

MHRI Board meeting
Monday April 17, 2017
Perkins -Lakeville

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

Meeting called to order at 7:15 p.m.

Agenda- Mark moved after asking to discuss & clarify the stall rent rebate & Justin 2nd to approve the agenda which carried.

Minutes: Vern moved to approve the minutes as amended from 3/13/17 which was 2nd by Ulf & carried.

Treasurer's report: Mark moved & Justin 2nd the treasures report for 3/13/17 & it carried.

Executive secretaries report: Dan mentioned that qualifiers would be two days per week with no more than two per night once racing starts. First is May 16th at 5:30 & Tuesdays & Saturdays as needed?

Dan also reported that the MRC has agreed to release purses distributions to horses not being tested so there will be a much faster turnaround on purse distributions.

Steve Desomer is not coming & his stalls will be reallocated. Also Steve Nichols is not coming.

Gooches Bad Boy will be available for jog cart rides & we have two "Summer Fling" horses planned.

The horse expo is April 28th -30th and we need volunteers to spell out Mikaela & Jessica.

Marketing committee is meeting every other week and are working on a video loop to play as well as defining the new owner incentive plan for this summer. Running Aces is not going to do the corporate ownership program that they had planned earlier.

Mark suggested that Mikaela & Jessica present the new owner incentive plan to the MRC. Dan will mention it at the next commission meeting.

Mark moved to approve the New Owner incentive plan which was 2nd by Cindy & carried.

County fair news & discussion- Dan presented the scenarios for the two county fairs allocating up to \$16,000 for each fair. The purses will be set at \$2,000 for each division for each class regardless of splits.

Rick moved to accept the proposal as presented which was 2nd by Ulf & carried.

We then discussed the fall meet following the proposal by the MRC. They presented allocating \$6,000 for the 2 year old trot, \$12,000 for the 2 year old pace, \$4,000 for the 3 year old trot, & \$8,000 for the 3 year old pace.

We discussed adding funds to make each A class \$6,000, each B class \$4,000 & each C class \$2,000. * The 2 year old pace will race for the MRC minimum (\$12,000)- if less than 3 divisions, splitting 60% for A & 40% for B. If 3 year old pacers end up with only 1 division then they would go for \$8,000 to meet the MRC minimums. Aged classes would split \$7,500 among all classes at each event.

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Jessica moved to accept this proposal which was 2nd by Vern & carried.

Finals Night discussion- Rick & Jessica had met with Ben & agreed to \$35,000 finals for all 2 & 3 year old classes if we can meet the 6 horse minimum field size. Ben had proposed adding money for more starters, another \$5,000 for 6, \$2,500 for 7, \$1250 for 8, \$625 for 9 & \$625 for 10. He also proposed a consolation race as well. They proposed \$17,500 for each of the Aged colt & gelding pace, aged mare pace, & aged trot. There must be 6 horses for betting races & could possibly have eliminations. If less than 6 horses they would race for \$25,000 as a non-betting race. Dan will finalize the proposal & get it to Rick, Jessica, & Kyle to bring it to Ben for approval. Dan will then forward to the board before it's printed.

Mark moved to go forward with this plan which was 2nd by Ulf & carried

Weekly purse discussion- We discussed the options for 10 or 11 horse entries, can we race with 11 or split to 6 & 5? Running Aces has been opposed to racing only 5. Rick Jessica & Kyle will discuss with Ben at the finals night discussion.

We talked about weekly purse distribution & Dan will send us the numbers when he gets them. We will plan a phone conference for Monday the 24th at 8:00 p.m. to address this further.

Back stretch rules- Ulf checked into the ability to have dogs on the backside, he would need the board's approval. Jessica, Mikaela, & Ulf volunteered to right guidelines on dogs regarding insurance etc.

Vets- Dan showed a tentative schedule showing vet coverage for the meet. Dan will contact Audrey about her availability as well. Dan will present the schedule to the MRC at their next meeting.

Mark mentioned that he would like to see something in writing explaining the procedures for re-imburement for stall rent plan. We need to have something to give the horsemen as they arrive. Dan needs to keep a spreadsheet to show the distribution process.

Jessica brought up her concerns about Dan not copying the board on an email that was sent regarding stall allocations. He needs to be clearer and communicate better with the full board.

Next meeting: Tuesday May 16th 1 hour after the qualifiers.

Kyle moved to adjourn which was 2nd by Mark & carried

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