

Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 4, 2023- 7:00 P.M.

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

Absent:

Agenda: Cathy Dessert moved to approve the agenda with addition of committee discussion and Brian Detgen 2nd which carried.

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

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

Continuing education discussion:

We discussed "Horsemen U" and confirmed they will give certificates of completion for their training. We need to communicate to trainers where to go to complete the programs.

Cathy will send a group text and post on Facebook to contact Rick Bertrand with questions.

Vikki will get it posted on our website.

Photographer discussion:

Evidently Kevin didn't get confirmation from Running Aces that they would contribute towards the photographers.

They are not planning to contribute anything as they had already paid something to Dee.

Vikki moved to pay each of the photographers \$2,000 for their services which was 2nd by Brandon and carried 10:1.

Vikki will right up an agreement so they know what is expected including the fairs.

We had final discussions on the condition book, making changes that were requested by Steve Carpenito.

We discussed the Stipend paid to the 6 through 9 finishers in Minnesota Bred races. Rick Bertrand will right up a proposal to present to Steve. This does not need to be in the condition book.

We discussed our desire to split by sex whenever possible.

Legislative: Ian Mash joined the group to update on the sports gaming bill.

The Minnesota Indian Gaming Assoc. has made a proposal giving a cap of 20 million for horse racing split between the two tracks and the 3 million per year once that is reached; most going for purses but some for benevolence.

The current bill is in the house with little support currently.

Executive secretary update:

Rick, Jessica, & Vikki met to update the job description giving the title "Administrative Director"

Vikki will send their work to the full board before posting. Please respond to Vikki by next Tuesday with any input.

We discussed at length whether the candidate should or could own horses. Vikki will leave that off the requirements.

TEAMS discussion:

Vikki will look into options moving forward so we can become more organized and make inform decisions.

Website: We are actively working on updates and the designer said it wouldn't cost as much as initially suggested.

Total cost should be around \$3,000 to \$3,500. He suggested we give Vikki something for all that she helped with in the process.

Summer Fling:

The Flyer has been posted on Facebook and we have three respondents so far with no commitments on horses.

We will post it on our website as well.

If people have questions they can contact Rick Bertrand. He suggested if a MN bred horse is put in that the bonus money should not count towards the earnings.

Annual Meeting:

Happy hour during the Kentucky Derby and dinner and awards after.

We discussed where the money should go from the silent auction and raffle.

A mention was made to have something for Lorenza Gooch.

Committees: Dan reviewed the committees and asked for volunteers to chair each of the committees.

Next meeting at the Banquets in May?

Cathy Dessert moved to adjourn which was 2nd by Jessica Johnson and carried.