

**HRND Board Meeting Agenda
FRIDAY MARCH 7, 2025 2PM**

Call in number is **414-909-7267 PIN: 327842261#**

**Jay A – Pres, Doug P – VP, Billy B – Treas
Members: John B., Leigh B., Kenny A., Wally C.
Gaming Board – Jay, John and Leigh**

- I. **Welcome-**
 - II. **Treasurer report**
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 1. **Commission mtg update - \$180,000 approved for Promo Fund, \$140,000 approved for purse fund, \$7,500 approved for 6 additional RV hookups.**
 2. **Legislative session update – All bills concerning the racing commission, dog wagering and HHR have been voted down, altered, or withdrawn except for one. Bill SB2384 passed in the senate, and we are waiting for updates to provide testimony and reach out to representatives. Judiciary Committee.**
 3. **2025 Race Dates and meet concerns – July 12th – 13th, 18th – 19th, 25th – 26th, August 2nd – 3rd. Friday 5pm, Saturday/Sunday 12pm. Free T-Shirts, Horses and Heroes (cowboy hall of fame), dollar day, family day, ND Derby day, Casino night, Corgi Races, mystery voucher.**

**Concerns – Horse population and jockeys
Solutions – Recruitment and work with Assiniboia jockeys**
 4. **Video proposal – Site on Sound - \$72k initial quote (4k)
Reduced to \$53k and they are willing to trade the labor to be the exclusive video partner. This would save us \$10k-\$25k each year and can keep all of the equipment on site and simply hire an operator every year. Motion to approve the purchase of the video equipment spoken by John Bubel. Leigh Backhaus seconded. All in Favor. Motion Passed.**

Still waiting to hear from international sound to see if they are available and will give us a price.

I've also spoken to Tony at Intermountain tote, and he is willing to help us set up the timer on the gates so that we are no longer hand timing.
 5. **HHR - What's next?**
 6. **NDSU – Discussions with the foundation regarding releasing the covenant restrictions to allow development and sale of portions of land.**
 7. **Equipment update. – Purchased tractor, searching for Skid steer, bucket, forks.**
 8. **Gaming update – Pete Bushey – Average of \$202,000 (\$276K and \$290k) Money going into the trust ending June 30th 2024 - \$177k on average each quarter (\$221 and \$215K up from the previous year. Board was presented with an "Entity Authorization" form from Grant County Bank in Carson. John Bubel made a motion to allow Pete to be a designated Agent with all the powers listed on the "Entity Authorization" form. Leigh**

Backhaus seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

- 9. Liquor license – Approved by the Fargo licensing department. I'm waiting for direction from the AG's office on the next steps. I'm attempting to secure the licensing on my own, but it may require board cooperation. I will keep everyone posted on the updates as we receive them.**
- 10. Events – Wingfest and Preakness, Debry day event at Sidestreet, Ren Faire, Sanford Health Event, Corgi Races, Private re-enactment event, swap meet.**
- 11. Property taxes/specials update – Paid up to date. Question about paying down some of the specials with high interest rates.**

A. Other new business – We may want to discuss board terms and new board members. Jay requested to send information on the prospective board members. We will table this discussion until the next meeting. Most boards have 2-year appointments. We may want to set terms. There may be something in the bylaws.

VIII. Adjourn