

Board Meeting

February 15, 2022 Tuesday- 7:00 P.M. (Zoom)

Present: Greg Budach, Cathy Dessert, Rick Magee, Kyle VanOtterloo, Bob Lems, Rick Bertrand, Nick Roland, Jessica Johnson, Kyle VanOtterloo, Scott Banitt, Justin Anfinson, Kevin Decker

Absent:

The agenda was approved after a motion by Mark Corless, 2nd by Rick Bertrand adding an update on the rescued horse and update on election status.

Mark Corless moved to approve the minutes from the January 18th meeting with a second by Rick Bertrand the motion carried.

We discussed proposed condition changes that Steve Carpenito presented. Justin asked about points vs. dollars in figuring awards for Minnesota bred horses. The suggestion was made to tabulate money earned at Running Aces in Minnesota restricted races only except for the aged horses. In their case all money earned at Running Aces would count.

We discussed some of the language used in the condition book; in particular the paragraph regarding 6 separate betting interests is questionable.

Also if not eligible for the final horses would also not be eligible for the consolation.

Jessica, Justin, & Kevin will make contact with Steve Carpenito to clarify the rules so we don't end up with horses being scratched again this year.

Kevin will ask Aces for their pocket book calendar so we can work on the schedule for Minnesota Breds.

Annual Meeting discussion:

The catering is all set and we just need to finalize the agenda. Jessica is working on the stallion auction and is looking for ideas on other items to auction.

Dee Leftwitch, Jason Landers, and others are donating services. Jessica Schroeder from the USTA will be here to speak.

Treasurer's report: Mark Corless moved with Cathy Dessert 2nd approval of the treasurer's report as presented by Greg Budach which carried.

The horse we paid to rescue has been saved but we are awaiting word on where he's at.

New board member nominees include: Jeff Ryan, Rick Magee, Dan Roland, Vikkie Pfeilsticker, Robin Becklin, & Brian Deten.

Running Aces is working on a new starter, gate driver, and track manager with the retirement of John Betts.

The new Paddock judge will be Melody Moore. Patty Strand will be the identifier and has a consulting role with Running Aces.

Jessica asked Kevin Decker to send his Bio to her so she can share on Facebook.

Summer Fling discussion: There is still plenty of interest but we need to do a better job of marketing and managing it.

Jessica, Kevin, & Rick Bertrand will discuss more details on Summer Fling and bring it to our next meeting.

Justin Anfinson and Patty Strand have both received calls based on the Running Aces banner placed on the USTA website.

Kyle VanOtterloo suggested that we consider increasing bonus for Minnesota Supplement money from 30% to 35% for the overnight bonus money.

Next meeting tentatively set for the afternoon break at the annual meeting on March 19th.

Cathy Dessert moved to adjourn which was 2nd by Mark Corless and carried.