

Hello East Idaho Horseman's Members,

We hope this message finds you and your horses doing well. As we look ahead to the 2026 racing season, we would like to share several important updates and outline upcoming plans for the East Idaho Horseman's Association (EIHA). Thank you for your continued support and engagement.

Board Updates

As many of you are aware, on November 17, 2025, former EIHA President Bryon Goody resigned and chose not to seek a future position on the Board. During the annual meeting held on November 20, 2025, elections were scheduled for the seven Board positions. The former Board members did not wish to seek re-election.

Members in attendance voted to expand the Board to eight members. They nominated the following individuals to fill the open positions: Rod Thomas, Melinda Roche, LuKrena Schoonover, Cameron Mulroney, Wasey Erickson, Wade Hyder, Linda Arrosa, and Martin Vega.

The new board members held their first meeting on December 21, 2025, during which officers were elected as follows:

- **President:** Rod Thomas
- **Vice President:** Melinda Roche
- **Secretary/Treasurer:** LuKrena Schoonover

EIHA Purpose

EIHA exists to facilitate purse funding for small racetrack affiliates throughout the state of Idaho, while also supporting, promoting, and protecting live horse racing within the state.

Work to Be Done

The current Board is actively working to deliver the 2026 Horsemen's Agreement to track operators by **January 15, 2026**. The Board is also focused on ensuring that funds are distributed fairly and equitably among tracks for the upcoming racing season.

The check register provided to the new Board reflects a current available balance of **\$6,066**. The Idaho State Racing Commission is scheduled to disburse 2026 funds in February.

Additionally, the Board is addressing:

- Bryon Goody's request for EIHA payment of an invoice for \$1668 from Echo Hawk and Olsen, Attorneys.
- \$7,500 owed to the Oneida Fair Board for Malad race dates on August 3, 2025, and August 9, 2025

Upcoming Meetings

The Board's next meeting will be held via Zoom on **January 7, 2026, at 7:00 PM.**

Reminders

- Please ensure your membership information is current. All current memberships have been extended until November 1, 2026.
- If you are interested in volunteering or assisting EIHA in any capacity, we would love to hear from you.
- We welcome your ideas, questions, and suggestions—member input is always valued.

Thank You

We sincerely appreciate every member for being part of the East Idaho Horseman's Association. We believe this is the largest our membership has been in many years, if not ever, and we are excited to roll out our plan for even greater expansion this spring. Your enthusiasm and support play a vital role in making our association strong and successful.

We wish you fast and healthy horses and look forward to seeing you at the track in the upcoming season.

Warm regards,

**East Idaho Horseman's Association
Board of Directors**

