

**MHRI Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, November 13, 2018**  
**Perkins Restaurant, Faribault, MN**

Present: Mark Corless, Kyle VanOtterloo, Cathy Dessert, Vern Devine, Greg Budach, Bob Schiewe  
Via Phone: Bob Lems, Justin Anfinson, Nick Roland, Jessica Johnson, Rick Magee, & Rick Bertrand  
Absent: None  
Called to order at 6:45 p.m.

Agenda: **Cathy Dessert moved to approve the agenda which was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kyle VanOtterloo & it carried.**

October 2<sup>nd</sup> minutes: **Cathy Dessert moved to approve which was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vern Devine & it carried.**

October 23<sup>rd</sup> minutes: **Cathy Dessert moved to approve which was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vern Devine & it carried.**

Treasurers' report: **Vern Devine moved to approve the treasurer's report which was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cathy Dessert & it carried.**

Monthly purse report: Bob is working to develop a comprehensive purse report for future meetings.

Discussion: Sal Di Mario suggested that we work with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture to possibly develop a stakes program.

Overall everyone agreed that we should explore this. Bob will contact our lobbyist to explore the possibility.

We discussed voting procedures and agreed that the system is OK but we need to make sure that the window of opportunity is large enough for all members.

Mark will send a notice through Bob vis e-mail requesting nominations. We discussed the questions we ask of the candidates and the need to not limit the responses.

Annual meeting discussion: We have booked Vannelli's in Forest Lake this year due to conflicts at Running Aces.

Mark suggested inviting Mike Tanner from the USTA and Rick Magee is going to ask Ron Burke or Dave Palone to attend.

The HHI annual meeting is in February in Florida and we discussed sending Bob to the meeting. Mark suggested sending a member of our board as well. Cathy volunteered to go representing our board with no opposition from anyone on the board.

**Jessica moved to send a representative from our board, (this year Cathy) to the annual meeting yearly. Vern 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion & it carried.**

We discussed the requirements for getting a starters license and who would be willing to pursue that as Conrad is ready to retire.

The test requires 50 days of practice in a starting car alongside a starter & passing a written exam. Michael Banitt and Andrew Anfinson both expressed interest. We would need to help cover the cost incurred.

We discussed the vet at Running Aces & other than being very slow with the billing process no one had any serious complaints about the care or availability.

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We discussed the memo from the MRC regarding the breeder's fund. According to statute the breeder's awards cannot be distributed on county fair results.

Mark mentioned an idea on how the MRC staff could be evaluated by horsemen, the tracks, & others that depend on or interact with them.

Executive secretaries report: Bob has been exploring different options for purchasing a new laptop, looking into the best deals during Black Friday & Cyber Monday.

Summer Fling has been completed and the checks all mailed out to those that gave us addresses. One group earned around \$121 per individual & the other around \$35.

Bob had used the roster along with the Hoof Ball roster to invite them to the Breeders Crown event at Aces. Around 30 people showed up to the event where we provided hors d' oeuvres & drinks.

Bob talked about the sports betting work group that he has been attending and will continue to attend so we are represented in any future legislation.

President's report: Mark gave the letter of support to the MRC for our 2019 race dates as well as simulcast approval.

The Hotel has started construction and there will be an official ground breaking on Thursday at 10:00 a.m. Mark plans to attend.

Taro expressed an interest in acquiring up to 3 horses with trainers for a corporate sponsorship for the 2019 season. We need more info of what his expectations are as well as what's involved. Mark will have Taro contact Rick Magee & Jessica Johnson to discuss in more detail.

We agreed to have both the December & January meetings via teleconference unless something would change. Also plan to have board items delivered at least by the Friday before scheduled meetings.

Next meeting set for Tuesday December 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M.

Jessica moved to adjourn which was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cathy & it carried.