

Board meeting
Monday January 11, 2016 6:30
Perkins –Lakeville

Present: Mark Corless, Bob Lems, Michael Banitt, Ulf Holm Johansen, Greg Budach, Jessica Johnson (via phone), Vern Devine, Cindy Ivy, Ron Banks, and Dan Poprawski
Absent: Justin Anfinson, Kyle VanOtterloo

Mark called the meeting to order 7:05p.m.

Agenda was approved with no objections.

Mark mentioned the e-mail from Amanda regarding county fair regulation by the MRC after their meeting. There are many concerns that the MRC has regarding regulation at the fairs.

We discussed where the funding would come from as well as the necessity of the MRC regulating the fairs. It seems as though Tom DePasquale & Joe Scurto are going to push the commission to defund the fairs.

We need to reach out to the fair board to ask for their support as well as asking for support from Running Aces.

We also need to push the MRC for a response & action.

Mark talked about the ADW bill & that Running Aces & Canterbury have reached an agreement giving us a 28% share which would then be split between us & Running Aces. The bill is being drafted this week & we need to submit any language changes by Wednesday this week. We discussed at length the need to create language earmarking funding for breeders awards now.

Jessica distributed charts of the current breeder's awards distribution as well as several proposals for distribution with ADW funds added. After much discussion we agreed to include a consolidation of the current breeder's awards into the ADW bill allocating 33% or \$100,000 (whichever is greater). 90% of that amount would be allocated for breeder's awards 8% to ownership development, & 2% to Standardbred equine research. From the 90% awards funds 75% of that amount will be allocated as mare awards & 25% allocated as stallion awards to owners of the mare or stallion at time of conception.

The 67% of ADW remaining is to be allocated to non-parimutual (county fair) racing in Minnesota.

Vern motioned & Bob 2nd the motion for this language for the new ADW bill & the motion carried. The MRC would still need to agree to this language which we plan to present this next Thursday.

Secretary's report was reviewed & Vern moved to accept & Michael 2nd & carried.

Treasurer's report was reviewed by Greg with a motion from Ulf to accept, 2nd by Bob & carried.

President's corner- Mark believes we should create a fair schedule now to appease the MRC. After discussion we agreed to no early meet at Cannon Falls this year. The current plan is for Cannon Falls on July 4th, St.Peter on August 10th, with the fall meet dates set for September 10th, 17, & 24th as well as October 1. Mark will contact St.Peter to see if he can convince them to move their date to

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Thursday the 11th. He will also ask about a fall date there. Dan will contact Ted Syltman about Wheaton's dates. Mark mentioned that the MRC is having the U of M conduct an impact study; he hopes to have them come to us for their polling.

We discussed administrative rule changes before the commission; do we support the change for any positives with therapeutic drugs reversing a claim?

Website discussion- We discussed the need for links to chat rooms etc. we decided not to provide any links that might imply MHRI's consent to any questionable material.

Annual meeting discussion- Nancy Berge asked if we would be willing to cover her husband's expenses for their trip here for our annual meeting. We agreed to cover her expenses but not her husband's. Dan will contact Running Aces to see if they are willing to cover any of their expenses.

Hall of Fame- Vern will make the presentation of Relentless Yankee into the living Hall of Fame.

Dan tabulated all of the divisional winners and has made contact with AAA trophies

We planned the annual meeting agenda beginning at 3:00 p.m. this year.

Mark will give the opening remarks & introduce the guests.

We will review the minutes & treasurer's report then take nominations for horse of the year & any other board member nominations.

Mark will review the exit interviews.

We'll then review the fairs schedule & talk about MN bred purse distribution.

We will then announce the results of the board election & offer time for an open forum & discussion.

Taro & Nancy will then speak before dinner at 6:00 p.m.

After dinner we will give away door prizes present the hall of fame & other awards. Then we will have our auction & raffle results.

Jessica moved to adjourn, 2nd by Vern & carried. Next meeting to be set on Feb. 6th at the annual meeting.

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