

MHRI Board of Director's Meeting Minutes

Perkins Restaurant, Monday, October 24, 2016

Meeting called to order by President Bob Lems at 7:25 pm. Directors present were Cindy Ivey, Jessica Johnson, Vern Devine, Ron Banks, Ulf Holm-Johansen, and Mark Corless.

Directors Absent were Justin Anfinson, Rick Magee, Michael Banitt and Greg Budach.

Agenda: Ulf wanted to add under Other Items a future proposal. Motion to approve Agenda by Mark Corless and seconded by Ulf Holm-Johansen.

Minutes: Items were previously approved but the minutes from the Board Meeting at Wheaton on September 10th still need to be presented for approval.

Treasurer's Report: Both September and October report approved with a motion by Mark and seconded by Ulf.

Executive Director Report: Dan reported no new updates on ADW but the Nov 1 deadline for applications was quickly approaching. 5 ADW companies are in the mix, but percentages that were offered are not what was expected.

All testing for our Fall County Fair season are complete with NO Violations.

The fantasy stable Summer Fling Racing Team is now complete with all 45 participants receiving their checks along with the original owners. Transfers back to original owners is also complete.

The annual Hoofball contest is underway with 37 participants. First updated numbers are now available on our website.

Our 2016 Federal and State Income Tax returns are now finished.

Our Annual Banquet and Meeting is now scheduled for Saturday, February 25th. Also, the annual HHI Convention begins on February 26th and I will check on flights for myself and perhaps another Board Member.

MRC announced that Presiding Judge Wayne Oke has retired and will not be back next season.

MN Horse Expo dates are April 28-30.

Maureen Hanson the Horsemen's Bookkeeper sent out driver & trainer checks for redistributed purse money.

MRC Rules Committee Meeting on Thursday, October 27 at Canterbury.

Card Room revenue up slightly in 2016 from 2015.

Proposed Rule Changes and Website Update also discussed.

Race Horse Rescue Fund: Discussion involved making a donation based on further research.

2017-2018 Contract: Much discussion on the contract as we went over it pretty much line by line. The result on the few items in question were as follows as a review of the items in question were:

- 1) The contract calls for NOT FEWER than 52 live race dates in 2017-2018. 53 days in 2018 should be negotiable
- 2) We need to clarify or eliminate the "as entries will permit" line in section 1.7.
- 3) Why was remaining paragraph in 2.3 was left . No need to further explain that the transition to a June 1 through May 31 calendar year.
- 4) We need to propose a number higher than the 0.5% of the export simulcast.
- 5) What will be the time frame for stall rent. Is it 3 months or 4 months. Trainers will be charged \$100 a month.
- 6) Why the added language in 3.2. concerning additional purse money available for "MN owned, bred, or restricted races held at the Harness track [Running Aces]".
- 7) The new language in 3.6 which will allow \$150,000 to be set aside from the purse account to be used for assistance in driving MN ownership, providing additional starters for restricted races, and incentivize jurisdictions and partner racetracks to race at Running Aces needs to be clarified. The definition of "MN Owned" is an item that had and will need plenty of future discussion.
- 8) Concern about the language in Section 7.

2017 County Fair Schedule: Amanda needs to get together with Tom and Joe to see where we stand and how much money will be available for the fairs

Future Meetings: Monday, November 14th at the Perkins in Lakeville at 7:00pm.

Adjournment: 9:55pm