

Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 14, 2023- 7:00 P.M.

Present: Greg Budach, Cathy Dessert, Rick Bertrand, Vikki Pfeilsticker, Dan Roland, Jeff Ryan, Jessica Johnson, Justin Anfinson, Brian Detgen, & Brando Jenson

Absent: Nick Roland

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

Cathy Dessert moved and Rick Bertrand 2nd to approve the Treasurer's report which carried.

Cathy Dessert moved and Vikki Pfeilsticker 2nd to approve the March 14th minutes which carried.

Justin welcomed the new board members (Brian & Brandon) to the team.

We started a discussion regarding Kevin's position and how long to continue paying him while he's not working.

We decided to first elect officers before we move into other business

Cathy Dessert nominated Greg Budach for Secretary/Treasurer which was 2nd by Brandon Jenson, with no other nomination this passed.

Justin Anfinson nominated Cathy Dessert for Vice President which was 2nd by Brian Detgen, with no other nominations this passed.

Cathy Dessert nominated Justin Anfinson for president which was 2nd by Rick Bertrand, with no other nominations this passed.

Committee discussion: We discussed the make-up, priorities, and duties including those of the executive secretary for committees.

Dan Roland moved that we start the committee process with at least one board member per committee & chaired by a board member with a request for volunteers sent out to our general membership. Motion was 2nd by Rick Bertrand and carried.

Legislative update: Dan & Cathy were at the capital talking with legislators with our lobbyist working to set up meetings.

There are currently 3 versions of Sports betting bills being discussed with revenues being split various ways. The tribes have the most influence but most won't pass without republican support. Senator Kline has said he won't send his bill to the floor unless the tracks are included.

Cathy & Dan get calls every other Friday from our lobbyist.

Currently everything is speculation as to what will happen this session if anything.

Brandon suggested that we should definitely pursue a PAC and how big of a role it played in Iowa.

Web site: Mark (from our web hosting service) has been paid 50% down to start the process of upgrading our website.

Vikki is looking for updates for the horsemen's resource page. Vikki & Dan will follow up to continue the process with our developer.

Race Bike Policy: **Greg Budach moved to accept the new policy as presented by Jessica Johnson which was 2nd by Dan Roland and carried.**

Condition Book discussion: We talked about refining the book to clarify splits by sex. We updated the wording for 2 & 3 year olds to allow for uneven fields based on sex.

MN Bred aged discussion: Dan presented an idea for 2 aged events for each gait for a total of \$30,000 and agreed to go with A,B classes for trotters only if necessary splitting \$18,000 & \$12,000.

We agreed on a minimum of 2 starts to qualify for the finals.

Rick Bertrand moved to send the condition book to the printer to make 12 copies for board members to proof and review. Motion was 2nd by Vikki Pfeilsticker and carried.

We discussed the points system for the fairs,

Brandon Jenson moved to use money earned at the meet including finals night to determine award winners, after further discussion Brandon amended his motion to use money earned for all Minnesota Breds and use only Minnesota restricted races for 2 & 3 year olds to determine champions. The motion was 2nd By Justin Anfinson and carried.

Rick Bertrand talked about the new continued education requirements for trainers by the MRC. They have not finalized anything yet. Rick called the new Commission Executive director who stated that for now it would be on the honor system. Jessica stated that the only source providing a certificate is Horsemen U when a course is completed and we should let our horsemen know that this is an option so they can plan.

Dan Roland moved to table until we have more info which was 2nd by Brandon.

We agreed to table photographer discussion until next meeting.

Membership discussion: **Justin Anfinson moved to keep our membership fee at \$60 which was 2nd by Brandon Jenson and carried.**

Jessica, Vikki, & Cathy will work on the committee to prepare for the annual meeting & mailings.

We tabled Summer Fling and Parades discussion till next meeting. Greg is handling the HHI Insurance obligations.

We discussed Kevin's ability to work and or do the job.

After much discussion **Brandon Jenson moved to pay him through his next pay cycle and request that he return our equipment before giving him his final paycheck. Motion was 2nd by Rick Bertrand and carried.**

Greg will contact him and finalize the details of getting our computer and equipment returned with all necessary passwords and logins.

Vikki, Jessica, & Rick will begin the process of looking for a replacement.

Next meeting set for Tuesday April 4th at 7 p.m.

Justin moved to adjourn, 2nd by all.