

Special MHRI Board of Directors Meeting
October 3, 2015
Cannon Falls Barns

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

Mark called the meeting to order 10:00, he brought up the proposal from Running Aces giving us the 3 day a week schedule but holding to their May start date & not going past September 3rd. They have no interest in going past Labor day.

The issue with the MRC & county fair funding could affect our dates as well.

Mark & Jessica favor agreeing to the proposal from Running Aces of starting on May 17th and going through September 3rd.

Bob argued that 9 out of 10 horsemen that he polled would prefer 3 days a week & going till September 10th.

After much discussion Bob moved to stick to our original proposal of May 24th through September 10th for the benefit of the majority of our horsemen. 2nd by Michael & carried with two opposed.

We need to compile a list of why fair racing is so important to us & get it to Mark so he can argue before the racing commission.

Dan will send a Survey monkey out to our general membership looking for a response by this Wednesday.

We had further discussion of Dan's status and after input from the Rolands and more research it was agreed that we could proceed with him as an independent contractor rather than as an employee.

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