

## MHRI Board Meeting

December 17, 2019 Tuesday

Jointly submitted by Patty Strand and Cathy Dessert

Present: Justin Anfinson, Scott Bannitt, Greg Budach by telephone, Mark Corless by telephone, Cathy Dessert, Nick Roland by telephone, Rick Magee by telephone, Rick Bertrand by telephone, Bob Lems by telephone, Patty Strand.

Justin Anfinson called the meeting to order

December agenda was approved

November minutes were approved

No members were present for comment.

Reelection of members was discussed. Directors whose terms expire are Justin Anfinson, Greg Budach, Kyle Van Otterloo, and Bob Lems. Notification will be posted on Facebook and emailed to the membership. Candidates should fill out a questionnaire, which is available from Patty Strand.

The Board discussed the details of the MHRI Annual Meeting to be held on February 22, 2020 at Vanelli's in Forest Lake. We will ask Darin to mc the awards. USTA Director Ivan Axelrod will be the guest speaker. Awards will be presented to 2 and 3 year old MN bred winners. and MN Aged champions. Service awards were discussed and it was decided to set up criteria before presenting any awards. There will be a raffle and auction items being collected by Patty. Proceeds will be used by MHRI. Stallion auction proceeds will be used to provide awards to the MN Champion sires.

MN Racing Hall of Fame nominations are being taken, the deadline is January 15.

The treasurer's report was approved.

Patty presented the monthly purse fund report. Patty has revised the format.

Our accountant will do the MHRI taxes.

Mark will work on a position paper to describe how Standardbreds differ from Thoroughbreds using scientific research.

Justin said there were unpaid driver's fees that MHRI is responsible to pay.

Cathy reported on the continuing rule changes from the racing commission. Most recent discussion was about Breeders Fund changes. The Breeders fund Advisory. Committee is in agreement with the changes.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at 7:00 PM. It will be held at The Mill St. Tavern in Cannon Falls.

The meeting was adjourned.