



*Illinois Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, Inc.*

## **November 9, 2023**

### **Minutes**

1. Meeting called to order by President Chris Block at 11:18 a.m.
2. Roll Call by Executive Director David McCaffrey

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

President Chris Block  
Owner-Director Thomas Fedro  
Trainer-Director Mickey Goldfine  
Owner-Director Steve Holland  
Owner-Director Rick Johnson - **Absent**  
Owner-Director Michael Langdon  
Trainer-Director Patti Miller  
Trainer-Director Anthony Mitchell  
Owner-Director Marty Nixon  
Trainer-Director Tom Swearingen  
Trainer-Director Terry Young

Others Present: Executive Director David McCaffrey, Office Manager George Moreno, ITHA Member Dee Poulos, and IBCF Director Diana Caramico.

3. Motion to approve the Minutes of the September meeting by Director Goldfine and seconded by Director Langdon. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Galloping Out Report –There are currently 22 horses in the program, with one more horse waiting to be accepted into the program. 13 adoptions year to date. A donation was made by Zoetis Pharmaceuticals of 10 doses of Core EQ Innovator vaccines.
5. IBCF Report – The IBCF gave out 13 scholarships this year for a total of \$48,000. The picnic in summer was a success. There was also a Halloween celebration and a field trip to a haunted house that was well received and the IBCF has approved a Thanksgiving meal for the backstretch employees at Golden Corral.
6. Purse reports for Hawthorne were reviewed and discussed.
7. Hawthorne Contract – a contract was signed with Hawthorne that encompasses January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2025. It is a favorable contract for the horsemen with clear terms on the repayment of the purse account overpayment.
8. Legislative Update – a meeting took place between the Governor's office, ITHA President Block, and Executive Director McCaffrey. The topic of discussion was the reimbursement of recapture.
9. Proposed new IRB Rules – the rules proposed by Hawthorne are supported by the ITHA. However, changing rules is a long process and the rules will not have an impact for much longer.
10. HISA – horsemen are awaiting a decision from the Fifth Circuit Court on the constitutionality of HISA.
11. Motion to adjourn at 12:52 p.m. by Director Goldfine and seconded by Director Miller. Motion passed unanimously.