

Board Meeting

Monday, July 11, 2022- 7:00 P.M.

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Present: Greg Budach, Cathy Dessert, Rick Bertrand, Justin Anfinson, Bob Lems, Vikki Pfeilsticker, (Kyle VanOtterloo, Nick Roland, Jessica Johnson, Dan Roland via phone and TEAMS). Kevin Decker

Absent: Jeff Ryan

Agenda: Motion to approve by Vikki Pfeilsticker and 2nd by Bob Lems and carried

Rick Bertrand moved to approve the minutes from June 13th meeting which was 2nd by Vikki Pfeilsticker then carried.

Treasurer's report was read with a motion to approve by Bob Lems and 2nd by Justin Anfinson which carried.

MRC update:

New interim director is Charlene Briner; she has no horse racing experience.

Legislative: Nothing new to report. There is a fund raiser for Senator Chambers at Running Aces on July 14th from 5 to 7 P.M. in the hotel. He has been very friendly to the track and horse racing regarding the sports betting legislation.

Justin reviewed the purse account and everything is on track for the remainder of 2022. We could have a small increase the last two weeks if necessary.

Justin and Kevin had asked about the discrepancy on claimers and they will push Steve for an answer and to make the necessary corrections.

We discussed purses vs points for awards, after much discussion we decided to stay with points.

Kevin and Vikki will keep track to share with everyone.

Steve C will not address the 3 race paddock issue; Justin has asked but can't seem to get a good response for why it's 3 and not 4. We may need to address it in our contract.

Kevin will send an email to Steve so we have a written response.

Cathy will contact Erin Buie regarding setting up a PAC and how to get started. Dan will also do some checking.

Kevin distributed a packet with information on several other jurisdictions and how they handle sports betting. He also included an economic impact study of the horse racing industry in Minnesota done by the U of M.

We discussed having a Summer Fling tour with meet & greet opportunities for participants. We will need to limit the numbers and Kevin will work to set up a date.

Jessica is going to work on finding a new horse and person to handle bringing back jog cart rides.

Kevin read an email to the group from Ron Balvoni. He and his wife are Summer Fling members and she is in very poor health. Kevin suggests that we send them some autographed items as well as a win photo.

It was suggested that we add a non-discrimination policy to our by-laws. Kevin read a statement example and will send the group an email for us to vote on.

We discussed the issue of Running Aces text not being sent and are being told there is a problem with their vendor who is not willing to support gambling. We will continue to help until they can obtain a new vendor.

There were multiple donations and Running Aces donated \$350 towards the horse rescue of Wendy Haberberg's former horse.

We discussed a make-up date for the Cannon Falls rain out. Justin will check with the fair to secure October 8th for the date.

We discussed Kathy Plested's jog cart which was destroyed during a training session due to one of the tractors not yielding in time. Kevin will check with Aces to see if they will cover a portion of the loss.

Bob Lems moved to pay the \$1500 max insurance to Kathy Plested for her destroyed cart which was 2nd by Justin Anfinson and carried.

Kevin is now present at every draw. He will also check with Dave (state vet) and Steve about relaxing the health certificate rule so you just need to have it with at the gate when you arrive.

We discussed the 30% bonus money, Kevin will check with Steve about not considering bonus money in conditions.

Rick, Bob, & Jessica will look at how Steve is classifying the open classes and how he's moving horses between classes.

Justin mentioned that Hoosier will be hosting the Breeders Crown races next year and they are looking for sponsors. John DeLong will get more details if we are interested in becoming a sponsor in some way.

Justin will talk with Bob C. to inquire about the judges making driver changes without contacting the drivers or trainers.

Next meeting: Monday August 15th -7:00 p.m. location to be determined.

Justin Anfinson moved to adjourn which was 2nd by Vikki Pfeilsticker and carried.