

**MHRI Board Meeting**  
**Monday, August 13, 2018**  
**Horsemen's Lounge, Running Aces**

Present: Mark Corless, Jessica Johnson, Greg Budach, Nick Roland, Vern Devine, Cathy Dessert, Bob Lems, Rick Bertrand, Rick Magee, (Justin Anfinson & Kyle VanOtterloo via phone). Bob Schiewe

Absent: None

Called to order at 6:35 p.m.

Agenda: **Cathy Dessert moved to approve & Jessica Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> & it carried**

**Vern Devine moved to accept the minutes as amended from July which were 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cathy Dessert & it carried.**

Rick Bertrand spoke about Olivia in the test barn & mentioned that she is very interested in learning all she can about racing. She grooms & watches people's horses for them as needed. Rick asked that people tip her & use her as much as possible. He also asked if it was possible for MHRI to supplement her to guarantee a minimum amount so that she is encouraged to continue.

Mark suggested we supplement what she makes up to \$50 per night if trainers don't tip her to that amount. We agreed to cover the difference if necessary.

Mark stated that Natalie would like to see racing under saddle offered at the fairs if possible.

Greg will check with Van Gundy to see whether we're covered under our insurance or if we would need a rider to cover. Everyone is favorable to move forward with this if possible.

We discussed the email Joe Scurto sent to Bob and agreed that Mark, Greg & Bob would address this & then respond after conferring with our lobbyist.

The negotiating committee survey results were shared with the board including comments.

Bob suggested we make a priority of the share we get of the export & suggested it may be a possible source of funding for the fairs.

He also thought more race days should be a priority.

We also need to protect purses for Minnesota Breds in our contract.

Bob will make contact with Sal Di Mario to see if he is willing to travel out here to help us with our negotiating.

Treasurers' report: **Bob Lems moved to approve the treasurer's report as submitted by Greg which was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rick Magee & it carried.**

Bob updated the board on the website & said it is up & running, he's looking for suggestions for content.

He intends to add a seasonal champion's page with info and pictures of the winners. Dee will supply the pictures at \$75 for each year.

**Bob Lems motioned to give Dee the \$75 once the project is completed, Cathy 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion which carried.**

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Bob will add anything we feel that we'd like to see on the pages as needed.

Mark spoke with Taro who mentioned they will break ground for the hotel as soon as the meet ends. They will be doing much updating to the facility.

Mark mentioned that he & Bob will be working on the exit survey with some help from Cathy.

Monthly purse fund discussion tabled until next month's meeting.

Jessica asked about the scholarship we have promised for the jog cart rides when Aces made the decision to discontinue jog cart rides. She asked if we should ask Aces to pay ½ of the scholarship.

We scheduled a meeting for the negotiating committee for Monday August 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30.

Next board meeting September 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at Aces.

Rick Bertrand expressed concerns about the Mn Bred/Owned/Aged classes & what Ben has planned.

**Bob Lems moved to adjourn which was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cathy Dessert & it carried.**