



CLASS B TRACK HORSEMEN'S MEETING
Evergreen Park
Minutes - March 30, 2021

Dan Gorman, Evergreen Park, spoke first at our Horsemen's Meeting yesterday stating that Horse Racing Alberta had their meetings last week, and because Phase 3 didn't happen when it was supposed to the end of March, that there would be reduced purse monies and Breeder Improvement monies. Dale Zukowski is the "Other Breed" rep. on the HRA. Board.

Dan did state that at this point in time, if the Casino's open by May 1st that we would be running approximately \$31,000/day and our bottoms would be \$3,700.00 - \$3,800.00. If we don't have Casinos up by May 1st, it would come to lowering purses, etc. until the Casinos are up and running again.

Dan has had discussions with the Government and it was stated that hopefully the tracks should be opening soon. Casino's probably two weeks after Easter if the province's numbers are down, all depending on the new variant that is so high right at this moment. We strongly believe there is going to be racing this year.

Max Gibb and Dot Stein, RMTTC, were on the line and gave an update that horsemen would be able to move in and set up starting Saturday, April 3, 2021 and the track will be open Sunday, April 4, 2021. They are having some problems with weather issues, waterlines freezing, but will have it corrected before the weekend, unless they continue to get bad weather.

Dot also expressed the status on the Jockeys. She has 9 that she is hoping will be available for May 1st, and another 9 Mexicans when the borders open. She also has 3 – 4 people that will help to gallop. They have 247 (TB), 5 (Qtr.) and 12 (2 yr. old) coming early June. We thank Dot for all her work to bring in jockeys, as well as Allen Goodsell, who has been working back and forth with Dot.

Dan has been working with the provincial government who has committed to work with the federal government to get our jockeys listed as "essential workers."

Jason Teague, Race Secretary, will be coming back for 2021 to Evergreen Park.
Doug Love will be our Track Man again in 2021.

Kent Verlik, Horse Racing Alberta was also on the conference call and said that everyone was working hard at communicating with one another and that we need to keep moving forward and see what May 1st will bring. HRA has done lots of work to get horse racing going for 2021. If there is a delay in racing, Dan stated that HRA would find some way to compensate the horsemen with monies per horse if they run, etc. It is something that was brought up at the HRA meeting already.

Dan did speak regarding the AHS Protocols that would still be in place for this year's race season, including masks being worn, etc.

Ellie Rutherford asked about Evergreen Park's Test Barn. We had meet with Nellie Pigeau earlier and she had brought it to our attention and there will be a strategy to help for 2021. Dan also let the horsemen know that we have received a matching provincial grant for just under a ½ Million dollar to complete a major renovation project on the Lewis Hawkes, which should start construction soon and be finished by March of 2022. This would include changes to the Test Barn for 2022.

Kathy McNally & Norm Tremblay were on the line and are working together on the Evergreen Park Racing Club again for 2021. Kathy wanted to thank Evergreen Park for all that we have accomplished and to reach out to the Saskatchewan horsemen.

We will try and have this conference call every two weeks. If the need arises, we could meet weekly as well.

Evergreen Park thanks everyone for participating and look forward to the next meeting.

Stay safe & healthy!