



**Board of Trustees Meeting  
Association Offices**

**March 12, 2025  
Albuquerque, New Mexico**

**PRESENT**

**President Tom Goncharoff, 1st Vice President Norma Alvarez, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Jay Taylor and Trustees Pierre Amestoy, Brian Anderson (by Zoom), Mark Brown, Warren Franklin (by Zoom), Bobby Lee, Mac Murray, Helen Nave (by Zoom), and Susie Prather (by Zoom).**

**ABSENT**

**None.**

**GUESTS**

**Association Lobbyist Joe Thompson (by Zoom), BOK Financial Advisor Benjie Garcia, and member Janis Spencer Murray (by Zoom).**

**QUORUM**

**President Goncharoff acknowledged a quorum present and called the meeting to order.**

**LOBBYIST REPORT**

**In order to get started with Joe Thompson so as not to hold him up, Mark Brown made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Norma Alvarez. Motion carried 10:0.**

**After Joe Thompson updated the Trustees on what is happening at the legislature and answering the Trustees questions, Norma Alvarez made a motion to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Jay Taylor. Motion carried 10:0.**

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

**Jay Taylor made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Bobby Lee. Motion carried 10:0.**

## **MINUTE APPROVAL**

Norma Alvarez made a motion to approve the Minutes of 1/22/25, 1/28/25 Annual Meeting, 1/28/25 Board Meeting, 2/4/25, and 2/12/25, seconded by Jay Taylor. Motion carried 10:0.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **BOK FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS**

Benjie Garcia, our financial advisor from BOK Financial Services, went over our statement from January 31, 2025. Benjie explained each category and how our funds are invested.

After discussion, Jay Taylor made a motion to invest \$100,000 from the cash account and divide it evenly into thirds between the three categories of the Unit Investment Trusts, seconded by Pierre Amestoy. Motion carried 10:0.

### **MIKE LOGAN'S RESIGNATION LETTER & VOTE ON HIS REPLACEMENT**

A copy of Mike's resignation letter and the portion of the By-Laws about filling a vacancy on the Board of Trustees was provided.

A short discussion was held to determine who was the next Quarter Horse person on the Trustee Ballot with the most votes and that person is Andy Rivera.

Norma Alvarez made a motion to offer Andy Rivera a place on the Board of Trustees, seconded by Mark Brown. Motion carried 10:0.

### **ICSI DONOR MARE EXPORT FEES – YEAR OF CONCEPTION, YEAR OF PREGNANCY OR BOTH**

After discussion, it was decided that a Donor Mare would have to come to New Mexico for no less than 30 consecutive days the year she is aspirated and also every year there is a pregnancy. If she leaves New Mexico the year she is aspirated and the year(s) of pregnancy, she will have to pay the Export Broodmare fee both years.

The rules were updated to say "The Donor Mare must have spent a minimum of 30 consecutive days in New Mexico the year the ICSI procedure took place AND the year each pregnancy is confirmed, or this application will be voided and money refunded.

Norma Alvarez made a motion to approve this new ICSI rule, seconded by Jay Taylor. Motion carried 10:0.

There was further discussion about if for some reason, someone cannot follow these rules due to the death of a mare or a mare that is unable to travel, the following wording will be added to the ICSI Export Broodmare Form, Rules & Instructions:

**“If for any reason any of the requirements of these rules cannot be adhered to, a request for a variance must be submitted to the New Mexico Horse Breeders Board of Trustees in order to be considered for New Mexico Bred registration.”**

**Jay Taylor made a motion to approve this addition to the ICSI Export Broodmare Form, Rules & Instructions, seconded by Bobby Lee. Motion carried 10:0.**

#### **COWBOY CHANNEL PROPOSAL**

**The proposal from Tom Dawson listed the dates and races available and also included what the package would include and also some extras that would be covered for a total price of \$17,500.**

**This topic was discussed at length and Norma Alvarez will talk with Tom Dawson about excluding some races or if he can come down on his price.**

**No motion was made.**

#### **MAGAZINE PROPOSAL FROM JOHN BACHELOR**

**The letter from John Bachelor of Speedhorse and the estimated printing costs were discussed by the Trustees.**

**Jay Taylor made a motion to just do a Stallion Issue in 2025, seconded by Bobby Lee. Motion carried 10:0.**

#### **MEMBERSHIP VOTES ON TB OR QH ISSUES**

**Pierre Amestoy proposed that we have members declare if they are a Thoroughbred member or a Quarter Horse member or both, and whenever there is an issue that only pertains to one breed, only those members that are signed up for that breed could vote on that issue.**

