the people present vote to accept the report. He asked how we can have the people on Zoom vote and Mary Barber suggested that he could ask if anyone is opposed, and they can raise their hand. We will also have to have the people present vote on the date and location of next years meeting. The staff is recommending January 26, 2023, in Albuquerque. Mary Barber will then read into the record the names of those members who voted by mail in ballot. We will then make note of there being a quorum present. Following that, there will be a trophy presentation for Paulette Taylor. President Goncharoff asked the Trustees to give Paulette a standing ovation. Mary Barber mentioned that Paulette has no idea this is coming. The next item on the agenda is the state of racing in New Mexico and he would like Nancy Summers to handle that since she is or has been an owner, breeder, jockey, and trainer and is at the racetrack. Vanessa Alexander will then do her presentation on HISA. The next agenda item is for any member to get up and speak who signed up. Once we go through the list, we can always ask if there is anyone else that would like to speak so that everyone has an opportunity. There is a five minute maximum per person. The tentative 2021 Champions, the preliminary stallion auction results, and the results of the votes for the four By-Law proposals and the election of the Board of Trustees will all be announced. President Goncharoff will make the statement that the 2022 Board of Trustees need to meet back in this board room to elect officers and then the Annual Meeting will be adjourned.

Vanessa Alexander mentioned the lawsuits that are being filed against the Racing Commission could result in changes in the order of finish for races that had been cleared previously. She wanted the breeders to be aware of this. She brought up that we will have to produce award funds for horses that may be reinstated. Mary Barber replied that she remembered back when a certain trainer had many horses disqualified and purses released to other people only for the court to reverse the disqualifications. The racetracks and breeders had to produce the funds to pay the new order of finish. She stated that Harold Payne of Sunland Park had recouped a lot of the funds from people's accounts with the Horsemen's Bookkeeper and Anna Fay Davis took them out of the next year's awards from those people she paid according to the disqualifications. If this should happen, that is how we could handle that. We also have awards forfeited due to people not cashing their checks, not supplying their social security number or not complying with the membership requirements. Those funds usually revert back for the next year but could be used if necessary to make up the difference. Vanessa asked if people were sent letters saying their horse has been moved down and that we would be taking those funds back. Mary replied that she was not in her current position at that time, so she was not sure how they were informed. Vanessa thinks that the breeders may need to sue the Commission to recoup some of the funds.

There was more discussion about the Commission and licensing, but we needed to get to the Annual Meeting, so the Board of Trustees meeting was temporarily adjourned.

After the Annual Meeting, the Trustees came back into the board room to vote for officers.

Mark Brown made a motion to keep the officers the same as in 2021, seconded by Norma Alvarez. Motion carried 11:0.

The 2022 officers will be:

President – Tom Goncharoff

1st Vice President – Mike Logan

2nd Vice President – Verner Query

OPEN DISCUSSION

Mike Logan went over a proposal for a New Mexico Bred New Mare Breeders Bonus to start with foals of 2023. Copies of a handout was passed around for everyone to look at (copy incorporated into the record).

This bonus program would be for the breeder of the highest earning 2 year old out of a new mare so it would have to be her first New Mexico Bred foal. This breeder would receive a \$10,000 bonus. There would be another \$5,000 bonus if the foal goes through the Ruidoso New Mexico Bred Yearling Sale. There would be another possible \$5,000 bonus if the foal was sired by a NMHBA stallion that participated in the 2022 stallion auction. There would be a \$200.00 nomination fee that would be due by July 1st of the year foaled. Funding for this program would come from our stallion auction, racetracks, the horse sale company, and nominations.

After discussion, it was decided that the Trustees should think about this proposal, and we will discuss it again at our next meeting.

Mary Barber announced that we may have our next meeting at Sunland Park and hopefully we could have it on the day of our NM Breeders' Derby and Oaks.

The meeting was adjourned.

Tom Goncharoff
NMHBA President

Mary M. Barber
Attest