

MHRI Board meeting
Tuesday April 9, 2019
Teleconference

Present: Mark Corless, Kyle VanOtterloo, Cathy Dessert, Greg Budach, Bob Schiewe, Nick Roland, Jessica Johnson, & Rick Bertrand

Absent: Scott Banitt, Rick Magee, Justin Anfinson, Bob Lems

Called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Agenda: Jessica Johnson moved to approve the agenda which was 2nd by Rick Bertrand after addition of Summer Fling update, Vote Totals discussion & Executive secretary review & carried.

March 12th minutes: Nick Roland moved to approve after Mark Corless asked to include names & last initial of board members mentioned in all minutes which was 2nd by Cathy Dessert & carried.

We discussed the idea of supporting County Fair racing at Rice Lake and USTA medication rules.

Cathy Dessert moved to approve the treasurer's report which was 2nd by Rick Bertrand and carried.

We expressed concerns about the language used and what the ban would mean. Bob S. will ask for more details.

Bob S. mentioned that Rick Bertrand and Robin Clements have both offered horses for Summer Fling. We need to determine how many participants we can support. We will continue to look for more horses to participate to help meet the demand. Bob had discussed the 70/30 plan with Robin and agreed that we could go as high as 35 participants on each horse. He also suggested that we may need to award shares based on a lottery if we can't get more horses. Rick B. suggested we award participation based on the first 70 that sign up.

Rick B. suggested that those involved with Summer Fling meet to discuss it in the next few days. (Jessica J. Bob S. Rick B. & Cathy D.)

We discussed and agreed that we should review the executive secretary position on a regular basis. We tabled further discussion until we meet in person.

Director comments: Cathy Dessert thanked the board for the flowers sent in memory of her sister-in-law.

Jessica Johnson talked briefly about having a special day in honor of anyone who adopts a Standardbred. We tabled this for discussion at future meetings.

Rick Bertrand mentioned the Running Aces/Cal Expo bonus. He mentioned how the incentive might work better if designed to attract more horses from everywhere and not just California.

Next meeting, May 13th or possibly the 9th at Running Aces horsemen's lounge 6:30 P.M.

Cathy Dessert moved to adjourn which was 2nd by Nick Roland & carried.

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