

MHRI Board meeting
Tuesday October 24, 2017
Perkins Lakeville

Present: Mark Corless, Vern Devine, Bob Lems, Cindy Ivy, Kyle VanOtterloo, (Jessica Johnson, Greg Budach, Rick Magee Via phone) & Dan Poprawski

Absent: Ron Banks, Ulf Holm-Johansen, Justin Anfinson

Agenda: Vern moved to approve the agenda which was 2nd by Mark & carried.

Minutes: Vern moved & Kyle 2nd the motion to approve the minutes from the Sept. 24th meeting which carried.

Treasurer's report: Cindy moved & Mark 2nd to approve the treasurer's report which carried.

Director's report- The card club through September is running over 100,000 over the same period last year. Dan mentioned a correction to the purse account, the carryover is \$17,000 & not \$34,000 as first reported. He also read the judges report from the 2017 meet.

We briefly discussed the breeder's fund

We talked about reaching out to the breeders fund advisory committee members & need to push Stephanie to get this moving forward. We had re-submitted for the committee to form last October without any response from the MRC. Jessica suggested that if we're taking this back from the racing commission then we need to hear back from the MRC on who has applied. Kyle will make contact & try to get the ball rolling again.

Dan mentioned that Canterbury horsemen are going to ask for an increase in the card club contribution, MRC staff suggested that we make the same request from Running Aces.

Annual meeting discussion- Dan will check on February 24th & then the 17th if that's not available. We discussed the possibility of getting better prizes. It was suggested putting together a video of the horses getting awards.

We briefly discussed the starting gate as it was not very dependable this year. We need to talk about either repairing it or buying a new one.

Night of champion's discussion- the pre-race blood draw caused some problems for some people.

2018 racing dates are tentatively set for Sat. May 19th - Sat. September 15th for 52 days We discussed the number of races per night as well as start times. Jessica mentioned that she thought most horsemen don't like the 3 day per week schedule & that it's too hard to get enough help on race days. She would like to see more dates added in the future depending on the cost.

We discussed proposed backside rules for 2018, we need to understand what the proposed rules are so we can share with our membership & better communicate and fight any objectionable changes.

Mileage expense re-imburement discussion- cost can add up when traveling to and attending multiple meetings per month besides board meetings. We talked about possibly putting it on the ballot for the general membership at the annual meeting.

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Mark suggested paying for board members meals when attending meetings.

Dan suggested that might be a good idea & **Mark moved that at regular board meetings MHRI pay for the meal & non-Alcoholic beverage for all board members in attendance, 2nd by Bob & carried.**

Mark asked about getting the results of the fall sale & Dan mentioned that he has asked four times for them with no response.

Jessica asked why the board minutes aren't posted sooner & it was suggested that other boards send out minutes for approval ahead of time.

Other discussion- Eric Beach is now head trainer for "piece of the action" stable in Pompano, they had horses racing at Running Aces. It was felt that this may be a conflict of interest. He will not be back as judge next year. Jessica felt that we should communicate to the MRC our concerns of what has transpired. Mark & Jessica will draft a letter & send it to the board for approval.

Jessica mentioned that several Bucket List members didn't get their shirts, Dan will double check to resolve this.

Next meeting to be scheduled as a phone conference on November 20th at 8:00 p.m.

Kyle moved to adjourn which was 2nd by Bob & carried.

Next meeting set for Tuesday October 24th at Perkins in Lakeville.

Motion to adjourn by Vern & 2nd by Mark & carried.

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