

MHRI Board Meeting  
Tuesday, January 15, 2019  
Teleconference

Present: Mark Corless, Kyle Van Otterloo, Cathy Dessert, Vern Devine, Greg Budach, Justin Anfinson, Bob Schiewe  
Nick Roland, Jessica Johnson, Rick Magee, & Rick Bertrand

Absent: Bob Lems

Called to order at 6:45 p.m.

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

December 10th minutes: **Cathy Dessert moved to approve the minutes after amended to remove the vets name from the discussion which was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark Corless & carried.**

Treasurers' report: **Cathy Dessert moved to approve the treasurers' report which was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nick Roland & carried.**

Discussion of Bob's request to add health insurance coverage to his compensation package:

Bob has found health insurance at a cost of \$548 per month & asked if we would cover that for him.

We discussed paying for all or at least a portion of this coverage. After discussion, **Cathy moved to reimburse Bob for the full amount of health insurance coverage up to \$548 per month. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rick Magee & carried.**

Annual meeting discussion: Bob reported that preparations for the annual meeting are going well. Donations have come in from Houle's and Purina and Bob is asking Running Aces for some type of donation. Bob and Cathy will contact stallion owners for the auction.

Rick Magee stated that all the major players will be in Florida for the USHWA Dan Patch awards so noe would be available to speak at our annual meeting. Bob S. suggested we ask Minnesota racing Commissioner Lane to speak and everyone agreed to have Bob line that up.

Bob mentioned that he spent quite a bit of time talking with Darin Gagne regarding him emceeding at our meeting. Darin is flattered that we invited him and is looking forward to the event.

We discussed the Hall of Fame & the nomination of Goody Two Socks who recently passed.

Mark would like to see us develop solid criteria for Hall of Fame candidates in the future. Jessica, Cathy, Greg, & Mark volunteered to participate in the Hall of Fame committee for working up suggested criteria.

**Jessica moved to induct Goody Two Socks into the Immortal Hall of Fame in 2019 which was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vern & carried.**

Rick Bertrand brought up discussion on the new microchip identifier on horses that the USTA has implemented. He mentioned concerns that have developed due to the ability to get temperature and other readings from the chip.

Exit interview discussion: Mark requested permission to share the results with Running Aces and everyone agreed excluding the remarks about MHRI.

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Purse report: as of 12/31/18 the card club generated revenues of 36,800,504 and our purses ended underpaid by \$440,000 for the year. We should expect purse increases for 2019. Ben would like to meet weekly to make sure we are paying out purses as close as possible.

President's report: Mark & Bob met with Taro and staff about fractional ownership & that funds would be paid out of Running Aces publicity funds. They mentioned sponsor decals to be worn by the drivers and no specific Horses or drivers required.

Jessica mentioned the need to get the final Trotting & pacing numbers from the finals for the breeders fund committee & chair McArdle. Bob will report back after making contact.

Rick Bertrand volunteered another horse for Summer Fling again this year. Jessica clarified that we need to secure horses before we offer shares to potential participants. We also need to invite them to the annual meeting.

Rick also mentioned that he spoke with Roger Huston about possibly coming to Aces as a guest announcer next summer.

Jessica mentioned that Darin was a little offended the last time something like that happened. We discussed and determined that if we do anything like that, we need to involve Darin & Ben. We also posed the question about the possibility of Foiled Again making an appearance in 2019.

Next meeting Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> at the annual meeting.

Justin Anfinson moved to adjourn which was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rick Bertrand & carried.