**Pierre Amestoy also proposed an idea to get more Thoroughbreds running in New Mexico. Hi idea is to invite the Arizona breders to come to New Mexico and pay us a fee to register and then they would be eligible to run in New Mexico/Arizona races for the purse money. They would not be eligible for any awards.**

**We will need to look at the By-Laws to see if these changes would require a membership vote.**

#### **KILLER PENS AND RACETRACK PARTICIPATION REQUEST**

**Nancy Summers had requested that the Trustees discuss asking the Commission and/or the Racetracks to have an Anti-Slaughter Policy somewhat like the one that Penn National has.**

**She sent photos and told the story about a New Mexico Bred horse that ended up being sold to the Killers. He ended up tearing his chest open and was luckily saved by a lady from one of the rescues who got him medical attention.**

Nancy Summers sent in a copy of a letter from Chris McErlean that is in the Condition Book at one of Pen National's racetracks.

After discussion, it was decided that President Goncharoff would call and talk to Chris McErlean to see if he could talk to the other New Mexico racetracks about doing this as well.

### **NM HORSE BREEDERS PURSE FUNDS FOR RUIDOSO DOWNS**

An estimated total of what funds we will have in purse money for Ruidoso Downs was provided to the Trustees.

After some discussion, Pierre Amestoy made a motion to table this item, seconded by Mac Murray. Motion carried 10:0.

### **BUDGET**

A copy of the proposed Budget was provided to the Trustees.

Mary Barber went over what she estimated would be our income and what our expenses will be in 2025.

Jay Taylor made a motion to approve the budget, seconded by seconded by Norma Alvarez. Motion carried 10:0.

### **COMMITTEES**

President Goncharoff assigned the Trustees to the seven Committees.

Finance Committee – Jay Taylor & Pierre Amestoy

Horse Sale Party Committee – Mark Brown & Norma Alvarez

Legislative Committee – Helen Nave, Norma Alvarez, & Tom Goncharoff

Marketing Committee – Pierre Amestoy, Norma Alvarez, & Bobby Lee

Stakes Committee – Mac Murray, Warren Franklin, & Mike Logan will help out.

Stallion Auction Committee – Susie Prather & Brian Anderson

Summer Party Committee – Norma Alvarez & Mary Barber

### **MAIL IN BALLOT RULES**

Mary Barber proposed that we do not have a deadline for Mail In Ballots but to accept all ballots that are in our possession before the Annual Meeting starts.

After some discussion, Pierre Amestoy made a motion that Mail In Ballots must be in our possession by close of business two days prior to the Annual Meeting, seconded by Norma Alvarez. Motion carried 10:0.

### **VISIT FROM COMMISSION CHAIRMAN**

Chairman of the New Mexico Racing Commission Billy Smith was going to come and talk to the Trustees, but he decided to not attend the meeting.

### **REPORT ON MEETING WITH HORSEMEN, TRACKS, AND COMMISSION**

President Goncharoff attended this meeting but was not representing the NMHBA and was just there for himself. He went over the details of the meeting stating that President of the NMHA Paul Jenson agreed they wanted to move forward. The lawsuits the racetracks have against the horsemen will be dropped once the horsemen get the simulcast signals turned back on.

Pierre Amestoy provided copies of the letter signed by Izzy Trejo, Executive Director of the NMRC.

### **CODE OF CONDUCT**

Mary Barber asked each Trustee to sign and return the Code of Conduct & NMHBA Guidelines. The Trustees that are present have another copy of these in their booklets. Mary Barber will mail copies to the Trustees participating on Zoom to sign and return.

Jay Taylor felt that if any Trustee has a situation that arises that would be a conflict of interest, they need to notify the rest of the board.

### **FUTURE MEETINGS**

Mary Barber will need to make some adjustments on the list of future meetings and email the updated list to the Trustees. Please let her know if there are any conflicts.

### **OPEN DISCUSSION**

None.

Jay Taylor made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Pierre Amestoy. Motion carried 10:0.

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Tom Goncharoff  
President

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Mary M. Barber  
Attest