



# Minutes

Board Meeting  
January 21, 2023  
5:00 to 6:00 pm

**Attendees:** Tom Barrett, Crystal Terrell, Teresa Marotta, Greg West, Claudia Cary Davidson, Jerry Earls, Kim Pluta, Chuck Taylor, Brett Boyd, Scott Altizer.

**Staff:** Katy Stanke, MHHA Account Lead, Tobi Lyon, Ngage CEO

**5:00 PM call to order**

**Moment of silence**

**Approval of consent agenda**

- Motion by Davidson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Terrell. Motion Approved

**Approval of December minutes**

- Motion by Davidson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Terrell. Motion Approved

**President's Report**

- Barrett thanked the members in attendance and congratulated the connections of the state champions. He provided a summary of the 2022 meet at Northville Downs and briefly discussed the news of the new track development in Plymouth.

**Treasurer's Report**

- Terrell directed members to a copy of the 2022 financial statements and encouraged the members if they had questions to reach out to her. She summarized the 2022 revenue for simulcast wagering, live wagering and ADW revenue. Noting there has been a 10% decline in ADW revenue from 2021 which may be due to COVID restriction being lifted.

**Legislative Report**

- A legislative summary document was provided to members in attendance

**Colt Stakes**

- Terrell provided a summary of the upcoming 2023 program to be consistent with the 2022 program. She noted that the Board is working to correct some AEIDF funding issues and in the event those issues are not resolved the Breeder's Stakes and Fair Final may be cancelled. Terrell also informed members the Board had determined the 2024 and 2025 colt programs will be as consistent as possible with the 2022/2023 – 8 weeks at the fairs with a division for MI sired horses and a division for MI-Bred horses, however in 2026 the MI-Bred program is going to be scaled back either in purse structure or number of available weeks to race and encouraged the membership to breed to Michigan stallions, noting there were several breeding available in the upcoming scholarship auction.

### **MHHA Member Comments**

- Member commented on the upcoming colt stakes program, looking for clarification on which races may be cancelled in the event of insufficient state funding. Terrell summarized if there was insufficient funding the Breeder's Stakes would be cancelled with nomination fees refunded and the Fair Final would be cancelled.

### **Bord of Directors Comments**

- Boyd commented to the membership that the Board is working to increase breeder's awards to 20%.

### **6:00 pm Meeting adjourned.**

- Next meeting February 16, 2023, 4:00 pm at the Ngage Office, 2501 Jolly Road, Suite 110, Okemos, MI 48864