

November 3, 2021 Tuesday- 7:00 P.M. (Zoom)

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

Absent:

Mark Corless moved to approve the agenda which was 2nd by Kyle VanOtterloo & carried.

Minutes: Bob Lems moved to approve the minutes which was 2nd by Rick Bertrand & carried with one in opposition.

We discussed the live racing calendar for 2022.

Post times will move back to 7:00 p.m. Steve Carpenito believes it will help the handle as well as attendance.

Saturday handles averaged \$6,000 per race compared to \$16,000 per race on other days in 2019. On Track handle has always been week.

We discussed the possibility of switching the one Wednesday on the calendar to that Friday or May 15th; also ask about moving the consolation races from Sunday to Friday or starting on May 15th.

Also ask about adding another qualifier for 2 year olds on June 27th. Justin Anfinson will present our request to Steve C. & Taro and let us know their response.

We discussed proposed rule changes and the plan to require continuing education for trainers. The classes would be available on line; we need to check into reciprocity with other jurisdictions and whether that would be considered.

We discussed the need to voice our concerns about the proposed change from a minimum 8 race card down to 6 for a race day. Question the 10 day vets list instead of 7.

We also talked about other potential changes and need the commission to clarify that they are specific to Thoroughbreds and not inclusive of Standardbreds.

The claiming rule allowing a horse to leave after one start and moving the rule from 60 to 30 days also concerning.

Charging the gate rule is rather ambiguous and we need to question that as well.

Changing the whip sizes would be OK if they want to supply the whips. It would be nice if they looked at rules in other jurisdictions to follow within the industry. Their welt rules are also rather ambiguous.

Subpart 12: needs more clarification regarding double riders.

Medication rules regarding injections within 7 days of entry?

Discussion of executive secretary job description:

Mark will update the minor changes we discussed and get them back to the board. Greg will get the job posted with the USTA and on Facebook etc.

Applicants will send their info to Greg.

We discussed the salary being in the range of \$60,000 plus depending on experience.

We discussed Steve Carpenito's plan to attract new horses to Running Aces next year. His plan would cost \$146,000.

We have a lot of questions about how fair this would be to horsemen that have supported Aces over the years as compared to attracting new horses and horsemen.

We will invite Steve to our next board meeting so he can hear our concerns and make necessary changes before we agree to the additional cost.

We agreed to review the Night of champion's discussion at our next meeting.

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

Next board meeting Tentative for the week of December 7-9, depending on Steve Carpentino's schedule.

Cathy Dessert moved to adjourn with Scott Banitt 2nd & carried