

MHRI Board meeting  
Monday August 12th, 2019

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

Absent:

Called to order at 6:35 p.m.

Agenda: Cathy questioned posting to our website & how editing is done.

Mark Corless moved to approve the agenda which was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cathy Dessert & carried.

Cathy Dessert moved to approve the July minutes which was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jessica Johnson & carried.

No Members present for comments.

Breeders fund discussion: Contract calls for 20% plus 5% for Minnesota restricted horses. We need to clarify where the 5% is being used exactly. It should not be going into MN preferred races where open horses have access to those funds. Are MN breders getting bonus money when the race is written as a MN preferred event which includes open company?

We need to make sure that the purses are maintained at \$40,000 or above regardless of how the MRC splits the breeders fund money.

Track committee report: 10 horse fields will be held earlier in the program & N.W. of 1-2 as well as 2 year olds classes will not have 10 horse fields. & horse fields should not be opened up to get 10 horses.

Coupled entries are only allowed in open races But the MRC allows for a variance to uncouple any race as needed. Rick Magee will talk with Renee (MRC presiding judge) about uncoupling.

Discussed the need for trainers to be sure & tape their front halter hangers every time.

Running Aces was asked about having two days of qualifiers but they will not accommodate that.

Special events are excluded from sit out rules.

Trash in manure dumpsters is becoming a problem, Aces will start fining those caught putting trash in with the manure.

Patty will communicate to all that they will start getting fined if this doesn't change.

Mark Corless suggested talking with Taro about what's happening with the condition sheet and working towards making changes improvements.

California bonus- MN bonus' are ending due to cheating on ownerships.

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Discussion regarding weather warning delays: Patty will follow up with Ben Blum to follow up with the MRC about delay issues due to weather etc. regarding Lasix etc.

The two seat jog cart is being made and should be ready by next week.

Sulky accident claim: Don Harmons bike was destroyed in a race. He purchased it new in 2015 for \$3,000.

Jessica Johnson moved to reimburse Don \$1500 for his bike under our insurance plan which was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark Corless & carried.

Mark stated his view on exit interviews, He is not able to continue doing them the same as he has in the past.

He would be willing to right up the questionnaire for Patty to distribute & collect them all. It was agreed that this might work out better for trainers giving the more time to think about their response.

Championship night plans: Patty will ask Ben about the possibility of a consolation classes for horses that don't draw into the finals.

It was suggested that Patty post the running status of the top 9 horses in each class so people will know where they sit.

Patty will work with Jessica Johnson & Cathy Dessert to plan for prize packages for the winners in finals night.

Cathy Dessert will get a large printed (Dummy) check to present to the stallion owners in the winner's circle for the finals as well.

Mark Coreless moved to approve the treasurer's report which was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rick Bertrand & carried.

Mark Coreless briefed the group on the medication rules update. They are suggesting that trainers will need to keep treatment record on every horse they train. NSAID rules will require much lower levels. There appears to have been no contact with treating vets regarding treatment levels.

We discussed reviewing job duties for our executive secretary and coming up with a list of duties so she has better direction.

Rick Bertrand commented on clarification of racing (In foal) mares. Beginning next year you will be able to race bred mares in claimers.

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

Next meeting, September 5<sup>th</sup> at Running Aces horsemen's lounge 6:30 P.M.

Jessica Johnson moved to adjourn which was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Lems & carried.

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