

National HBPA, Inc./NHAC/NHBPA Foundation  
Full Board Meeting Minutes  
2015 Summer Convention – Denver, CO  
Sunday, August 9, 2015

The National HBPA, Inc. and the National Horsemen's Administration Corporation 2015 Summer Convention were brought to order by National HBPA President & Chair Robin Richards. Laura Plato took attendance and the following people were present:

Voting Members:

Robin Richards – National HBPA, President  
Randy Funkhouser – Eastern VP/Charles Town HBPA  
Rick Hiles - Southern VP/Kentucky HBPA  
Ron Maus – Western VP/Washington HBPA  
Leroy Gessmann – Central VP/Iowa HBPA *Via Phone*  
J. Lloyd Yother – Arizona HBPA  
Linda Gaston – Arkansas HBPA  
Richard Yates – Canada HBPA *per proxy*  
Kent Bamford – Colorado Horsemen's Association  
Austin Reed - Finger Lakes HBPA *per proxy*  
William White – Florida HBPA  
Joe Davis – Indiana HBPA  
Barbara Carroll – Iowa HBPA *per proxy*  
Judy Behler – Louisiana HBPA *per proxy*  
Tom Metzen, Sr. – Minnesota HBPA  
Jami Poole – Mountaineer Park HBPA  
Lynne Schuller - Nebraska HBPA *per proxy*  
Dave Basler – Ohio HBPA *per proxy*  
Danielle Barber – Oklahoma HBPA *per proxy*  
Dennis Sweigart – Pennsylvania HBPA *per proxy*  
Bob Jeffries – Tampa Bay HBPA  
Frank Petramalo – Virginia HBPA *per proxy*

Also in Attendance:

Eric Hamelback - National HBPA, CEO  
Laura Plato – National HBPA, Ops Director  
Robert Scott, National HBPA, Accountant  
Peter Ecabert – National HBPA, Counsel  
Denis Blake – *The Horsemen's Journal*  
Nancy Delony – Alabama HBPA  
Loretta Brennan – Arkansas HBPA  
Terry Brennan – Arkansas HBPA  
Tommy Gaston – Arkansas HBPA  
Dr. Robert Tucker – Arkansas HBPA  
Beverly Woodall – Arkansas HBPA  
Gary Woodall – Arkansas HBPA  
Shannon Rushton – Colorado HA  
Kent Stirling – Florida HBPA  
Michael Brown – Indiana HBPA  
Marty Maline - Kentucky HBPA

Ed Fenasci - Louisiana HBPA  
Jennifer Johnson – Mountaineer Park HBPA  
Todd Mostoller- Pennsylvania HBPA  
Ken Bowman – Pennsylvania HBPA  
Stephanie Nixon – Virginia HBPA  
MaryAnn O'Connell – Washington HBPA  
Richard Riedel- KY Health & Welfare Fund

Not in Attendance:

Jennifer Allen – *The Horsemen's Journal*  
Dr. David Harrington – Alabama HBPA  
David Milburn – Canada HBPA  
Maria Catignani – Charles Town HBPA  
David Brown – Finger Lakes HBPA  
Marta Loveland – Idaho HBPA  
John Wainwright – Illinois HBPA  
Lanny Brooks – Illinois HBPA  
Jon Moss – Iowa HBPA  
Benard Chatters - Louisiana HBPA  
George Kutlenios – Michigan HBPA  
Gary Tinkle – Michigan HBPA  
Patrice Underwood – Minnesota HBPA  
R.C. 'Dick' Forster – Montana HBPA  
Jana Tetrault – Mountaineer Park HBPA  
Barry Lake – Nebraska HBPA  
Anthony Spadea, Jr. – New England HBPA  
Bruce Patten – New England HBPA  
Mark Doering – Ohio HBPA  
David Faulkner – Oklahoma HBPA  
Sue Leslie – Ontario HBPA  
Ron Sutton – Oregon HBPA  
Randy Evers – Oregon HBPA  
Tim Shea - Pennsylvania HBPA  
Linda Mayhew – Tampa Bay HBPA  
Jan Haynes– Texas Horsemen's Partnership  
Marsha Rountree - Texas Horsemen's Partnership  
David Ross – Virginia HBPA  
Glade VanTassel – Wyoming HBPA  
Pam Cornia – Wyoming HBPA  
Dr. Reid McLellan – The Elite Program  
Dr. Tom Tobin – University of Kentucky

**President's Report – Robin Richards**

- Thanks to our great NHBPA staff
- Thanks to National HBPA Sponsors
- Thanks to our affiliate host, the Colorado Horseracing Assoc. & Arapahoe Park racetrack
- Attended Pan-Am Conference in New York
- Attended American Horse Council Conference in Washington, D.C.

