



**Board of Trustees Meeting
Association Offices**

**April 25, 2024
Albuquerque, New Mexico**

PRESENT

President Jay L. Taylor, 1st Vice President Mark Brown (by Zoom), and Trustees Norma Alvarez, Denise Chambliss, Warren Franklin (by Zoom), Tom Goncharoff, Debra Laney, Mike Logan, Mac Murray, Helen Nave (by Zoom) and Susie Prather (by Zoom).

ABSENT

Brian Anderson.

GUESTS

Leslie Fincher.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Mike Logan made a motion to move the discussion of the Minutes to Executive Session, seconded by Norma Alvarez. Motion Carried 10:0.

QUORUM

President Taylor acknowledged a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At approximately 11:10, Debra Laney made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Mike Logan. Motion carried 10:0.

After about an hour, Tom Goncharoff made a motion to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Norma Alvarez. Motion carried 10:0.

OPEN SESSION

The Lobbyist Report, amendments to the minutes, the letter from Ruidoso Downs to the NMHA Board members, and Association Posts were discussed during Executive Session.

MINUTE APPROVAL

The Minutes of February 27, 2024, March 8, 2024, and March 25, 2024, were approved with amendments.

ACTION ITEMS

NOMINATE AND VOTE FOR A THOROUGHBRED 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

Debra Laney nominated Warren Franklin

Denise Chambliss nominated Helen Nave who declined.

Debra Laney made a motion to have Warren Franklin be our 2nd Vice President, seconded by Norma Alvarez. Motion carried 10:0.

BY-LAW CHANGE FOR DATE & PLACE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The draft of the member letter and ballot was presented to the Trustees and was discussed.

Denise Chambliss made a motion to approve the By-Law change with the amendments of adding that it will go into effect in 2025 and the deadline to return ballots will be September 1st, seconded by Mike Logan. Motion carried 10:0.

BUDGET

The Budget was discussed, and the Trustees found that changes needed to be made.

Debra Laney made a motion to table the Budget, seconded by Tom Goncharoff. Motion carried 10:0.

STALLION AUCTION COMMITTEE WITH ONE TB AND ONE QH TRUSTEE

After discussion, Denise Chambliss made a motion that Susie Prather will be the Thoroughbred Trustee and Brian Anderson will be the Quarter Horse Trustee on the Stallion Auction Committee, seconded by Tom Goncharoff. Motion carried 10:0.

QUARTER HORSE CERTIFICATES WITH “BY TRANSPORTED SEMEN” ERRORS

The Trustees discussed the office procedure for papers that need to be corrected if they did or did not say By Transported Semen when applicable and no changes were made.

DISCUSS AND VOTE ON SELLING MEMBERSHIP LIST

After discussion, Mike Logan made a motion to not sell our membership address list, seconded by Norma Alvarez. Motion carried 10:0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

PENDING REGISTRATIONS

After discussion, it was decided that the staff will print out a list of pending registrations at this time and then keep track of those registrations that get completed. This way they can see how many get registered and at what age. Five-year-olds and older do not need to be included.

MARKETING COMMITTEE

Norma Alvarez discussed the advertisement for the Cowboy Channel. The commercial will be redesigned and will mention Senor Buscador and Runaway Ghost. Denise commented that she would like to start highlighting Roses Desert.

Norma Alvarez also informed the Trustees that she had talked to Izzy Trejo and the funds he is getting are not for an economic impact study. The study will be about horse safety. She had talked to Jay Lillywhite about doing another study. He worked with Mark Wise on the study he did several years back. There was a discussion about cost sharing. Norma Alvarez will look into how much it would cost.

Denise Chambliss went over the color advertisements that she had put together for the Thoroughbred marketing she is planning on doing. She will be placing an advertisement in the Trainer Magazine. This magazine will be sent out to all our members and subscribers, including legislators.

Denise Chambliss also went over the Trophies and the promotional items that have been chosen.

STAKES COMMITTEE REPORT

Mike Logan reported on the number of horses that are paid into our early closing races.

Mountain Top QH Derby – 70

Mountain Top QH Futurity – 177

Mountain Top TB Futurity – 39

Zia Derby – 63

Zia Futurity – 187

Rio Grande Senor – 30

Rio Grande Senorita – 43

Albuquerque – NMSF QH Futurity – 254

NMSF Derby – Unknown

Possibly combining the TB futurities was discussed.

It was also discussed that Mike Logan, Denise Chambliss, and Tom Goncharoff would work on a possible bonus program for futurity runners.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Debra Laney reported that the committee had started going through the Horse Racing Act but has not started on the Gaming Act yet.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Debra Laney feels that we could have two levels of membership. One for voting membership and one for award memberships at a cheaper price. After discussion, she decided not to pursue this issue.

President Taylor mentioned that there is a show on HULU about safety for racehorses from TOBA.

President Taylor talked about Penn State has an internet sale for Quarter Horses that they raised and that are ready to be ridden. This might be a good idea for New Mexico State University to look at doing something like this for retired racehorses that have been worked with and could be ridden. Norma Alvarez said that NMSU had already tried this in the past but were not very successful.

The Safety Agreement from Ruidoso Downs was discussed. This opens up vets and trainers for liability.

Ruidoso Downs has added product to their racetrack and hired Steve Woods to make sure the track is in good shape.

Mary Barber would like to skip having a Trustee meeting in May. The next meeting will be on June 20th.

President Taylor adjourned the meeting.

Jay Taylor
President

Mary M. Barber
Attest