



**Board of Trustees Meeting  
Association Offices**

**September 26, 2024  
Albuquerque, New Mexico**

**PRESENT**

**President Jay L. Taylor, 1st Vice President Mark Brown, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Warren Franklin, and Trustees Norma Alvarez, Brian Anderson (by Zoom), Denise Chambliss, Tom Goncharoff, Debra Laney, Mike Logan, and Mac Murray.**

**ABSENT**

**Helen Nave & Susie Prather.**

**GUESTS**

**Association Lobbyist Joe Thompson, Janis Spencer Murray, and Leslie Fincher.**

**QUORUM**

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

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

**Mike Logan made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Tom Goncharoff. Motion carried 9:0.**

**MINUTES APPROVAL**

**Tom Goncharoff made a motion to approve the minutes of July 20, 2024, as written, seconded by Norma Alvarez. Motion carried 9:0.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Mike Logan made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Tom Goncharoff. Motion carried 9:0.**

After about a half hour discussion with association lobbyist Joe Thompson, Mac Murray made a motion to go back into open session, seconded by Mark Brown. Motion carried 9:0.

### **OPEN SESSION**

### **ACTION ITEMS**

### **ZOOM MEETING BY-LAW PROPOSAL**

Denise Chambliss read the wording of the new By-Law proposal, (copy incorporated into the record).

The committee of Denise Chambliss, Tom Goncharoff, and Mark Brown will work on the wording that would be added to the Code of Conduct about Zoom meetings.

It was agreed that people on Zoom should be seen as well as heard and the association needs to upgrade our equipment.

This item was tabled until the amendment to the Code of Conduct can be updated.

### **RESULTS OF VOTE AND DATE & PLACE OF 2025 ANNUAL MEETING**

After discussion, the question of allowing a Trustees to serve longer than a two-year term was discussed. Mike Logan would like us to ask the association attorney to look at this to see if we can extend Trustee terms or not before setting a date and location for the next meeting.

Tom Goncharoff mentioned that we have not checked on this with Ruidoso Downs yet and that it would need to be done first.

Debra Laney made a motion to table this item until we have the attorney look at this, seconded by Denise Chambliss. Motion carried 9:0.

### **TRUSTEE NOMINATIONS**

President Taylor stated that last year we sent out nomination flyers to all the members and it cost \$1,800.00. In the past, the Board nominated people and people were also nominated from the floor.

After discussion, Tom Goncharoff made a motion to send emails and put it on the newsletter, website, and Facebook asking for nominations for Trustee and to do this three months before the Annual Meeting, seconded by Norma Alvarez. Motion carried 9:0.

## **ICSI RULES**

### **EXPORT BROODMARE & REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS FOR ICSI & FROZEN EMBRYOS**

President Taylor asked the Trustees when does a broodmare need to be put into the Export Broodmare Program?

After some discussion, it was decided to form a committee to come up with rules.

Denise Chambliss made a motion for the committee to be Debra Laney, Brian Anderson, Warren Franklin, and Janis Murray, seconded by Tom Goncharoff. Motion carried 9:0.

### **SHIPPING EGGS & EMBRYOS FOR ICSI**

This topic was covered under the previous agenda item.

### **DEVELOPING RULES FOR OOS EMBRYO TRANSFER / ICSI**

This topic was covered under the previous agenda item.

### **USING FROZEN SEMEN COLLECTED AND STORED IN NEW MEXICO WHILE THE STALLION RESIDES IN ANOTHER STATE BUT NOT BEING BRED.**

The owners of the registered New Mexico stallion Rex Hill have asked if they could take him home to Utah but continue to breed mares in New Mexico with frozen semen that has been collected and stored in New Mexico.

After discussion, Denise Chambliss made a motion that they could do that, but the stallion cannot be bred in any other state and if the stallion is bred out of state, the semen will no longer be eligible to be used to have New Mexico Bred foals, seconded by Mark Brown. Motion carried 9:0.

### **ALLOWING MARES TO FOAL OUT OF STATE**

Mac Murray went over his proposal to change the By-Laws to allow mares to foal out of state.

A committee was formed to work on the wording for the proposed By-Law change to allow mares to foal out of state. The Trustees on that committee are Mac Murray, Norma Alvarez, Brian Anderson, and Denise Chambliss.

After discussion, Tom Goncharoff made a motion to table this item until the committee comes back with the wording for the proposed By-Law change to allow mares to foal out of state., seconded by Debra Laney. Motion carried 9:0.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **EMBRYO TRANSFERS DONE OUT OF STATE**

Mac Murray felt that this item had already been covered.

### **BUDGET REPORT**

The Budget Report for the second quarter was provided to the Trustees (copy incorporated into the minutes).

Debra Laney wanted to discuss the advertising budget. This item was brought up at the last meeting as being a budget item that could be cut but she feels this is against our mission statement and it is really important that we keep our advertising up.

A possibility is to ask John Bachelor to mail a copy of our magazine to all his subscribers for Speedhorse. We are just preaching to the choir sending it to our members.

The Cowboy Channel has contributed to our success with the million-dollar race and with the sales. We are getting bang for our buck, and she hates to hear that we could cut advertising.

There was quite a bit more conversation on this subject.

### **MARKETING COMMITTEE**

Norma Alvarez reported that there are three events left on the Cowboy Channel that will include our advertisement. The three events are New Mexico Championship day on October 13<sup>th</sup>, AQHA Challenge Championship day at Albuquerque on October 26<sup>th</sup>, and the Texas Classic on November 16<sup>th</sup>.

