

MHRI Board meeting
Tuesday May 16, 2017
Running Aces horsemen's lounge

Present: Ron Banks, Mark Corless, Ulf Holm Johansen, Greg Budach, Rick Magee, Jessica Johnson, Justin Anfinson, Cindy Ivy Via Skype, Bob Lems via Telephone, and Dan Poprawski

Absent: Vern Devine, Kyle VanOtterloo

Meeting called to order at 8:10 p.m.

Agenda- Rick moved & Mark 2nd to approve the agenda which carried.

Minutes: Mark moved to approve the minutes as amended from 4/17/17 & 4/24/17 which was 2nd by Ulf & carried.

Treasurer's report: Cindy moved & Justin 2nd the treasures report for 5/16/17 & it carried.

Executive secretaries report: Dan showed us the purse report which appears to be ahead of projections and we should be in good shape by the start of the meet.

The horse expo went well & we plan for a booth next year.

Dan mentioned that Cal Expo & MN. owned must apply for bonus eligibility.

Marketing report: Jessica reported that horse expo was well attended. She covered Friday & Saturday, Mikaela covered Saturday & Sunday. Jessica mentioned that it was surprising how few people were aware of Running Aces.

The new owner seminar is scheduled for the last Monday in May, June, & July from 5 to 8 in the Atrium.

Jessica mentioned that the St. Paul men's club would like a barn tour on June 21st, Dan will make contact.

Cindy mentioned that she saw an ad during the Kentucky Derby promoting live racing at Running Aces, it was very well done.

Jessica will make up a written plan for the New Owner initiative for Dan to present to the MRC.

Dan mentioned that Eric Beach expressed interest in Judging at the fairs & fall meet.

Running Aces is looking to us for some promotional ideas for finals night to help make the event even more special.

Jessica mentioned the marketing committee has plans for many items for winning horses & owners on final night.

Mark mentioned his concerns about Aces changing the qualifying times & allowances for MN. Brods.

Aces has the right to set the standards where they want but we would like to be included in those decisions as a sign of respect.

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Jessica moved to send a letter respectfully disagreeing with the decision to change the qualifying standards without MHRI input.

Dan & Jessica will write & submit after board approval, 2nd by Mark & carried.

Backstretch rules & regulation discussion: 5 person committee, 1 of the judges, Ben, Nancy, & 2 people representing the horsemen.

Rules will be presented at the horsemen's meeting on Saturday. Luke Plano & Ulf have volunteered.

Next meeting tentatively set for Monday June 12th.

Justin moved to adjourn which was 2nd by Rick & carried