

MHRI Board meeting
Tuesday January 3, 2017
Perkins -Lakeville

Present: Mark Corless, Bob Lems, Ulf Holm Johansen, Greg Budach, Jessica Johnson, Rick Magee, Cindy Ivy, Vern Devine, Michael Banitt, Justin Anfinson (Rick, Cindy, & Jessica attended Via Skype), and Dan Poprawski

Absent: Ron Banks

Meeting called to order at 7:20 p.m.

Agenda- Mark moved, & Justin 2nd to approve the agenda.

Minutes: Mark moved to approve the minutes from 12/12/16 which was 2nd by Vern & carried.

Treasurer's report: Mark moved & Ulf 2nd the corrections to the treasures report for 12/12/16 & it carried. Mark moved & Vern 2nd the 1/3/17 Treasurer's report & it carried.

Executive secretaries report: Dan mentioned that 3 companies have been approved for ADW thus far. The initial percentages will be the same for all three.

Investigator Buddy Martin will not be back with the commission this year. So far the jobs for Racing Secretary, & presiding judge have not been posted yet.

Through 11/30/17 we're over \$51,000 ahead of last year in the purse account.

The web site drafts should be completed in about one month. Dan will get the annual meeting announcement posted on the website. He heads to Florida on Wednesday the 4th for the HHI annual meetings.

Marketing committee report- They plan to re-vamp the owner for a day for next year. They are also looking into corporate ownerships. They have been discussing more access for barn tours & access to the back side as well. They have secured at least 10 breeding's as donations at the annual meeting.

The new contract is included in our packet & has been signed and submitted as of 1/1/17. Dan mentioned the new contract has nothing to do with the fairs & the only way to deal with the fairs is through the commission.

We discussed incentive money & Jessica mentioned that the California group is waiting to pay incentives until we announce our incentive program here. We need to figure this out with Aces & determine what's best for attracting horses to the track. The maximum bonus available is \$150,000 based on the contract.

County Fairs- Mark spoke about the meeting with Joe Scurto and stated not good results. Joe told him there is only about \$7,000 available for the fairs & that he would recommend no more than that for the fairs. Absolutely no money will be coming from the card club to support the fairs. Mark has talked with commissioner Gingold & believes that some of the commissioners may be more agreeable to our position & our interpretation of statute.

Dan mentioned that he would like the opportunity to talk with Joe Scurto & Tom DePasqual with Bob & try to move things forward.

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Ulf suggested that Greg also participate in this meeting because of his knowledge of the history.

Ulf motioned to set up a meeting between Tom & Joe with Bob, Dan & Greg to move this forward favorably, 2nd by Michael & carried 8: 2.

Board of directors election- There are 5 nominees for 4 positions thus far. Bob Lems, Greg Budach, Justin Anfinson, Kyle VanOtterloo, & Ken Stauffer. Only 1 non-resident can be elected so the highest vote between Bob & Ken will be elected.

Dan will send an explanation with the ballot regarding the out of state (non-resident) board member rules.

Jessica mentioned that we need to look at our e-mail list & update it. Dan will send a copy of the list to Jessica so she can help update the list.

Annual meeting- We need to send any ideas to Dan for potential speakers so he can try to secure someone soon. Tim Tetrick would have loved to come but isn't available. Prizes are pretty well set, Greg is contacting Big Dees for some more.

Next board meeting scheduled for Wednesday Feb 1st, 2017.

Justin moved to adjourn 2nd by Michael & carried.

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