



***Minnesota Horsemen's
Benevolent & Protective Association, Inc.***

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Minnesota HPBA Board of Directors,
Wednesday, October 15th, 2025 4pm**

Location of the Meeting: Zoom

The Regular Meeting of the Minnesota HPBA Board of Directors, was called to Order on October 15th, 2025, at 4:00 pm, by President, Justin Revak.

Meeting Attendees: Justin Revak, Cameron Mahlum, Nicky Strohkirch, Rick Bremer, Claudia, Goebel, Tony Rengstorf, Daniel Kjorsvik, David VanWinkle, and Gini Peters.

Also In attendance: Wendy Hobson, Executive Administrator

The Meeting Agenda, was furnished by Claudia Goebel, via Email, to all the HBPA board meeting prior to the October 15th, 2015 meeting.

1. Approval of the Agenda:

- The Agenda for the Meeting on October 15th, 2025 was reviewed.
Motion to Approve Agenda: Tony/Claudia/ALL

2. Purse Enhancement Update:

- Justin provided an update on purse enhancements, emphasizing that no formal negotiations are occurring. He detailed various ideas being considered, such as casino enhancements, tourism tax districts, and strategies to offset fees. The group also discussed the potential for legalizing and regulating sports betting in Minnesota, with a focus on capturing the existing, unregulated market. Lastly, Justin outlined the upcoming negotiations for next year's racing dates, purse structures, and stake arrangements, noting that a negotiating committee would be formed to facilitate these discussions.

3. Negotiation Committee Board Member Participants:

- The group discussed committee appointments, with Justin appointing Dan, Cameron, and Nicky to the negotiating committee. They agreed to schedule a meeting with Randy, likely in the week of the 27th, 28th, or 29th, considering everyone's availability. Justin will check Randy's availability and coordinate the meeting time. Negotiating committee will discuss purse distribution percentages with Canterbury during negotiations.

4. Upcoming Events:

- **Thursday, October 16 – MRC meeting**
- **Saturday, October 18 – Racehorse Reimagined/This Old Horse Showcase/Adoption Open Houses**
- **Friday, November 21-Saturday, November 22 – This Old Horse/Horse Crazy Market Annual**
- **Holiday Market @ State Fairgrounds**

5. Other Business:

- **Financials** It was agreed upon that moving forward a monthly treasure report would be provided to the board for review. Q3 financials would be reviewed at the November board meeting. Wendy agreed to provide financial documents to Dan, who will work on reformatting them into a more simplified Excel spreadsheet format.
- **Minutes:** It was reviewed that no meeting minutes had been taken over since previous Executive Director. Nicky will take over meeting minutes at this time. Claudia and Wendy will cooperate on creating minutes from notes from previous meetings.
- **Furlong Learning:** Claudia to contact Megan and add Furlong Learning re-cap to next meeting agenda.
- **Purse Distribution Changes**
The group discussed changing the purse distribution system, with a focus on returning to the pre-2020 structure where first place received 60%, second place 20%, third place 10%, fourth place 5%, and lower finishers 1%. Dan and others expressed concerns about the current system, which takes more from second through fourth place finishers in larger fields, while Cameron suggested that first place should also take a percentage hit to help balance the distribution. The group agreed to gather more feedback from stakeholders before presenting any changes to Canterbury, with Wendy offering to share Turf's field-size-based distribution model for reference. She will send to the board following meeting. Just will ask Amber to lookup the purse distribution percentages from before 2020.
- **Next Meeting Agenda Items:** Claudia to add "Committees" to agenda to next meeting agenda.

Next meeting of the HPBA will be held by zoom

Date: TBD

Motion to Adjourn Meeting: Dan/Tony/All

Meeting Minutes respectively submitted by Nicky Strohkirch