

## CBA's Annual Membership Meeting

The Annual Membership Meeting was held on December 16<sup>th</sup> at Fasig Tipton. Following cocktail hour the meeting began with a speech from President Mark Taylor.

Mark Taylor addressed the membership with a brief overview of the year's accomplishments, membership and the importance of the CBA to all members of our industry, large or small. A majority of this meeting was focused on the communication between the sales companies and the AAEP concerning vet reports and legislative issues.

Neil Howard addressed the work of the Vet Issues Committee. He gave a brief summary of a meeting in early November which was primarily focused on the use of vet reports. There were several industry groups at the meeting including the sales companies, the AAEP, TOBA, KTA, SITF and the CBA. The overwhelming desire was to ban such reports from the sales grounds. Neil explained to the membership in attendance how we were able to move from the idea that there would be no reports to the idea of creating a more standardized report. Luckily the CBA's membership had a seat at the table and was able to express the importance of working with the CBA and taking our practical experience into consideration. We have been able to keep open dialogue with the sales companies and all the other groups involved to go down a more reasonable path that we hope will result in a standardized report system by July.

Martha Jane Mulholland updated everyone about the [Preferred Provider Program](#) and asked the membership to contact her or Beth Smith if they had any suggestions of businesses to add to the program.

Craig Bandoroff spoke about the legislative issues facing our industry in Kentucky and how important it is for everyone to help out by writing a check or making a phone call to your legislator. Our legal counsel Bill Hoskins spoke at the end of the meeting to give some of the details of the recent Kentucky Senate election and the plans that KEEP has for the upcoming legislative session.

Kerry Cauthen informed the membership of our communication with the sales companies. The CBA plans to set up meetings with them three times a year. He informed the membership that we are currently exploring ways to again lower membership dues. Kerry also expressed how important it is for the CBA to have a seat at the table and how the CBA protected its membership several times this year alone.

Joe Seitz discussed the sales graduates/vet report project. We have developed a list of several stakes horses that had issues as weanlings or yearlings, such as OCDs, lucencies, cysts, etc. As part of an ongoing educational project it is important that we show people that these issues are not always things for buyers to shy away from. There have been very successful race horses that did not have a clean vet report. Joe asked the membership to look into their stake horse and to share any that had blemishes on their vet reports with us.

We conducted the prize giveaway at the end of the meeting. Guy Khoury was the winner of the \$100 gift certificate to First American Truck Wash. The supply of [Nutramax](#) supplements went to Bill Mauk. Claire Reece was the winner of the \$100 gift certificate [BlueGrass Go2Girl](#). Allaire Ryan and John Mulholland both won a \$100 gift certificate to [Malone's](#). The \$100 gift certificate to [Brumfield Hay and Grain Co.](#) went to Callan Strouss. The winner of the UK basketball tickets was Dale Holly. A last minute prize addition from [Protectas Health](#) of three free years of stem cell storage, including harvesting was won by Peter Kirwan and the one night stay at the [Embassy Suites](#) in Lexington went to Paul Saylor.

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend! I would also like to send a special thank you to Wally Burluson, Nicole Gibson, Robert Clay, Fasig Tipton and all of the businesses that donated gift certificates for the prize giveaway.

Happy Holidays!!

Beth Smith