

MHRI Board meeting
Wednesday November 16, 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, and Dan Poprawski

Absent: Justin Anfinson

Guest: Ben Bluhm @ 8:00 p.m.

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Agenda- Bob moved & Cindy 2nd to approve the agenda which carried

Minutes from 9/10, & 10/24 were reviewed, Mark asked to clarify a statement from our Sept 10 minutes adding **concerning our executive secretary.**

Mark moved to approve the minutes as amended for 9/10 as well as the minutes for 10/24 as is, 2nd by Vern & carried.

Treasurer's report: A questions was raised on what the Go Daddy expense was about, Dan reported that it is the new Web Hosting service that we purchased to handle our website. Mark moved to approve with Vern 2nd the motion carried.

Dan reported on the ADW progress, It appears that the funds are anticipated to come in at probably half of what they originally projected. The commission is negotiating with 6 applicants and expects the amounts to come in at around 3%.

Dan asked about booking a flight to Las Vegas for the HHI annual meetings, roughly \$300 to \$400 for the flights. No objections from anyone on the board.

We discussed points of contention in the contract prior to Ben arriving at 8.

Ben arrived and wanted to take the time to explain their position on the items in the contract that are still in question. Last year they provided 10 trailers at a cost of \$50,000 & took in \$21,000 in rent. We had lots of discussion regarding housing & providing supplements to the horsemen. Aces will have 21 pads with 10 having housing on them. They plan to charge \$15.00 per day for an empty pad & \$30 per day with a furnished trailer. They would like us to provide a supplement of \$10.00 per day for both options.

Aces plans on charging \$100 per month for stall rent & is looking for suggestion on how MHRI can supplement that.

Ben also suggested that Running Aces & MHRI work together to plan on setting aside funds for a training facility for the future.

Ben pointed out the changes they've made in the contract & invited us to come back to them soon with our counters so we can move forward.

After Ben left we discussed the Housing subsidies & the fact that they only benefit a few horsemen. More people would benefit if we subsidized stall rent. We proposed going back to Aces with a 100% subsidy for stall rent rather than giving anything for housing. The money would come from additional operating funds added into the contract.

Dan will make a tract change in the contract & submit that to Aces after review by the board.

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Jessica moved to reimburse 100% of the \$100 per month stall rent to MHRI members during the 2017 season to help offset some of Running Aces cost, Motion 2nd by Vern & carried.

We had discussion on what makes a Minnesota owned horse. The purpose would be for an incentive for Minnesota residents. We proposed a separate incentive for New Minnesota owners. We discussed 2 pieces of Identification to prove residence, a prior or current year's tax return & driver's license or voter registration card.

County fair discussion- We need to meet with Amanda & Joe to move this along.

We agreed to send the contract back to Running Aces with our proposal changing the language back regarding 8% paid for county fair or MN bred or owned supplements.

Annual meeting is set for February 25th 2017 at Running Aces.

Next board meeting set for Monday December 12th at Lakeville Perkins.

Mark moved to adjourn 2nd by Michael & carried.

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