

March 23, 2021 Tuesday

7:00 P.M. via ZOOM

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

Absent: Bob Lems, Nick Roland, Jessica Johnson

Agenda: Mark Corless moved to approve the agenda which was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cathy Dessert & carried.

Cathy Dessert moved to approve the February minutes which was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark Corless & carried.

By-Law review: Mark Corless explained the proposed by-law changes that he & Greg Budach had worked on.

Cathy Dessert moved to approve the changes to the By-Laws which better fit our current membership and voting plans. Scott Banitt 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion which carried.

We discussed the need to obtain accurate e-mail and physical address' for our members to properly distribute ballots.

Mark Corless and Greg Budach will present the changes at the annual meeting in May.

Condition Book discussion:

Justin mentioned that Steve Carpentino is willing to add money to splits if there are enough horses for two divisions on 2 & 3 year old Minnesota bred classes.

Cathy Dessert moved & Kyle VanOtterloo 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion to present our 2021 scenario B to Running Aces as presented by Kyle VanOtterloo to the group. Motion carried.

Please plan to make suggestions for condition book changes .

Rick Bertrand suggested that undercard races should race for the full purse. The condition book will need to remove the language of undercards racing as non-betting for reduced purses.

We talked about requesting a change the rule requiring horses being forced to draw outside after winning 3 races in a row.

Patty mentioned that she hadn't received any suggestions for changes to the condition book.

We discussed claimers racing for much larger purses than their value and talked about removing the language of NW of first money from the conditioned claimer conditions.

Kyle VanOtterloo suggested that \$5,000 claimers and above not race for more than 70% of their value & 3 claimers go for a minimum of \$2,500. He also suggested that maidens go for a minimum of \$3,000 and NW 1 no less than \$3,500.

Justin and Patty will communicate the suggestions to Steve C.

Horse Expo 2021 is set for July 23-25<sup>th</sup>. We decided not to attend this year due to conflicts with racing as well as questions regarding benefits vs. cost.

HHI annual meeting is scheduled for May which also conflicts with our racing. Patty will see if she can attend via Zoom.

We discussed a memorial for Steve Wiseman, Cathy Dessert had spoken with Taro who expressed interest in doing something to honor Steve. They are looking for ideas for something annually. Rick Bertrand will try to talk with Kathie Plested-Wiseman to inquire about her wishes as well.

By contract we have \$175,000 set aside for county fairs for 2021. We discussed raising the purses at the Cannon Falls & St. Peter meets.

We are set to have two early qualifying events at Cannon Falls on May 1 and May 8<sup>th</sup> offering \$1,000 purses with a 1 P.M. post time.

Mark Corless moved & Cathy Dessert 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the treasurer's report which was given by Greg Budach which then carried.

Next board meeting Tuesday April 20, 7:00 P.M.

Cathy Dessert moved to adjourn which was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott Banitt & carried