

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
Scott Banitt, Rick Magee, Justin Anfinson, Bob Lems

Absent:

Guest: Ulf & Susan Holm-Johannsen, Brian Detgen

Called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Agenda: **Mark Corless moved to approve the amended agenda which was 2nd by Bob Lems & carried.**

April 9th minutes: **Bob Lems moved to approve which was 2nd by Cathy Dessert & carried.**

No member comments

Cathy and Bill Dessert purchased the antique sulky that had been on display at Canterbury and donated it to MHRI for display at Running Aces. They do not wish any special recognition and they will supply the story involved with the sulky.

Discussion on Minnesota restricted races with 11 entries: Ben would like to split with 7 and have the remaining 4 compete in an undercard. Statute won't allow more than a 10 horse field on a 5/8 mile track. There are so many variables that can make for a bad race; it will be very difficult to have one rule that works for all scenarios. We discussed suggesting a 6:5 split by A/B or a 7:4 with the undercard going for the full purse splitting by sex if possible. We need to have someone present at the draws. Nick Roland, Rick Magee, and Justin Anfinson volunteered to be at the draws.

We discussed the county fairs and the need to secure the judges, starters, announcer etc. Greg will take the entries & contact Dave Pagel and Conrad Rapp to see if they could start one more year.

Jessica Johnson mentioned that she would be willing to learn e-track to make the programs.

We discussed Running Aces request to share the marketing cost of bringing Roger Huston to Minnesota this summer. They also requested \$500 for Fantasy League. Jessica suggested that we offer to support them if they will help support us at the horse expo.

Bob will respond asking for help with the horse expo as well as past promotions that we have already paid for. We should be able to collect the \$500 for Fantasy League from Aces out of the \$500 that they owe us for Hoofball. **Rick Bertrand Moved & Jessica Johnson 2nd that we have Bob pursue that action and the motion carried.**

The track committee consists of Gerry Longo, Justin Anfinson, Rick Magee, & Steve Wiseman. The drivers committee consists of Rick Magee, Nick Roland, & Steve Wiseman. They have had some discussions with the judges regarding weather and track conditions.

Rick Magee moved and Bob Lems 2nd approval for the Treasurers report which carried.

Bob mentioned the need to pay for new colors for the leading Driver and trainer from Last year. Running Aces we cover half of the cost.

Rick Magee suggested that we try to dialogue with the Indians at Hinckley about working together for a common good.

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Bob mentioned the possibility of a horse being contaminated with the EHV virus and that testing is being done. If positive it could shut down the backside for up to 21 days due to quarantine. We need to be prepared for an emergency meeting if necessary.

Jessica Johnson proposed that we meet on Saturday if there is a positive test.

We discussed the need for a new double jog cart, one is broken & the 2nd is getting worn. We agreed that we may need to make suggestions to Running Aces. Pennsbury would be the model of choice. Mark will talk with Taro to discuss the needs.

Mark suggested recognizing Ron Banks and Vern Devine for their years of service on our board of directors. He suggested naming a race in their honor and presenting them with a plaque.

Bob talked about his leaving MHRI for the position at the MRC. He believes it will be a positive change for MHRI although he's conflicted about leaving. He will start his new position with the MRC on June 5th.

We had a brief discussion regarding Bob's potential replacement and having them sign a non-disclosure agreement.

We will meet on the 26th to discuss advertising for the position. We agreed that the officers can make the decision on hiring Mikaela as the Interim replacement for Bob.

Next meeting, June 20th at Running Aces horsemen's lounge 6:30 P.M.

Cathy Dessert moved to adjourn which was 2nd by Jessica Johnson & carried.

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