

The HBPA of BC

Happenings at board of directors meeting December 3, 2007

The following are some of the more significant actions which took place at The HBPA of BC board of directors meeting on December 3, 2007

- The 8 year revenue sharing agreement dated October 30, 2007 between the thoroughbred and standardbred industries as consummated by the negotiating committee of The HBPA of BC was ratified by the board.
- The agreement pursuant to which the thoroughbred industry is to “repay” slot machine monies which had been “borrowed” from the standardbred industry has been consummated; the details of the said agreement are in the form of an email received from the government representative, Derek Sturko, which email is posted on the website of The HBPA of BC.
- In an attempt to resolve the dispute regarding the 2006 Industry Agreement it was proposed that the boards of directors of The HBPA of BC and CTHS – BC Division have a joint meeting in February or March, 2008.
- Mel Snow was endorsed by unanimous vote of the directors to continue in the office of president of The HBPA of BC until the 2009 elections.
- The imbalance of 7 trainers and 4 owners comprising the board of directors of The HBPA of BC was resolved by Jeannie Spence having surrendered her trainer licence.
- An update on the 2008 Mexican worker program was provided to the board.
- Michael Bye, the coordinator of the website of The HBPA of BC, gave a presentation of his redesign of the Association’s website to be implemented in January, 2008 and received the permission of the board to proceed with its implementation.
- A “rules meeting” has been scheduled by GPEB to take place on February 11, 2008.
- Director Debbie Peebles is working on an initiative to have HEI provide a discount to grooms on food purchases at Jerome’s after the horsemen’s cafeteria closes for the day.
- A \$2,500 grant toward the purse for the Tulameen Cup to be run at Princeton in June, 2008 was approved.
- The construction of the new slot machine facility in the old grandstand area is underway and is expected to be completed by August 14, 2008.
- Unaudited financial statements presented to the board, including pro-forma statements of The HBPA of BC general account through March 31, 2008 as prepared by the secretary-treasurer, were received together with the unaudited financial statements of The HBPA Feed Store to October 31, 2007.
- The HBPA of BC has been asked by HEI to assume responsibility for the grooms school to be started early in 2008.
- President Snow is authorized to speak with HEI management regarding the installation of a TEPETA racing surface at Hastings Racecourse.