

The HBPA of BC

Happenings at board of directors meeting March 20, 2008

The following are some of the more significant actions which took place at The HBPA of BC board of directors meeting on March 20, 2008

- The board of directors has suggested a combined meeting with the board of directors of CTHS – BC Division for Sunday, May 25, 2008 to discuss matters of common interest
- A Tapeta racing surface for Hastings Racecourse is being considered for the future
- A 3 way reciprocal initiative between the northern California, Washington state and British Columbia thoroughbred racing jurisdictions to pay one way shipping costs between these jurisdictions has been endorsed in principle with many details yet to be worked out
- The Spring Informational Meeting of members of The HBPA of BC is scheduled for Thursday, April 10, 2008 commencing at 7:00 pm in the George Royal room at Hastings Racecourse
- The cost of cable TV service (approximately \$2,000 monthly) in the barn area for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2009 will continue to be absorbed by The HBPA of BC
- The operational hours for the horsemen's cafeteria will be, currently, from 6:00 am to 1:00 pm with the closing time being extended to one hour after the last race on live race days
- Signage pertaining to the upcoming casino facility will be placed adjacent to the freeway
- Work on the proposed grooms school has commenced
- The text of favourable results to the thoroughbred horse racing industry of the recent court case involving slot machines at Hastings Racecourse is available and will be posted on the Association's website
- The current results of the TBC Teletheatre BC operation are very impressive
- Deficiencies in the racing surface at Hastings Racecourse were discussed and were brought to the attention of Mike Mackey
- Discussions are underway with representatives of the standardbred industry to formulate a joint proposal to government for an increase in the percentage of slot machine revenue which will be allocated to the horse racing industry