

MHRI Board meeting  
Saturday, August 20, 2016  
Running Aces Horsemen's room

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

Absent: None      Guest: Ben Blum

Mark moved to adopt the agenda which was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Justin & carried.

Review of minutes Mark moved to approve the amended minutes 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ulf & carried.

Treasurer's report by Greg Budach with a motion to approve by Rick, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vern & carried.

Director's report – Dan reported on the commission meeting reviewing the ADW rules. They did a line by line review. He communicated with the commission on the number of mares bred which is up substantially due to the increase in purses.

Dan also commented on the Charlie Hare memorial and mentioned it was very successful with a large group of family & friends in the winner's circle. He also commented on the upcoming sale at Simon's stating that the catalog is complete & available on-line. He will let everyone know when the hard copy comes in.

Marketing report: Jessica talked about charity night & its success. We raised between \$1,500 & \$1,600 with a few small issues. We need to advertise better next year with someone to take the clear lead.

Jessica found a deal at Big Dee's on trophy blankets with a harness bag & lead rope for finals night. She will get them ordered & Dan will get them lettered.

We discussed finals night & Ben showed up to talk about conditions & how to fill races with the goal of the best possible show still honoring our commitment to the program. We will be short horses in the 2 year old trot. All other classes should have enough to fill with the need to combine sexes into one class for aged trotters. We discussed all of our options to get to 11 races with only enough for 9 full fields. We decided to have the 2 year old trotters combine and race as a non-betting race with each sex racing for their full \$25,000 as advertised. Nancy will write a MN. Owned or bred class as well as an open Trot & open Pace to see what fills & complete the card. We discussed allowing MN. Breds that don't meet the eligibility requirements for finals night to enter in order to make up to a 9 horse field with at least 8 betting interests. **Jessica motioned to allow MN Bred horses to enter into the finals night classes even though they don't meet the requirements to make up to a 9 horse field with at least 8 betting interests. Those horses must draw outside post positions, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark & carried.**

**Michael moved that bonuses will be paid the same as the current restricted MN bred classes for 2 & 3 year olds with \$600 for the 6<sup>th</sup> place horse & \$200 each for the 7, 8, & 9. Jessica 2<sup>nd</sup> & the motion carried.**

Ron questioned the purses at the fairs & why the A trot went for less than the A pace? This seems to be a change from a few years ago. The purse is set according to the rules we established in the condition book. We may need to address this in future years.

Mark mentioned the need for a closed board meeting to review the executive secretaries position as well as discussing & creating a negotiating committee to work on the new contract with Running Aces. He also mentioned the end of year picnic and asked that we pick a date for that event. Cindy will check on the availability of food for up to 70 people. A tentative date is set for Monday the 29<sup>th</sup>. Next meeting Sunday August 28<sup>th</sup> 2:00 p.m. **Justin moved to adjourn, with Jessica 2<sup>nd</sup> & carried.**

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