

MHRI Board meeting
Saturday, September 10, 2016
Wheaton, MN.

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

Absent: Vern Devine, Michael Banitt

Meeting called to order at 3:00 p.m.

Agenda- Mark added a short discussion about Ryan Lems who is leaving for Colorado after the season.

Justin moved to approve the agenda, 2nd by Ulf & carried.

Mark moved to approve the July 25th minutes which was 2nd by Justin & carried.

Treasurer's report by Greg- Mark mentioned that we need to pay Running Aces ½ of the income generated by the washer & dryer.

Justin moved to approve the Treasurer's report which was 2nd by Ulf & carried.

Director's report- Dan stated that our accountant has completed our taxes & will send them to the IRS once we have signed them.

He mentioned that the horsemen's lunch was well received from last Tuesday & lots of people participated.

He also mentioned that there is some confusion regarding the purse account, Running Aces says that they overpaid it by \$36,000 & they want to take that out of our county fair purse funding. Dan made a good response & stated that it should come out of the 2-17 purses. They agreed after looking at our current agreement.

Dan stated that they are opening up the race secretaries Job for 2017 & that they have some concerns with Nancy although she will be a candidate for 2017.

Presidents message- Bob mentioned the letter that Mark introduced at the last board meeting which was addressed to Bob from Running Aces which Bob never saw until Mark presented it to the whole board. It was not signed & Mark couldn't recall who sent it but he thought it was either Ben or Taro. Bob mentioned that this situation was not handled well & that a letter addressed to him should be given to him before being presented to the whole board.

Finals Night- Went very well, very good attendance & handle was up.

Joe Scurto suggested that we get the commission involved & suggested Running Aces find sponsors to donate the blankets. We need to plan ahead better for next year.

We discussed the awards from Running Aces for Driver & trainer etc. Jessica had talked with them about doing a little more in the future.

Minnesota owned discussion- We need to clearly define what Minnesota owned is 7 look into what changed & when. We need to address this going forward especially regarding those classes at Aces.

We also talked about discussing idea's to improve the sale in the future.

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2017 Fair schedule- We need to get clarification from Aces & the MRC before we can set those dates.

Aces contract discussion- We discussed the importance of a 3 day per week schedule of racing for next year at Aces. Ulf suggested that we ask what we can do to help with their shortages of people & how we can help to be able to extend our season.

We talked about options to extend our season to September 23rd including possible funding by MHRI. We need to make it a priority to maintain the Minnesota Bred program.

Mark moved to give \$1,000 to the Traverse county fair & \$500 to Ted Syltman in recognition for all his efforts over the year. The motion was 2nd by Ulf & carried.

Next meeting set for Sat at 10:00 a.m. at Cannon Falls. Jessica moved to adjourn, 2nd by Ulf & carried.

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