

MHRI Board meeting
Thursday July 25th, 2019

Present: Mark Corless, Cathy Dessert, Greg Budach, Nick Roland, Jessica Johnson, Rick Bertrand, Rick Magee, Bob Lems, with Justin Anfinson, & Kyle VanOtterloo (via telephone). Patty Strand

Absent: Scott Banitt (Happy Anniversary)

Guest: Ulf Holm-Johansen, David Ginter, Darryl Wright

Called to order at 6:35 p.m.

Agenda approved after addition of Summer Fling discussion, MN Bred conditions & Bonus, Statute amendments, Hambo party & season end cookout.

Cathy Dessert moved to approve the agenda which was 2nd by Rick Bertrand & carried.

Rick Magee moved to approve the June minutes which was 2nd by Bob Lems & carried.

No Member comments

Discussed the double seat jog cart from Superior Sulky, cost would be \$1295 & Running Aces would be willing to split the cost with us.

Jessica Johnson moved to go ahead and order the jog cart as proposed which was 2nd by Cathy Dessert & carried.

Patty will work with Mikaela and get this ordered.

Track Committee – Ulf attended the last meeting which was focused on stalls and who is occupying the stalls. He mentioned the meeting was not well attended. We just need to contact Ben when we want to have a meeting. Patty will contact Ben & try for 1:30 on Saturday.

Summer Fling discussion- Greg inquired whether the bonus, (MN Bred & Cal Expo) be included in the distribution to Summer Fling participants. Robin Clements had already agreed to include the bonus for I'm Blue Too, Rick Bertand agreed to include the California bonus for Fox Valley Hoss as well.

Greg will start distribution the 70% share to the horse owners & will wait till the end of the meet to distribute to the Summer Fling participants.

Condition Sheet discussion: They agreed to write separate colt & filly divisions & the race office will contact Rick M., Nick R., & Justin A. if the races don't fill and need adjustment.

The contract states the when conditions change they need to open up new conditions to all. Justin will contact Ben and get him to send his agreement regarding MN bred conditions via email so we have record of it.

Statute/Rule change discussion: Rick Magee would like to see the rules changed regarding trainers licenses which now results in a lot of (Silent trainers). Rules usually take more than a year to get changed.

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Hambo Party again this year in the horsemen's lounge? Greg will contact Patty with info from last year's party

Season end party will be the final Monday before finals week. (September 9th)

Bob Lems moved to approve the Treasurer's report which was 2nd by Nick Roland & carried.

Bob Lems suggested we look at moving the 2 year old races from Tuesday nights to one of the weekend days next year.

Patty's new email is working. Patty.strand@mnharness.com.

We discussed the rules regarding MN bred preference & that we could remove (date) from the language & it would solve many problems. (Horses that win two MN Bred races in a row "in the top class").

Next meeting, August 12th at Running Aces horsemen's lounge 6:30 P.M.

Nick Roland moved to adjourn which was 2nd by Jessica Johnson & carried.

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