

MHRI Board Meeting
Monday, September 10, 2018
Horsemen's Lounge, Running Aces

Present: Mark Corless, Jessica Johnson, Nick Roland, Bob Lems, Rick Magee, Rick Bertrand, Cathy Dessert, Justin Anfinson, Greg Budach, Bob Schiewe

Absent: Kyle VanOtterloo, Vern Devine

Called to order at 6:35 p.m.

Cathy Dessert moved to approve the agenda which was 2nd by Jessica Johnson & it carried.

Cathy Dessert moved to approve the August minutes which was 2nd by Bob Lems & it carried.

We discussed the insurance claim from Brian Detgen for his race bike.

Nick Roland moved to pay Brian the full claim of \$1,500 for his destroyed race bike which was 2nd by Jessica Johnson & it carried.

We discussed the race secretary & classification issues at length & the need to raise our concerns with Taro. Rick Bertrand mentioned that he knows of several trainers who plan to address their concerns directly with Taro. We agreed that our first priority is to deal with the new contract then we can approach Ben & Taro to deal with conditions and other related issues.

Bob Schiewe had responded as directed to Joe Scurto's letter & request last Friday & he will keep the board informed once he hears back from Joe.

Mark expressed his concerns to the board about personal comments made on social media and asked that board members be careful on what they post that they are representing their own personal view & not that of MHRI.

Breeders advisory committee report: Bob Lems reported that the committee is looking at moving foal registration up to as early as August of the year foaled so they can get a better handle on foal numbers. Ben expressed concerns about Minnesota bred classes and his desire to get 9 horse fields and to require splits at 14.

We discussed our priorities for the contract negotiations.

#1 – Protect the Minnesota bred 2 & 3-year-old classes

#1A – Ask for 20% (up from 15%) from overnight funds for restricted Minnesota bred races

#1B – Ask for 5% (Down from 8%) for bonus & incentives for Minnesota bred

#2 – Request more days (ask for 6) tied to asking for higher % of export

#3 – Ask for a higher % of card club revenue

#4 – Open backside at 21 days instead of 14

Mark has a tentative meeting set with Taro for Saturday the 29th of September. Sal Di Mario will come & help us with the negotiations. Greg, Mark, Bob S. & Sal will meet with Taro & Ben.

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Cathy Dessert moved & Bob Lems 2nd the treasurer's report which carried.

Purse fund report: Average starter's per race 6.71 for 3 year olds & 7.23 for 2 year olds. Bob is preparing a more comprehensive report for our next meeting.

Jessica mentioned her concerns about Joe Scurto naming some of our awards & races. The MRC is giving some awards but we are as well.

Rick Bertand asked about trainer/driver awards based on % instead of number of wins etc. He suggested changing the current format with a minimum number of starts.

Next meeting set for Tuesday October 2nd at Faribault Perkins at 6:30 p.m.

Jessica mentioned that Matt Myers (longtime Summer Fling owner) passed away. Bob will send whatever is appropriate.

Jessica Johnson moved to adjourn which was 2nd by Bob Lems & it carried.