

June 23, 2021 Tuesday

7:00 P.M. via ZOOM

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

Absent: Jessica Johnson

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

Mark Corless moved to approve the June 23rd minutes which was 2nd by Bob Lems & carried.

Mark questioned the email that Patty composed to send regarding our issues with supporting the pick 4. Patty said it was sent but we have not received a response from Running Aces yet. Justin had called Steve Carpenito to explain that we are not continuing to support the pick 4 guarantee.

We table further discussion on the Executive director position until Jessica can be present.

We discussed reimbursing the top driver & trainer for cost of colors each year. The idea was first proposed by Running Aces so Patty will talk with Steve Carpenito about Aces covering ½ of the cost each year.

Mark Corless moved to reimburse up to \$700 for the top Trainer & Driver each year for new colors or a cash award of \$500 in place of colors, Nick Roland 2nd which carried.

We discussed the need for all board members to actively remind people to join MHRI for the insurance and other benefits.

Patty reminded all of the deadline to register foals of 2021 approaching on August 31. So far only 19 foals have been registered. She will post another reminder on our website and facebook.

Cathy mentioned that the racing commission will be looking at rules at the next commission meeting.

She also said that Taro had called her about the golf cart, as long as people will sign a waiver and show proof of vaccination the will restore use of the cart for the winners circle.

Cathy Dessert moved to approve the treasurers' report once emailed to the board which was 2nd by Mark Corless and carried.

Purse fund report: Kyle asked for clarity on where we are actually at so we don't end up short.

Cathy mentioned again about the use of social media by board members. We need to be very careful that our personal feelings our clearly kept separate from our position as a board member.

Kyle mentioned that he would like to see smaller stables represented for trainer and driver awards. He will present his ideas at the next board meeting.

Next meeting; to be in person at Running Aces horsemen's lounge on August 18th 2021 at 7:00 P.M.

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