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- Attended the Welfare & Safety Summit in Lexington, KY
- Dr. Clara Fenger is great
- Visited Capitol Hill twice this year and we need to return

**2014 Industry Service Award presented to Linda Gaston, President, Arkansas HBPA**

**Committee Reports**

**Audit Committee Report** – Todd Mostoller, Chair

1. **Motion** to accept the 2014 NHBPA/NHAC Audited Financial Statements as reported by Charles Krblich, CPA & auditor.

Motioned by Bob Jeffries.  
Seconded by Dave Basler.  
Motion Passed Unanimously.

**Benefit Providers Committee Report** – Richard Riedel, co-Chair, *verbal*  
*No motions*

**Budget, Dues & Investment Committee Report** – Lynne Schuller, Chair

2. **Motion** that the Public Relations Committee come up with a specific planned budget for a 2016 advertising campaign, as requested by Eric Hamelback.

Motioned by Tom Metzen, Sr.  
Seconded by Dave Basler.  
Motion Passed Unanimously.

3. **Motion** that NHBPA CEO solicit outside bids for the NHBPA website revamp, The Jockey Club bid is too expensive (\$21,250).

Motioned by Rick Hiles.  
Seconded by Lloyd Yother.  
Motion Passed Unanimously.

**The Horsemen's Journal Committee Report** – Marty Maline, Chair, *verbal*  
*No motions*

**Industry Awards Committee Report** – Todd Mostoller, Chair

4. **Motion** to have two (2) separate awards; Claimer of the Year and Claiming Crown Horse of the Event, awarded during the annual TOBA Awards Dinner in the Fall of each year.

Motioned by Jami Poole.  
Seconded by Linda Gaston.  
Motion Passed Unanimously.

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**Medication Committee Report** – Kent Stirling, Chair, *verbal*

- Honorariums needed for guest speakers (incl. travel expenses)
- Special letter of recognition to Dr. Steve Barker upon his retirement
- Don't forget to donate to Dr. Tobin at University of Kentucky

**National Assistance Committee Report** – Tom Metzen, Sr., Chair, *verbal*

- Old Friends Donation of \$1,000
- Injured jockey at Assiniboia Downs donation of \$1,000
- Press releases were sent out with both donations

**National Insurance Committee Report** – Todd Mostoller, Chair, *verbal*  
*No motions*

**Public Relations Committee Report** – Eric Hamelback, CEO, NHBPA, *verbal*  
*No motions*

**New Business**

**Legal Report** – Peter Ecabert, Counsel, *verbal w/handout*

**Claiming Crown Report** – Kent Stirling, *verbal*

- Still awaiting our 2014 payment from Gulfstream Park
- 2015 Crown will have purses totaling \$1.1 million dollars, with added race
- 2015 scheduled for December 5<sup>th</sup>

**Affiliate Dues Reduction Request Sub-Committee Report** – Lynne Schuller

5. **Motion** that the Executive Committee accept the recommendation of the Sub-Committee and reject the dues reduction request by the Charles Town HBPA for 2016; with the stipulation that Eric Hamelback/Robin Richards will schedule to visit with their Board of Directors within a month.

Motioned by Ron Maus.  
Seconded by Jami Poole.  
The Motion Unanimously.

**Formal Resolution for Ron Maus, Washington HBPA** – Robin Richards, Natl. President

6. **Motion** to ratify the resolution as read by Robin Richards for NHBPA's previous National Secretary/Treasurer and President of the Washington HBPA, Ron Maus.

Motion Approved by Acclimation.  
Motion Passed Unanimously.

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**National Election**

**Nominating Committee Report** – Bob Jeffries, Chair, *verbal*

7. **Motion** to accept the verbal report of the Nominating Committee (for Natl. President).

Motioned by Ron Maus.  
Seconded by Tom Metzen, Sr.  
Motion Passed Unanimously.

*\*\*There were no nominations from the floor, Leroy was the only name up for approval.*

8. **Motion** to name William Leroy Gessmann as the National President, for a 3-year term.

Motion Approved by Acclimation.  
Motion Passed Unanimously.

***Comments by Leroy Gessmann via phone***

**Regional Vice-Presidential Elections**

Central – Tom Metzen, Sr. (MN)  
Western – J. Lloyd Yother (AZ)  
Eastern – Robin Richards (VA)  
Southern – Rick Hiles (KY)

1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President is Tom Metzen, Sr. (MN)

**Future Meetings**

- 2015 NHBPA Fall Executive Committee Meeting: Oct. 13-14 , Hyatt, Lexington, KY
- 2016 NHBPA Winter Convention; Feb. 3-7, Sheraton Sand Key, Clearwater Beach, FL
- 2016 NHBPA Summer Convention, TBA

**No Old Business**

Minutes prepared by Laura Plato and presented to President William Leroy Gessmann on August 26, 2015.

Signed by: 

August 28, 2015

William Leroy Gessmann  
President & Chairman  
National HBPA, Inc. and The National Horsemen's Administration Corporation

*\*\* The 2015 Winter Full Board Minutes were not ratified at this meeting but will be on the next agenda*