

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 5th

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 Acclamation.
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)

1st 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*