

MHRI Board meeting
Sunday September 24, 2017
Cannon Falls fairgrounds

Present: Mark Corless, Ulf Holm Johansen, Greg Budach, Rick Magee, Vern Devine, Bob Lems, Ron Banks, Justin Anfinson, & Dan Poprawski

Absent: Jessica Johnson, Cindy Ivy, Kyle VanOtterloo

Agenda: Mark added a spot for a statement in the agenda, Rick suggested paying mileage to board members for meetings, **Mark moved to approve the agenda which was 2nd by Vern & carried.**

Minutes: **Justin moved & Rick 2nd the motion to approve the minutes from the July 24th meeting which carried.**

Treasurer's report: There are 3 people who have not paid their stall rent yet & they won't get reimbursed until paid. **Mark moved & Ulf 2nd to approve the treasurer's report which carried.**

Director's report- Dan gave the final numbers from the Running Aces meet; field size was up. There is still \$34,000 carryover in the 8% overnight account held for Minnesota restricted races. That will be carried over into next year. We are set for next year's purses but will have to renegotiate for 2019.

Dan presented purse account info for next year & as of August 18th there was 2.64 million in the account.

Dan presented an example of the Maine Sulky insurance that showed varying rates depending on value & age.

We discussed the petition that was presented several meetings ago. It was agreed that lack of communication was the biggest factor & Dan promised to do a better job of keeping communication open in the future.

County fair report- purses were rounded up to make payment distributions simpler. Justin & Rick worked hard to get the Wheaton rainout program moved from Saturday to Sunday at Cannon Falls. Scott Banitt worked to get the track in shape. **Justin moved to send \$1,000 to Wheaton which was 2nd by Vern & carried.**

Night of champion's discussion- Everything went very well, Rick suggested we give something to those who put together the prize packages, Jessica, Mikaela, Alexia, & Bill & Cathy Dessert.

Breeders fund discussion- We need to form a sub-committee (advisory) to represent our needs & concerns with the MRC.

Stephanie from the MRC sent an e-mail to Dan asking for our input on a breeders fund advisory committee.

MRC rules- We have not seen a draft of the proposed rule changes as of yet. If anyone has a rule change idea we need to get it to Dan now to have a chance of getting it implemented. Dan will post info on our website tomorrow.

Standardbred sale- Simon would be willing to put some money into a race for any horses that sold at the Simon sale.

We need to discuss this more in the future & tabled discussion till the next meeting.

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Mark expressed his concerns about deliberately excluding certain board members from our meetings, He sees a pattern of no response from our president & executive secretary. Communication needs to improve to the entire board.

Discussion on mileage reimbursement for board members was tabled till the next meeting.

Beth Dale had sent in a nomination for the Hall of Fame, (Del Insko) who is a Minnesota native & grew up in Amboy Minnesota.

Ron Banks also nominated Tim Pinske.

Next meeting set for Tuesday October 24th at Perkins in Lakeville.

Motion to adjourn by Vern & 2nd by Mark & carried.

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