

Board Meeting

Wednesday November 15th, 2023- 7:15 P.M.

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

Absent:

Agenda: Cathy Dessert moved to approve the agenda 2nd by Rick Bertrand & carried

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

Vikki Pfeilsticker & Cathy Dessert 2nd to approve the October 25th minutes which carried.

Action items:

We discussed on the donation for the horsemen of Tioga Fire.

Jessica asked about MHRI making a donation to support the horsemen and asking Running Aces to contribute as well.

We talked about making a direct donation rather than to the Go Fund Me page.

Cathy Dessert moved that we donate \$2,500 and she will ask Taro to match the donation from Running Aces.

Jessica Johnson 2nd the motion which carried.

The By-Laws committee had met earlier and Jessica Johnson suggested that we change the By-Laws to allow more Non-Resident members to be allowed on the board. The committee had voted against allowing the change but felt that they should bring it to the full board for discussion. Jessica's suggestion would change the By-Laws but still maintain that no more than 50% non-residents could be elected in any one year. Current rules would require a 2/3 majority of the current board members to make that change. Cathy Dessert suggested that we reduce the number of board members from 11 to 9 with 3 being elected each year.

After much discussion no action was taken due to the feeling that there would not be enough votes to make the change.

Annual meeting banquet discussion:

February 24th conflicts with the HHI Banquet so we discussed options to move to another date.

Jessica Johnson moved that we change the date to February 17th which was 2nd by Vikki Pfeilsticker and carried.

Kendra will confirm the date changes with Running Aces.

Committee reports:

Hall of Fame: We will need to establish some form of guidelines for nominations and criteria for induction. Kendra will work with the committee to set a meeting for just after Thanksgiving.

Buck-A-Horse proposal from HHI: Cathy had mentioned the plan from HHI to raise funds for Standardbred retirement. We discussed and had questions on how the money is distributed and whether we would want to participate.

Cathy asked if we could revisit the topic next month.

MRC Update:

Cathy mentioned that Taro had asked for more seating for some of his games and the commission voted to allow it against recommendations from their executive director, legal counsel, and their chair due to the governor's executive order requiring Tribal approval.

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday December 12th 7:00 p.m.

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