

Special MHRI Board of Directors Meeting
December 7th, 2015
Perkins, Faribault

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Present: Mark Corless, Bob Lems, Michael Banitt, Ulf Holm Johansen, Greg Budach, Jessica Johnson (via phone), Vern Devine, Cindy Ivy, Ron Banks, Kyle VanOtterloo, and Dan Poprawski
Absent: Justin Anfinson

Mark called the meeting to order 7:05p.m.

Agenda was approved with the addition of breeding program discussion

Secretary's report was reviewed & Ulf moved to accept & Bob 2nd & carried.

Treasurer's report was reviewed by Greg with a motion from Cindy to accept, 2nd by Bob & carried.

-Presidents corner: Mark updated the board on Stoney (the rescue horse) he is doing well & there is over \$1000 in the account supporting him due to Running Aces charity music funds.

Mark mentioned a letter from Colleen at the MRC looking for info on any significant MHRI members who may have passed so they can honor them.

Mark then talked about his meeting with Taro Ito & the discussion on ADW. Aces is negotiating with Canterbury trying to get a 35% share of the total. We would then split that amount 50/50 with Aces netting our purse account approximately \$300,000. They would like to have a bill ready for the legislature within a month. All 3 horsemen's groups both tracks & the MRC must come to an agreement before the bill is introduced.

Mark mentioned that Chuck Hare is battling cancer again & has started some new chemo therapy. He would love to hear from everyone as he fights this battle.

Dan mentioned that so far we have only 1 nomination for 3 positions on the board.

Racing secretary update: As of now there are three possibilities with Nancy Berge being the leading candidate.

County Fairs: Ron mentioned that Wobkenberg has a truck mounted gate available if we're interested. He will check further on price & more detailed info.

Mark mentioned the MRC annual report, they would like our input especially regarding funding sources for the MRC. We discussed the options with #1 being new funding from ADW if it passes, #2 other revenue producing possibilities, & #3 redirecting revenue & dedicated sales tax paid to the MRC, or consider general funds appropriations.

The racing dates hearing is set & we expect no opposition.

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Annual meeting: The date is set for February 6th at Running Aces. We talked about doing a weighted raffle similar to last year. We will discuss more at our next meeting.

Breeder's awards ideas: There is no sense discussing much more about it until we can secure more funding either through legislative change or other revenue sources such as ADW. As it is now we would only be taking from the current purses. Kyle mentioned that anyone interested in discussing breeders awards could come 45 minutes early to the next board meeting.

Kyle will be willing to present a comprehensive purse structure at the annual meeting looking ahead to 2016 & 2017.

Greg mentioned the HHI annual meeting coming up in Florida & questioned whether we want Dan to attend. We need to decide now so he can book flights. Ulf moved to send Dan, which was 2nd by Vern & carried.

Future meetings: January 11th at Perkins in Lakeville, 7:00 p.m. Annual meeting Feb. 6th

Vern moved to adjourn, 2nd by Michael & carried.