

MHRI Board meeting
Monday, July 25, 2016
Running Aces Horsemen's room

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

Absent:

Mark moved to adopt the agenda which was 2nd by Ulf & carried.

Discussion of Running Aces 2017 Live schedule:

Bob mentioned that Aces would like to incorporate our fall meet days in their 51 day meet for 2017.

After discussion we agreed that we need to be firm on keeping 53 days and racing 3 days per week only adding the fall meet days at the end to extend our season. A suggestion was made to race beginning on Tuesday May 23rd racing 3 days per week with the barn area opening on May 2nd.

Other contract discussion: We need to keep the Minnesota bred program as it is; paying out & increasing Bonus payouts, opening the barn 21 days prior to the start, making a cap on stall allocations at the beginning, & try to remove stall rent

Dan suggested charging \$100 per month & then giving a \$25 per start credit.

Housing- the trailers are working out well but we need to verify what will be available next year.

We discussed asking for more money for our operating budget to be on par with other racing venues.

We discussed asking for more from the simulcast, we currently get ½ of 1%.

We also need to have a clear understanding of who's responsible for the Veterinarian's on the back side.

County fair discussion: We discussed the need to adjust conditions at St. Peter so they don't have such an impact on Running Aces.

After discussion Jessica made a motion to eliminate races 5 through 8 at St. Peter with the money for those carrying over into those same conditions for the fall meets. The motion was 2nd by Mark & carried.

We discussed the need to work closely with our attorney regarding our fall meets & the 2 fairs.

Jessica made a motion to direct our attorney to advocate for us to keep the racing at the two fairs, (Cannon Falls on the 4th of July & St. Peter on a day that does not conflict directly with Running Aces). Using only Breeders fund supplement money designated for Non-Pari-mutuel races. Preference for Minnesota bred 2 & 3 year olds as well as Minnesota owned or bred classes if possible. The motion was 2nd by Michael & carried.

Jessica then moved to direct our attorney to advocate for continuing funds for our fall meet to extend our season past the Running Aces meet similar to what we have currently, 2nd by Mark & carried.

Jessica will contact Amanda about the process.

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Mark mentioned that Natalie Zabrzenski is going through some difficult times with her father's health and asked to take a collection from all horsemen. Bob moved that MHRI give matching funds up to \$2,000 to her to help with her travel expenses etc. 2nd by Rick & carried.

Next meeting to be determined, Rick moved to adjourn 2nd by Ulf & carried