

Board Meeting

Monday, May 9, 2022 Saturday- 7:00 P.M.

Present: Greg Budach, Cathy Dessert, Rick Bertrand, Nick Roland, Jessica Johnson, Jeff Ryan, Dan Roland, Justin Anfinson, Bob Lems, Vikki Pfeilsticker, Kevin Decker

Absent: Kyle VanOtterloo

Cathy Dessert moved to approve the minutes from April 6th meeting which were 2nd by Jeff Ryan then carried.

Treasurer's report was read with motion to approve by Cathy Dessert and 2nd by Vikki Pfeilsticker and carried.

MRC report – Kevin mentioned that they talked about Steve May leaving and Canterbury talked about their remodeling plans.

Tom DiPasquale reported to the MRC regarding HISA and they voted to join for the Thoroughbreds for now.

So far 3 states have joined HISA including Minnesota.

Steve May's interim replacement is Joe Newton (current legal counsel) to the commission.

There are new rules scheduled to pass in June but we are not certain when they take effect.

Legislative – No updates on Sports Betting other than the house is moving forward with their version but the senate will not pass it in that form. Dan Roland has been communicating with our Lobbyist (Erin) regarding any future actions needed. She will keep us informed of any developments.

We discussed funding for a PAC and some of the rules for starting one.

Nick, Kevin, Jessica, and Dan will check on requirements for starting a PAC.

We discussed making a donation to the Cannon Falls ambulance service for covering our events.

Cathy Dessert moved to donate \$300 to the ambulance service for each non-fair event which was 2nd by Jessica Johnson & carried.

Opening Night Discussion: Kevin will be in the Grandstand and will work with Darin on Summer Fling promotion and give away some prizes. He will also contact Rapit Printing to update the Summer Fling Logo and discuss an ad design.

We discussed hiring an Intern to work in the Grandstand on Race nights.

Kevin plans to spend as much time as possible in the grandstand.

It was proposed that we create a banner with a QR code for the grandstand which links fans to MHRI promoting drivers and trainers and other info. Kevin will right the Bio's on featured people weekly.

Photographer- We paid Dee Leftwitch \$23 per day last year for help in being the track photographer. Several people complained about his work but there are not a lot of choices.

Jessica Johnson moved to pay him the same as last year to support him being here plus \$150 for Cannon Falls which was 2nd by Nick Roland and carried.

Cathy mentioned that Darin would like to bring in Heather Vitale for Dan Patch night and is wondering if MHRI would be willing to split the cost with Aces.

Kevin will contact Darin and get the actual cost so we can decide.

Old Business- Kevin stated that he has tried to get our old laptop to work properly but it was no use so he purchased a new Apple as we had agreed.

The MHRI web site will now be maintained and updated on a more regular basis.

Summer Fling is up and running and we have 14 opening left out of 60. Each share will receive .50% share in both horses.

Jessica will have Firedrake available for the Slice of Shoreview parade. Vikki sold the promotion of barn Tours and jog cart rides.

Next meeting scheduled for Monday June 13th in the horsemen's lounge at Aces. 7:00 p.m.