

## Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 7, 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, & Brandon Jenson

Absent:

Agenda: Rick Bertrand moved to approve the agenda and Cathy Dessert 2<sup>nd</sup> which carried.

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

Cathy dessert moved & Vikki Pfeilsticker 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the April 4<sup>th</sup> minutes which carried.

Banquet Feedback discussion: It had a much different feel due to people shipping horses and having to wait for awards so long after the meet.

The discussion leaned more towards going back to February for future meetings.

Vikki provided the update for Summer Fling. There are 20 new members participating this year with a total of 78.

Total participants include 18 owners for the more expensive Dylon the Great and the remainder for the other two at standard rates. There are 41 from Minnesota and the rest are from other states.

Vikki also provided the update on our website. She has a lot of work with our developer to get it up to date.

Horsemen resources are mostly done but she is asking for input with more additions to come.

TEAMS has been purchased with 11 licenses, (one for each board member). She will work to try and set it up when she gets time.

Darin Gagne asked if we would be willing to cover the cost of bringing Heather Vitale here again this year for Dan Patch night.

Jessica Johnson moved and Brandon Jenson 2<sup>nd</sup> to pay Heather Vitale's expenses to come again this year.

Approximately \$1100, motion carried 8:3.

Committee issues: Whoever is chairing each committee should move forward and organize and invite members to participate. Jessica suggested a committee to get things going and organized.

Each committee needs to deal with their issues and bring them to the full board.

We discussed procedures for horses going down on the backside, (Accidents). Running Aces has an accident procedure in place.

Any concerns we have should be brought the MRC or Aces staff.

Rice Lake Sponsorship discussion:

Greg mentioned that Patty Strand is looking for help sponsoring the Races at Rice Lake again this year, July 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>.

Justin Anfinson moved to sponsor at \$3,000 which was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jessica Johnson and carried.

Cathy mentioned the HISA replacement bill that the USTA is asking us to support in congress.

Jessica Johnson moved to support the bill which was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Justin Anfinson and carried.

Cathy will notify Mike Tanner at the USTA of our support.

Executive director discussion:

We have narrowed the field down to 7-9 candidates from a group of 22. The first round of Interviews will be scheduled with those interested in being there.

Jessica will reach out to the potential candidates for interview dates.

Vikki has been handling a lot of the Director duties for now with help from Cathy and Jessica.

Jessica will help with updating Summer Fling horses (In-To-Go) info.

Cathy will help with (New Faces at Aces)

By-Laws Discussion; Rick Bertrand mentioned one concern about voting and asked for input regarding possible changes to our By-Laws.

Darin Gagne is also asking to host a Dan Patch Eve party in which Running Aces will host with food and beverages. He asked if MHRI would be willing to help in some way. Cathy will ask about who is invited, expectations from us, music etc.

We discussed the agenda for the track committee meeting scheduled for Sunday at 2 P.M.

Issues with the condition sheet, water truck moving too fast, Delays causing cancellations.

We discussed giving to Lorenza Gooch for his loss of several horses.

Cathy Dessert moved to give \$1,000 in addition to the funds raised at our annual meeting to Lorenza Gooch which was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brian Detgen & carried.

Next meeting July 17<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned.