

MHRI Board meeting
Wednesday December 12, 2016
Perkins -Lakeville

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

Absent: None

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

Agenda- ADW will be addressed under #6 Exec. Secretaries report.

Minutes: Mark moved to approve the minutes from 11/16 which was 2nd by Vern & carried.

Treasurer's report: Justin moved & Ulf 2nd treasures report for 12/12/16 & it carried.

The next commission meeting Dan will report on the passing of Charlie Hare.

Dan reported that both Randy Sampson & Taro Ito signed the source market agreement for ADW giving 72% to Canterbury & 28% to Running Aces as agreed by statute. We will be entitled to 50% of Running Aces share.

Dan mentioned the upcoming election and stated that the terms for Bob, Greg, Michael, & Justin are all up this year. They should notify Dan if planning to run again. It was brought up that the by-laws don't define what a Minnesota resident is clearly. Mark mentioned that they must have a valid Minnesota driver's license.

Marketing committee report: Jessica mentioned an e-mail from Allison Maier regarding adoption assistance through MHRI. Mikayla wants to facilitate the program on behalf of MHRI utilizing our website etc.

Mark moved to support & authorize Mikayla to handle the Standardbred adoption program for us in Minnesota, 2nd by Jessica & carried.

Jessica also mentioned that Aces is inviting us to participate in their marketing meetings in January.

Contract discussion: We discussed where we're at in the negotiations with the new contract; the biggest hang-ups are with the county fair money & the racing commission's opposition to fund more than \$70,000 to the fairs. Several people believe we should appeal to the commission for more money. Jessica will contact Amanda about setting up a meeting with Joe Scurto to discuss our concerns. Bob argued about the importance of a MN owned program at Aces vs. the FFA at the fairs. We decided to make our best case to the commission for as much as we can get.

We reviewed the contract point by point- We voted (10:1) on the language in 3.76 of the contract agreeing to strike the language highlighted in purple as recommended by Amanda. We also voted to remove 1.7 (MRC Approval required by) after advice from Amanda. Item 3.3 we agreed to negotiate with Joe regarding the amount.

Minnesota owned discussion- After review & discussion Mark moved that Minnesota owned shall consist of horses fully owned by Minnesota residents with at least two pieces of ID, either a current or prior year's tax return & a valid Minnesota driver's license or voter registration card. The motion was 2nd by Justin & carried.

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Web Site discussion- Go Daddy has submitted the first two pages of the site for approval, after these are approved they will submit 8 more pages & the contract is renewable after 2 years.

Annual meeting discussion- Dan has ordered some prizes & will work with Jessica & Mikayla once it gets closer. As of now everything is on schedule. Dan will look into speakers; Justin will talk with Tim Tetrick about the possibility of him coming to speak. Jessica is working on more prizes & Greg mentioned he could get pull tabs for doors prizes if interested. He will communicate with Jessica on prizes he has available.

Next board meeting scheduled for Tuesday Jan 3rd, 2017.

Justin moved to adjourn 2nd by Jessica & carried.

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