

Newsletter

Charles Town HBPA

January 2010

News from the Board of Directors

The newly elected Board of Directors was invited to a luncheon hosted by Mr. Britton, Mr. Moore and Mr. Zimny. The purpose was to welcome the new board members and to talk about putting the past in the past and going forward.

The Board of Directors held their first meeting on December 14, 2009. The President, Mr. Lowe, invited the Race Track Chaplain Pete Crisswell to be on hand to provide the board with a prayer for success and peace.

This meeting was to get acquainted and to address all items of importance, with deadlines to meet.

First and foremost was to approve the Executive Committee and to approve the various committees needed to operate the CTHBPA. The list of committee members may be found on this website at cthbpa.com or picked up at the office with the newsletter.

The legislative session was to soon convene; a decision had to be made about hiring a Lobbyist. Mr. Troy Hendricks and Mr. Phillip Reale were introduced and presented their backgrounds, upon consideration, each were approved to represent the CTHBPA in Charleston. One of the major items is a bill that will provide money for the 10-10-10 Fund.

The board also approved the hiring of Attorney Greg Bailey of Arnold and Bailey from Shepherdstown as the CTHBPA Legal Counsel.

Items that were addressed at their second meeting held on January 4th, 2010 meeting were:

- Possibly a change in the post time during the winter months. Making the first race somewhere around 5 or 6 p.m. This could not be done

due to connections with HRTV and the fact that simulcast handle is up 4% over 2008 in spite of the economy.

- Dropping the 10th race until racing goes to 4 days per week. Committee members estimated the purse fund and reported that it was a choice of dropping the 10th race now or taking a 15% cut in purses. The board did not want to make any cuts, if at all possible
- At the end of 2009, Mr. Hale was appointed to represent the CTHBPA, on a special committee that will be reviewing and rewriting the "WV Rules of Racing". The new rules will not be ratified before 2011.

General Membership Meeting

President Lowe is planning to schedule a general membership meeting during the month of February or March. Date, time and place to be announced by a postcard mailing to all active members of the CTHBPA. (*"Active" meaning those racing at CT for the past 12 months*).

Congratulations are in Order



Our first backstretch baby of the year is a bouncing baby boy, who arrived on January 2, 2010 to Trainer Vernon and Elke Greaves. Ian Greaves was born at Jefferson Memorial Hospital at 5:59 a.m. and weighed in at 8 pounds, 4 ½ ounces and 20 inches long. Ian has a big sister named Hannah.



Trainer Jeff Runco was at the top of the trainer standings in 2009 for the fourth consecutive year with 150 wins.

Jockey J. D. Acosta topped the jockey standings for 2009 with 244 wins earning \$4,307,806. This was the third time in four years for Acosta. Runner-up was Gerald Almodovar with 170 wins, earning \$3,235,466.

Top money earning horse was Russell Road (\$438,420), owner Mark Russell.

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