

MHRI Board Meeting

January 14, 2020 Tuesday

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

Justin Anfinson called the meeting to order

Nick Roland moved to approve the agenda which was 2nd by Kyle VanOtterloo & carried.

Mark Corless moved to approve the December minutes which was 2nd by Scott Banitt & carried.

No members present for comments

Justin updated the board on our meeting with Running Aces on January 10th. They are proposing an updated version of the horsemen's manual. Ben is looking for a couple of board members to review once the draft is complete. He invited our input with stall applications again this year.

We discussed several MRC issues that will need to be addressed, Coupling entries and the TCO2 level rules. There will also be a new presiding judge this year.

Justin asked for two volunteers to review the horsemen's manual draft prior to it being finalized. Jessica Johnson & Rick Bertrand agreed to work with Ben on the draft. They will submit the draft to the board once finished.

We discussed our by-laws for possible review and discussion and changes at the annual meeting. We need to look into how we nominate and vote for board members (limited to the annual meeting).

We discussed the letter that Mark Corless drafted regarding medication rules to the MRC as directed by the board. We agreed to take a week to review and then vote via e-mail on whether to submit it to the MRC.

We discussed the annual meeting:

Patty presented a tentative agenda and mentioned that Darin is willing to come and MC our meeting again this year. He agreed to create videos of the winners again. We are planning to start the meeting a little earlier and plan for a 1 ½ hour segment for awards.

Patty will make the necessary adjustments to the agenda and share with the group.

Ron Banks will be there to auctioneer & Cindy Ivy is willing to take photographs.

Cathy Dessert is making contact with Stallion owners to solicit auction donations.

We discussed Hall of fame nominations.

Kyle VanOtterloo nominated Restless Yankee to the living Hall of Fame which was 2nd by Jessica Johnson & carried.

Kyle VanOtterloo will take the lead on the induction and ask Darin to help with collecting information.

We need to communicate our Minnesota bred schedule to the USTA.

We discussed Finals night races and agreed all divisions will go for \$60,000.

We discussed the need to plan for goals for the board and review of Patty and agreed to work on it for the March meeting.

Mark Corless moved to approve the December treasurer's report which was 2nd by Cathy Dessert and carried.

Bob Schiewe had sent a suggestion for us to consider raising funds for aftercare for Standardbreds.

Patty & Cathy will meet with Bob to get more clarity.

Patty is working on the condition book along with help from Jessica Johnson, Justin Anfinson, & Kyle VanOtterloo. Mark Corless suggested contacting Ben Blum to confirm Minnesota Bred dates.

Next board meeting will be scheduled at the annual meeting in February.

Jessica Johnson moved to adjourn which was 2nd by Bob Lems & carried.