

MHRI Board Meeting

March 17, 2020 Tuesday

Teleconference

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

Justin Anfinson called the meeting to order

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

Mark Corless moved to approve the January board minutes which was 2nd by Jessica Johnson & carried.

Annual Meeting review- We discussed how the meeting went overall, possibly moving the date to earlier in February to avoid conflicts with the HHI and awards meeting in Florida. We looked at tentatively Feb. 13th as first choice next year or the 20th as second choice. Rick Bertand expressed some concern over it being Valentines weekend. We should probably save the Horse of the year and Hall of Fame presentation to the end of the awards ceremony.

We need to form a Hall of Fame and horse of the year committee for future meetings. Jessica Johnson, Cathy Dessert, Nick Roland, & Mark Corless all volunteered to serve on that committee.

We discussed the effect that the COVID-19 virus will have on Running Aces and our meet this year.

Minnesota Horse expo has been cancelled and we will eventually be getting a refund. AJ Fetterly would like us to purchase stall curtains with our refund money. We tabled the discussion until the next meeting.

We discussed starters and drivers for the fairs. Scott Banitt has had some conversations with Conrad Rapp and it sounds like he & Dave Pagel would be interested in doing it again. We discussed the option of having Michael Banitt and Andrew Anfinson serve as backup on a limited basis. We also discussed the need to make sure the gate is fully operational.

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

Jessica Johnson, Cathy Dessert, & Patty Strand provided a recap of the HHI Conference. Most states are experiencing negative growth; Minnesota is one of the few that could report positive numbers.

They had an opportunity to talk with Tony Simone of Illinois. Cathy mentioned that most groups have a lobbyist as well as support a PAC. They spent some time with Kim Harkness of "The Meadows" who might make a great potential speaker at our annual meeting.

Overall it is good that we are part of HHI and it was a beneficial experience.

Election of officers:

Mark Corless nominated Greg Budach as Secretary/Treasurer which was 2nd by Cathy Dessert.

With no other nominees Mark Corless then moved to close which was 2nd by Justin Anfinson & carried.

Cathy Dessert nominated Justin Anfinson as President which was 2nd by Mark Corless.

Mark Corless then moved to close the nominations with no others received which was 2nd by Cathy Dessert & carried.

Mark Corless nominated Cathy Dessert for Vice President which was 2nd by Bob Lems and with no others nominated Mark moved to close the nominations which was 2nd by Kyle VanOtterloo and carried.

We agreed to a tentative date for the next board meeting of April 8th at 7:00 p.m. via Teleconference.

Mark Corless moved to close the meeting which was 2nd by Cathy Dessert and carried.