

Special MHRI Board of Directors Meeting  
September 26, 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

Mark called the meeting to order 10:00

Discussion 2016 Running Aces dates:

Running Aces is concerned about the horse population and doesn't want to extend into September due to the shortage of temporary help that time of year. They have no interest in going past Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>. They're willing to open 14 to 18 days prior to the meet to allow horses to ship in for the meet & train.

We discussed the possible effect of the Chicago situation could have on us & the horse population.

Aces would like to have opening night on May 24<sup>th</sup> with the track open for trainers on May 8<sup>th</sup>.

Kyle proposed taking 4 Wednesdays from July & add them in September to extend the meet September 4, 6, 7, & 10<sup>th</sup>. He stated it's a better product with fuller fields and better handle and would be easier on the horses.

We are looking into rule changes to allow us to hold several fall events at Running Aces instead of at the fairs. We talked about the cost and surveying membership via e-mail for feedback on this proposal.

Mark asked Greg to check with our accountant about the consequences of having Dan work as a private contractor instead of as an employee. Jessica will check with Royal & Roger Roland as well.