

Board Meeting

Wednesday, August 16, 2023- 7:00 P.M.

Present: Greg Budach, Cathy Dessert, Rick Bertrand, Vikki Pfeilsticker, Dan Roland, Jeff Ryan, Nick Roland, Justin Anfinson, Brian Detgen, & Brandon Jenson, Kendra Defoe, Nancy Robertson

Absent: Jessica Johnson

Agenda: **Cathy Dessert moved to approve the agenda and Dan Roland 2nd which carried.**

Brandon Jenson moved to approve the Treasurer's report which was 2nd by Rick Bertrand and carried.

Dan Roland moved & Rick Bertrand 2nd to approve the July 17th minutes which carried.

We discussed the need for a defibrillator and Brian had asked Ryan who thought they had one but couldn't confirm.

Kendra will follow up to make sure one is available.

We discussed the need for a list of people available for barn searches when the MRC does these. Kendra will be available and Brian volunteered and Nancy would if she is at the track.

Kendra will keep notes of the board meetings and provide highlights to remind everyone of what needs to be done.

Dan provided a spreadsheet.

We have been averaging about \$115,000 per day in purses and at that rate would cut into our reserve by about \$334,000.

July 2023 casino revenue is down over 10%

We discussed ending our fiscal purse account a month earlier so we don't get hurt if revenues are short in May.

Finals Night discussion:

Brandon Jenson moved to continue paying the \$500 bonus to stallion owners of the champions on finals night which was 2nd by Vikki Pfeilsticker and carried.

We discussed the possible need for a second golf cart on finals night. If we want one we'd need to rent it and Aces would provide the personnel to drive it. Aces has a gator available but it is not suited for carrying passengers.

Cathy suggested we have Kendra check into the cost and availability. She will communicate with the board and we can vote via email or text.

The MRC will not be providing trophies for champions this year, they have opted to use those funds elsewhere.

Our Finals night committee is working on trophies in place of the MRC.

TEAMS set up:

Kendra offered to help set people up. Everyone should be set up by the next board meeting due to our ZOOM license expiring.

Greg mentioned the request from some horsemen for a pool table or other games for the horsemen's lounge for off days. This would be something to discuss with Aces for next year.

We discussed MRC rule changes.

We need to address the scratch time rule and ask for specific times also look into the slow quarter rule as compared to other jurisdictions. Pennsylvania has a rule that it can't be 3 seconds slower than the first quarter. The current rule is rather ambiguous.

Also the rule keeping a horse from leaving the grounds once entered to race.

Cathy suggested that we have any rule changes that we want made be given to Nancy to be written and submitted.

Kendra will approach Steve Carpenito about his communication when opening up a class or if horses are needed to fill, also getting his condition sheet out sooner.

Greg mentioned the need to budget next year's county fair purses better. We used all of the excess payments from prior years this year and that won't be available next year.

Next meeting, Monday, September 25th 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned.