

February 23, 2021 Tuesday

7:00 P.M. via ZOOM

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

Absent: Bob Lems

Agenda: Add discussion on Clenbuterol and updating our By-Laws. **Cathy Dessert moved to approve the agenda which was 2nd by Mark Corless & carried.**

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

We discussed the condition book for 2021- Patty had sent to all for review to continue with Minnesota bred condition plans for 2021.

We discussed county fairs. Scott Banitt will check with Cannon Falls for dates & availability with early qualifiers in May. We plan to continue to avoid conflicts with Running Aces dates. Possible qualifiers on May 8th & 11th. Qualifiers at Aces are May 7th & 12th also June 14th & 21st for two year olds. St. Peter would tentatively be August 11th and Wheaton September 25th & 26th.

Kyle VanOtterloo, Jessica Johnson, Rick Bertrand, & Patty will work on the scheduling and adjustment details for MN. Breds to present to the board at the next meeting.

We discussed Summer Fling and agreed that we need to offer it again for 2021. Rick Bertrand has a horse he would put into the program and we'd like to get one more. Jessica Johnson offered to help find a horse and manage the program.

Mark Corless moved & Jessica Johnson 2nd to approve the treasurer's report which was given by Greg Budach which then carried.

Cathy Dessert mentioned the report that the USTA sent to all state racing & gaming commissions concerning universal drug testing- The MRC passed the info on to the state vet. Lynn Hovda challenged the validity of the study. As of now we will not be allowed to race horses that are on Clenbuterol. Jessica Johnson mentioned the challenges when purchasing a horse from another jurisdiction that allows Clenbuterol.

Mark Corless suggested that we make contact with the vet that Cathy & Jessica had talked with in Florida that challenges the ARCI findings. The MRC has the ability to opt out of their rules. Steve May has asked how we feel about the ARCI.

Patty and Cathy will pursue help with challenging the desire for the MRC to join ARCI.

Next board meeting Tuesday March 23rd, 7:00 P.M.

Mark Corless moved to adjourn which was 2nd by Cath Dessert & carried