

MHRI Board meeting  
Monday July 24, 2017  
Running Aces horsemen's lounge

Present: Mark Corless, Ulf Holm Johansen, Greg Budach, Rick Magee, Vern Devine, Cindy Ivy, Bob Lems, Ron Banks, Justin Anfinson, Jessica Johnson & Kyle VanOtterloo (via Telephone) & Dan Poprawski

Guest: Jody Wilson, Richard Bertrand, Nick Roland, Luke & Nikki Plano, Rick Davis Brian Detgen, & Brady Jenson

Agenda: **Cindy moved to approve the agenda which was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vern & carried.**

Minutes: **Mark moved & Justin 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion to approve the minutes from the July 10<sup>th</sup> meeting which carried.**

Treasurer's report: **after discussion on stall reimbursement Justin moved & Mark 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the treasurer's report which carried.**

We had a brief discussion on protocol- a suggestion was made that the president has the ability to control the meetings & table things that are unproductive.

Executive secretaries report: Dan mentioned that we received a 2<sup>nd</sup> applicant for the new owner incentive bonus.

Plans are moving forward for the Labor Day picnic & most everything is set.

Marketing report: Last owner open house, no one showed up to participate. Jessica proposed having only 2 events next year. The most recent new owner is alum of that program. The total cost was approximately \$1,000.

Jody Wilson volunteered to help out with potential new owners.

Darren had e-mailed Jessica with an idea that we name the night of champions races after the prior year's champions.

Mark suggested keeping the current Hall of Fame naming but talking about last year's winners prior to each race.

Jessica suggested gathering info on the Hall of Fame names & putting it in the program so everyone makes the connection.

The MRC lawyer asked Dan about rules for scratching when a horse is in to be claimed. They would like our input on the rule going forward. We need to make sure the rule is clear. Dan will talk with Patty to get clarification on the rule. Most everyone would like to leave the rule as it currently is. The Judges don't appear to have clear understanding of the rules.

We discussed some of the mistakes the judges have made costing some of the horsemen a claim & scratches etc.

Too many rules are at the judge's discretion but with no accountability.

Mark asked if we are going to ask for a meeting with the judges or write a list of issues to bring to the board & ultimately bring to the MRC staff. Jody Wilson volunteered to work with Mark to write up these issues.

We discussed paying rainout money for St. Peter. **Greg moved to pay \$100 per horse for those entered which was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vern & carried.**

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The judges, clerks, etc. will be paid as per contract for the rainout if they showed up.

Discussion of finals night: qualifications are clear, we discussed purse supplement for horses finishing 6<sup>th</sup> or worse- suggested a %

Mark moved to pay 2.5% for finishing 6 to 11 which was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vern & carried.

We discussed our response to the MRC vote on breeders fund allocations. We didn't react in a timely manner to give membership an opportunity to contact the commissioners. We were asked to communicate these types of issues in a timelier manner in the future.

Accident funds: Running Aces rose over \$5,300 so far & asked if MHRI would be willing to contribute to this fund in support of LeMoyné & Tim. This brought up the issue of insurance & specifically race bike insurance. Dan will check into race bike insurance once again in other jurisdictions. Cindy suggested that we match what Aces has contributed.

Mark moved to match the Running Aces contribution which was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jessica & carried.

Jessica would like to form a committee to explore helping members whose horses are injured in a race.

Mark moved to form a committee to explore helping those with injured horses, Jessica, Rick, & Cindy volunteered, & Justin 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion which carried.

Petition discussion: We need to ask for an open forum meeting with Ben & Taro which would allow all horsemen the opportunity to voice concerns.

Jody brought her concerns regarding a possible conflict of interest regarding our executive secretary that appears to be training horses & providing tax services for some board members. She also suggested that Dan was claiming horses for people.

She also questioned Dan's availability to the general membership & expressed concerns about alliances.

She asked what the board is doing about the concerns that were expressed at the past meeting & asked us to explain our actions or reasons for inaction.

Other matters: Greg mentioned that it was brought to his attention that the Cannon Falls track is badly in need of surface material preferably prior to the meet in September. Justin will talk with John Betts about consulting with us on the surface needs there.

Dan will talk with Stefanie from the MRC about possibly accessing non Pari-mutuel development funds for this project.

Future meeting: Tentatively set for August 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at Running Aces, Motion to adjourn by Jessica & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob & carried.

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