

Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 7, 2023- 7:00 P.M.

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

Absent: Nick Roland, Bob Lems, Kyle VanOtterloo

Agenda: Cathy Dessert moved to approve the agenda with Vikki Pfeilsticker 2nd and carried.

Cathy Dessert moved and Rick Bertrand 2nd to approve the February 7th minutes which carried.

Dan Roland moved and Cathy Dessert 2nd to approve the treasurer's report which carried.

Cathy gave the MRC report stating that the new executive director (Kyle Gustafson) has started.

No update on the Minnesota Standardbred PAC other than we cannot contribute to any politicians during the session.

Dan shared a flyer that our lobbyist created supporting sports betting at the tracks. This appears to be very much a party lines issue with a few fringe legislators that could go either way depending on their own personal issues.

We discussed using TEAMS vs ZOOM for future meetings and agreed to stay with TEAMS for now.

Track photographer discussion: Rick has talked with a couple of potential options but did not make any commitments.

Nicole Tate and Kathleen Riley would be willing to split the duties and work out their own schedule so all the dates are covered. Kevin has talked with Aces and they have no commitment to Dee.

Rick proposed asking both to work and split the duties but suggesting that we need to be honest with them as to income they can expect to make. Rick will pursue it further with both and make sure they understand and are willing to commit. Kevin will contact Running Aces to see if they are willing to supplement with a match of what we contribute. He will also check with other track photographers to see what they charge.

Condition book discussion: Justin asked about adding a 2 year old NW last 4 to the conditions.

Rick Bertrand moved to add that condition for 2 year olds which was 2nd by Vikki Pfeilsticker but the motion failed 5 to 2 with one abstention.

We agreed to add a benefits page including sulky insurance and a membership application to the condition book. We will update and review prior to the next board meeting. We discussed the points system for awards and possibly using a multiplication factor for each higher class. Rick will work on this for the next meeting. We also discussed updating the membership application and possibly lowering the cost as well as including PAC contribution info.

We discussed the proposed purse structure for the fairs and agreed to the increases with the exception of the FFA reducing it to (\$2500).

We will review all changes at our next meeting and prepare to finalize and vote.

The plan for Running Aces is based on \$6.2 Million purse structure with \$1.984 dedicated to Minnesota sired. Dan presented a spread sheet that showed the projected purses 19% over last year with the finals going for \$65,000.

Dan Roland moved that we offer 12 -3 year old events and 8-2 year old events for restricted Minnesota sired horses at Running Aces in 2023 which was 2nd by Justin Anfinson and carried.

Dan Roland moved to adopt his proposed plan and purse structure for Minnesota Breds at Running Aces which was 2nd by Vikki Pfeilsticker and carried.

Justin mentioned the amounts the MRC and what Steve Carpenito agreed to for MRC money to be used at Aces, (\$310,000) in 2023. They split the money buy age with the majority going to 2 & 3 year olds.

Election discussion:

Kevin filled in the missing addresses from Pathway for any paid members so we can get them their ballots and voting info. The packet was assembled by Rapi Printing and went out already to all paid members from 2022.

March 6th is the deadline for postmarked ballots to be received at our accountant and they have been notified that ballots will be coming to them. We should have the results soon after that from them.

Owners Incentive discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

Website discussion: Vikki talked about a discussion with the people hosting our website. They are confident that they can update our site similar to what the Ontario horsemen's site looks like.

Vikki Pfeilsticker moved and Greg Budach 2nd to pay the \$2,000 deposit to upgrade our website with the remaining \$2,000 due upon completion and the motion carried.

Dan presented a plan for different committees to be formed to work through projects and bring action items to the full board. This would help us to be more efficient at our meetings and hopefully get more accomplished.

Membership benefits will need to be approved at our next meeting.

We discussed Summer Fling and coming up with a formula for the price of a horse.

Jessica Johnson moved to adjourn which was 2nd by Justin Anfinson and carried.

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday March 14th at 7:00 p.m.