

Special MHRI Board of Directors Meeting
November 9, 2015
Perkins, Lakeville

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

Mark called the meeting to order 7:27p.m.

Agenda was approved with the addition of Susan's consulting bill & Hall of Fame discussion.

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

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

Mark mentioned that we need to send Running Aces a check for \$349.33 for their share of the washer/dryer income.

-Presidents corner: Mark met last Thursday with members of the racing commission as they discussed advanced deposit wagering (ADW). It appears that we would get a minimum of 30% of the total horsemen's share (estimated at \$250,000 to \$300,000). We may want to look into the language of the bill to include specific language for breeder's awards.

Mark read an opinion from our lawyer regarding the language in statute that supports our position of using card club funds to help support county fair racing. It seems favorable towards our position but is not a slam dunk. She mentioned the commission's position may have some merit when you consider the context of the whole bill. The commission wants oversight of the money we're spending.

Joe Scurto & Tom Depasqual could not answer our questions & their arguments seemed to be circular.

-Breeders fund report: There's still over \$1100 of unclaimed funds in the breeders awards account, those that have money coming need to go on line and submit a vendor application to get their funds. We're looking into changing the rules so that unclaimed funds (after a certain time period) can be put back into the account and be redistributed. We're also exploring ways to create revenue from ADW if it becomes a reality.

-Website: Dan is getting it back up and running. The plan is to get links established so we can add a link for those eligible for breeder's awards so they may easily apply for the vendor application. We're exploring the possibility of getting race replays on the site but currently Running Aces wants \$50.00 per day for access.

-County Fairs: Dan mention one possible way to assure funding would be to offer pari-mutuel racing to get around the commissions objections.

Mark mentioned that the racing secretary position would close on November 15th. So far there has been only 1 applicant for the position. We need to encourage interested parties to apply soon. Ben will contact Mark with more info once the position has closed. Nancy Berge would be a good choice.

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-The annual meeting is set for February 6th, we talked about inviting the new race secretary to speak & discuss conditions etc.

We need to mail ballots out to our membership in order to get them back to our CPA in time.

-Hall of fame discussion: Ron suggested Robert & Tim Pinske as potential nominees. There's also been a nomination of Relentless Yankee.

Ulf mentioned the possibility of paying mileage or per diem to board members for meetings, after brief discussion the idea was dropped.

Future meetings: December 7th at Perkins in Faribault, January 11th at Perkins in Lakeville, both at 7:00 p.m.

Jessica moved to adjourn, 2nd by Cindy & carried.