

## Emergency Meeting

December 21, 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, Kyle VanOtterloo, Scott Banitt, Kevin Decker

Absent: Bob Lems

We discussed the email sent to Taro Ito from the MRC regarding 2020 race dates.

The email stated that our proposed dates would not be approved due to commission concerns about too many horses racing twice per week.

Steve May is not happy with how this communication was handled.

Cathy talked with Taro who suggested switching Thursday's for Wednesdays to satisfy the commission, he is not willing to go against the commission.

Mark stated that he would not support any change in our dates due to the MRC not following statute.

The dates hearing has not been closed but only tabled until December 28<sup>th</sup> at 3:45.

Bob Schiewe generated the email without the knowledge of Steve May.

Steve May suggested we send a letter to the MRC voicing our concerns about the way this was handled.

Kevin Decker suggested that we should ask for an official explanation as to what days they would prefer that we race and why.

We agreed to contact Taro and ask about racing on Saturdays and that we would be willing to work with them on the time of day to help with his concerns about staffing.

Greg reached out to Bob Schiewe during the meeting who stated that the MRC does not like our current schedule but said they would approve Tuesday, Saturday, & Sundays or Tuesday, Wednesday, Sunday or even Monday Tuesday & Sundays.

Jessica mentioned that Watch N Wager contributed \$5,000 to the Dan Patch race in past two years.

Mark will contact Taro with our proposed date changes.

It was mentioned that the nomination fee for the late closers would be added to the purse.

Kyle suggested that we ask Aces to take the Minnesota bred 30% out prior to the late closer allocations.

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

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

Justin Anfinson moved to adjourn and all 2<sup>nd</sup>.