

December 14, 2021 Tuesday- 7:00 P.M. (Zoom)

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

Absent:

Kevin Decker introduced himself to the group and gave a brief highlight of his experience.

We looked at the new proposal presented by Steve Carpenito regarding his incentive plans for 2022.

Under their plan Running Aces would contribute the first \$20,000 with a projected cost of \$120,000 awarding \$1,000 per horse.

Cathy mentioned the University of AZ. Racetrack symposium that she attended where she asked about the incentive plan that Running Aces has proposed. The feedback she received was favorable to the idea.

Rick Magee and Nick Roland both suggested stipulations to the plan.

#1-All horses (New or Returning) get the same incentive

#2- Running Aces match 50/50 with the contributions

#3- MHRI has input on stall allocations before approved

We discussed the conditions sheet that they have planned and the feeling is that it is not very inviting and is made to attract claimers.

Kyle suggested that Running Aces and MHRI spend \$2500 each to advertise and attract owners and trainers. With the expected purse increases of around 30%, we should be able to attract enough trainers to Minnesota.

He also suggested tying an incentive to a minimum number of starts by a certain date at Running Aces.

Concern was also expressed about too many new trainers coming and forcing existing trainers out that have been here from the beginning.

It was suggested that we put Steve Carpenito's contact info in any marketing that we do to determine the level of interest.

Mark Corless moved that Kyle and Justin along with Kevin contact Steve with an alternative to his plan proposing that we offer \$5,000 in matching funds o advertise through social media sites to attract trainers for the 2022 season. Also suggesting purses structure changes prior to advertising and any agreement on an incentive plan. Rick Magee 2nd & the motion carried.

Cathy Dessert mentioned that Running Aces has hired Patty Strand as a consultant to help in attracting new trainers.

We discussed Running Aces plan for late closers and that we'd like to see some changes with them as well.

Mark Corless moved to propose that all three Late Closers race for the same purse of \$35,000 and that we should check if the nomination fee goes towards the purse as well as having the final race on Sunday. 2nd by Rick Bertrand and carried.

We discussed ballots for board of directors voting for the annual meeting. We agreed that we should have a deadline of the first week of March. Greg will get what info he has to Kevin so he can start working on the ballots.

We discussed the "New" whipping rule implemented by the MRC for 2022. Questions for Bob Corey will be directed through Cathy.

Rick Magee moved that we donate \$750 to a go Fund Me account for Donna Holt who lost everything in the Tornado that swept through Kentucky, motion was 2nd by Scott Banitt and carried.

Mark Corless moved with Cathy Dessert 2nd to approve the minutes of our December 1st meeting which carried.

Cathy Dessert moved with Mark Corless 2nd to approve the treasurer's report which carried.

Next meeting scheduled for January 18th 2022

Cathy Dessert moved and Mark Corless 2nd approval of the Treasurer's report which carried.

Next meeting tentatively set for Tuesday, December 14th at 7:00 p.m.

Justin Anfinson moved to adjourn and all 2nd.