

MHRI Board meeting
Monday June 12, 2017
Running Aces horsemen's lounge

Present: Mark Corless, Ulf Holm Johansen, Greg Budach, Rick Magee, Vern Devine, Cindy Ivy, Bob Lems, and Dan Poprawski

Absent: Ron Banks, Kyle VanOtterloo, Justin Anfinson, Jessica Johnson

Guest: Jody Wilson

Meeting called to order at 6:45 p.m.

Agenda- Vern moved & Mark 2nd to approve the agenda which carried.

Minutes: Mark asked about the letter Dan & Jessica were supposed to right as so moved in May's minutes. Dan didn't right the letter but mentioned it verbally to Aces. No one was sure whether Jessica wrote anything. We discussed the backstretch rules brought up last month & the problem comes with enforcement. The track wants the judges to enforce, he MRC thinks the track should provide their own enforcement. Jody Wilson volunteered to help in any way possible over the summer.

Mark moved to approve the minutes from 5/16/17 which was 2nd by Rick & carried.

Treasurer's report: Mark moved & Vern 2nd the treasures report for 6/12/17 & it carried.

Executive secretaries report: Dan reported that the purse account is up over \$100,000. We are in good shape for 2018 when I35 will be down to one lane for construction. In 2019 the Highway 97 bridge will be replaced.

Minnesota bred's compose 32% of all entries thus far. Field size averages 7.7 through the first 12 days. Purses are in good shape, Running Aces has requested a variance to split owner entries. It is likely to happen since quarter horses & thoroughbreds already have it. The presiding judge must approve.

The late closers went well, mostly 9 horse fields.

Next Wednesday Purina will be at the track for a free lunch & presentation on horse nutrition.

Marketing committee report: One owner has put in for Re-imbusement so far.

Cannon Falls fair- Eric Beach will be there as presiding judge & has agreed to cover the remaining meets. Jeff Ryan will not be there to cover the track maintenance; we will need to make sure it's covered.

MN Bred aged races discussion: Bonuses are only for non-restricted races -we explained why we have arrived at the current conditions for Jody.

We re-iterated the documentation necessary for Minnesota owned classes requiring a Driver's license & secondary proof of residence.

Dan mentioned that Taro is asking for our support with the MRC stating his support of the racing product.

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Dan would be willing to draft a letter for the board to review before submitting to the MRC.

Cindy moved & Mark 2nd for Dan to draft a letter & the motion carried.

MRC night of champion's discussion: Joe Scurto handed Dan & Bob a draft of what he'd like for finals night purses through 2019.

These numbers are based on MRC supplement money only. We need to make our best case & give our proposal to Tom.

They also mentioned a possible nomination fee. We discussed how to enhance our numbers & plans for raising funds to grow the trotters especially.

Mark mentioned the he'd like us to look into lightning detectors for the Aces grandstand. Dan will look into the costs.

Next meeting tentatively set for Monday July 10th, 6:30 at Aces.

Rick moved to adjourn which was 2nd by Vern & carried

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