

Board Meeting

Wednesday January 9, 2024- 7:15 P.M.

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

Absent: Jeff Ryan

AGENDA: Vikki Pfeilsticker moved to approve the agenda which was 2nd by Brian Detgen & carried

Minutes: None available and Kendra wasn't available to confirm

Treas. Report: Cathy Dessert moved to approve which was 2nd by Dan Roland and carried

Lobbyist contract discussion: We talked about renewing our contract with our current lobbyist, Park Street Public.

Dan Roland moved that we renew the contract for 2024 as long as it hasn't changed from last year. Motion was 2nd by Jessica Johnson and carried.

Danielle Drollinger discussion: Jessica spoke about the situation that occurred with Danielle and Trent. She & Cathy both thought if we are going to contribute to Danielle's care that we give directly to the caregiver rather than the Go-Fund Me account.

Cathy Dessert moved that we donate \$1,000 directly to the caregiver for Danielle's kids' benefit which was 2nd by Justin Anfinson and carried.

Membership/Banquet committee: We discussed adding an award for Caretaker of the year.

Vikki Pfeilsticker moved to add the Caretaker of the Year award at this year's banquet using the parameter's developed by the committee; motion was 2nd by Brandon Jenson and carried.

Donatelli's will cater the food at this year's meeting and the committee has asked Nicole Tate to speak regarding her role as a geneticist at the U of M.

We discussed the cost of awards and trophies. We are planning to order crystal vases for the championship night winners since the MRC is not doing that any longer. The cost would be \$2140 for 13 and \$3900 for 26 if we gave one to each trainer as well. Jessica suggested getting one of each and offering a second one at 50% of cost to the trainers or addition owners that want one.

Vikki Pfeilsticker moved to supply one of each and a second at 50% off to other owners or trainers; motion was 2nd by Jessica Johnson and carried.

Ballots will need to be postmarked by January 29th.

Candidate questionnaires are due back tomorrow and Vikki will take care of assembling the ballots etc. if Kendra is not available.

Vikki would like to invite/include summer fling members to the banquet allowing them to bring one guest at no charge.

Vikki Pfeilsticker moved and Jessica Johnson 2nd that we cover the cost of one ticket for every 2 summer fling members that attend. Additional guest will pay the \$20 fee. Motion carried.

Justin mentioned that starting gate insurance is getting very hard to find anywhere in the country. That could cause problems this year.

Taro is submitting his packet to the MRC this Thursday.

The MRC rules committee hasn't considered any of the suggestions that we submitted as of yet.

Next meeting at the Banquet Feb. 17th

Jessica Johnson moved to adjourn which was 2nd by Vikki Pfeilsticker and carried.