

## Board Meeting

Wednesday, July 17, 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: Cathy Dessert moved to approve the agenda and Dan Roland 2<sup>nd</sup> which carried.

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

Cathy dessert moved & Brandon Jenson 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the June 7<sup>th</sup> minutes which carried.

Race Bike insurance claim: We reviewed the claim for Brian Detgen's race bike & wheels with a declared value of \$2,000 for the bike and \$1200 for the wheels. Both are approximately 3 years old. Cathy Dessert moved to pay \$1450 for his claim which was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rick Bertrand and carried.

We discussed Brady Jenson's bike but tabled any payment until he provides an estimate of the repairs needed.

By Laws Discussion:

Rick Bertrand who is representing the by-laws committee suggested we amend Article Five of the by-laws to require a quorum to consist of seven (7) directors rather than 5.

Cathy Dessert moved and Vikki Pfeilsticker 2<sup>nd</sup> to change the by-laws requiring a quorum of 7 rather than 5 members and the motion carried.

Rick Bertrand suggested that we start a rules committee to make recommendations on rules changes to the MRC.

Cathy Dessert moved to create a rules committee which was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jessica Johnson and carried. Jessica, Cathy, Rick, & Vikki all volunteered to be on the committee.

Administrative Director Discussion:

The committee made their presentation for the A.D. position suggesting the we open up the job for two positions; one fulltime for the A.D. position and a second as a part time or "Consultant" position as horsemen's rep.

After some discussion on finalizing the details, Jessica Johnson moved to Hire Kendra Defoe for the Fulltime A.D. position at \$XXXXX per year plus \$XXX/month to help offset insurance cost and offer a consulting role to Nancy Robertson at \$XXXXX per year plus expenses as recommended by the committee; the motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vikki Pfeilsticker and carried.

Justin asked for a list of horse people that could be available during barn searches conducted by the MRC to represent the horsemen.

Jessica suggested having a backstretch defibrillator available as well as asking Aces to have Narcan available for emergencies.

There was a suggestion made that we work to get the MRC on board with getting updated vaccination reports tied to the USTA so we can avoid scratches due to vaccinations moving forward.

We discussed the new owner incentive program and Greg sent a copy of the current rules to each board member.

We discussed county fair promotions and whether or not supporting Rice Lake on our website was a good idea.

The general feeling was that it doesn't interfere with Running Aces in a negative way at this point in time.

We discussed splits on Minnesota Bred classes looking at up to six divisions for 2 year olds this year.

Dan had developed a spreadsheet to help Steve Carpenito determine how the splits should work.

This is a very detailed plan keeping a minimum of 6 starters and classifying first by sex with the A division getting the least amount of entry's. After that they could go A, B,C depending on the number of entries by sex.

Dan will update his spreadsheet considering up to 6 divisions covering all possibilities and send it out when complete.

We have contracted with Darin Gagne for the remaining county fair draws and programs. Greg will communicate with him to clarify how we do the draws so we can get every horse raced that enters whenever possible.

We discussed the request by Aces to help with the daily cost of the photographer for the Dan patch night.

Jessica Johnson moved to cover the cost of \$60 per day which was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vikki Pfeilsticker but the motion failed.

We discussed the photographer situation and it was clear that Nicole is much superior to Kathleen and Rick was going to discuss with Kathleen whether she wants to complete the year or just hand it over to Nicole.

**Next meeting, Wednesday August 16<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m.**

**Meeting Adjourned.**