Norma Alvarez felt it was very important to include the sale information in the advertisement, so she went ahead and authorized the payment for that update. The advertisement also includes information on the Thoroughbred races at Sunland Park

Also mentioned was that Chris McErlean of Zia Park has said that they will play our advertisement each day.

Denise Chambliss reported that she is doing an online advertisement with BloodHorse for the last quarter, and she plans to do another advertisement with Horsemen Magazine. Denise also plans to give Giles Anderson a call about possibly doing another advertisement in Trainer Magazine.

Denise had gone over the budget with Mary Barber to see what she still had left to spend and is really trying to be frugal and not go over. We were contacted by Sunland Park to see if we wanted to do an advertisement in their 55-day meet program and the Trustees all thought this was a good idea.

## **STAKES COMMITTEE**

**Mike Logan went over the number of horses that are still paid into the Futurity and Derby at Zia Park. He also mentioned that there is a \$450 testing fee.**

**Mike Logan reported that the Downs at Albuquerque / NM State Fair 2026 nomination blanks are done, and weanlings will be due November 1<sup>st</sup>. This year we have 14 trials for the NMSF QH Futurity and 3 for the NMSF TB Futurity. There is a total of five QH and 6 TB Stakes.**

**Stakes funds for next year in Albuquerque will be down but hopefully things will do better after the election in November. No matter what, we will support the NMSF million-dollar QH Futurity.**

**Mike Logan also informed the Trustees that the Stakes Committee and Mary Barber had a meeting with Dustin Dix and Sean Windsor of Sunland Park to go over their 2025 stakes schedule. There are 8 QH and 11 TB stakes races at Sunland Park after one TB race was cut. The 870 race was reduced to \$60,000 and the contribution to all the stakes was reduced. The NM Horse Breeders Derby and Oaks have been cut to \$150,000 each.**

**Mac Murray added that it was indicated that if we do not get more participation, there may be more cuts in the future.**

## **OPEN DISCUSSION**

**Janis Murray thinks that both Zia Park and Sunland Park need to start earlier on the payments for their early closing stakes races nominations. The Shue Fly is not even due until December now and that used to be big deal.**

**Leslie Fincher wanted to know what the Breeders have done to get the Racing Commission to get the NM Horsemen back in charge of the purse funds. This is a breed organization in charge of breeding and the Horsemen's association is in charge of racing and is a federally recognized association. When is this association going to do something to get your name off of there and put it back where it belongs? A few of the Trustees explained that the breeders are not doing anything that the horsemen were in charge of. The Commission wanted us to, but we declined to do it. Leslie thought that the breeders are getting all the purse money transferred here and we don't know what is supposed to be going to purses. The Trustees explained that we do not get all the purse money. We only get what we have always gotten. We only get the funds for the New Mexico bred. Leslie asked where those funds are going, and she was told the racetracks are now in charge and she needs to talk to the Racing Commission about this. She countered that the horsemen are not even allowed to talk, and they only want to talk to the breeders.**

**Leslie Fincher also feels that the breeders are opening up our rules to the rest of the world and are diluting the incentive. President Taylor explained that ideas are presented to the membership, and they decide if it passes or not.**

President Taylor decided that we need to go over other items but that he will come back to Leslie Fincher again at the end.

Debra Laney reported that in 2023 we had a discussion about parity between the breeds. There was a committee that was supposed to work on this and come back with suggestions, but they didn't. She passed out a chart that showed our contributions to Quarter Horses versus Thoroughbreds. The chart was by racetrack (copy incorporated into the record). The total showed that there was \$545,000 more added to their stakes for Thoroughbreds than Quarter Horses. She asked if we could revive the committee?

President Taylor does not think it is a good idea to take money away from the Thoroughbreds right now. Norma Alvarez noted that we have more Quarter Horses.

Denise Chambliss pointed out that the numbers for Albuquerque were incorrect. It shows that we only add \$295,000 to the Quarter Horses and we add \$250,000 to the Futurity and \$125,000 to the Derby. This brings us very close to parity. Debra Laney will go back and make this correction.

Mike Logan told the Trustees that since 2019, we have built six new Quarter Horse stakes. This has helped to even up the numbers. This is not something you can do overnight. Every year we try to get a little closer.

President Taylor brought up that Corrina Corrina is now a million-dollar earner. He proposed that we go ahead and purchase trophies for this horse's owner and the trainer as well. There are also two more horses that might become millionaires soon. All of the Trustees agreed that we should purchase trophies for our millionaires' owners and trainers.

President Taylor told the Trustees that if they have anything they would like the staff to do other than their normal duties, please run that through Mary Barber. They work for her, and she needs to be the one to delegate that out.

Debra Laney wanted to know if the money that would possibly go to new legislators, should that money come from the Trustees? There are 25 new legislators coming in. The consensus seemed to be in agreement with this.

Leslie Fincher was invited to continue with her items.

Leslie Fincher said she wanted to make some positive comments. She thought that we could get information out to people by using YouTube. A lot of racing organizations do videos on YouTube. They show different aspects of racing behind the scenes. The Trustees thought this was a good idea to have a video showing the different aspects of breeding.

Leslie Fincher added that there are people that live here in Albuquerque that do not even know that horseracing is going on right now. We could have a contest or something to get people involved and interested in horseracing. They could win things like a free program.

**An item was in the packet that Denise Chambliss had been working on with the office showing all the people that a racehorse employs. This is something she thought would be good to have at AgFest.**

**President Taylor adjourned the meeting.**

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**Jay Taylor**  
**President**

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**Mary M. Barber**  
**Attest**