

Board Meeting

Wednesday, July 10, 2024- 8:00 P.M.

Present: Greg Budach, Justin Anfinson, Jessica Johnson, Cathy Dessert, Tony Huffman, Vikki Pfeilsticker, Jesse DeLong, Dan Roland, Brian Detgen, Scott Banitt, & Brandon Jenson

AJ Fetterly, Nancy Robertson

Absent:

Treas. Report from 5/14/24: **Dan Roland moved to approve and Cathy Dessert 2nd which carried**

Treas. Report from 6/10/24: **Dan Roland moved to approve which was 2nd by Vikki Pfeilsticker and carried**

Minutes from May 14th meeting: **Tony Huffman moved to approve which was 2nd by Vikki Pfeilsticker and carried.**

We discussed benevolence for flood victims in northwest Iowa, We decided that we needed more information on who was affected as well as exactly how much money we have available in the fund. Are we limited to only what's in the fund?

Nancy suggested she could contact Iowa & the Minnesota HBPA to see what they use for guidelines. She also suggested we email our members to see who was affected & how severe.

County fair update: Please consider looking for someone who might be interested in becoming a charter, AJ can post something on social media to see if there's any interest.

We decided we don't need a live bugler for St. Peter.

We discussed the appointment of the two new commissioners with ties to Indian gaming by the governor to the racing commission.

The next commission meeting could be an interesting one.

HISA is in the federal courts where some parts were found unconstitutional. Some of the suggested new rules would not allow for pin-firing or blistering.

Membership BBQ is scheduled for Wednesday July 24th, Running Aces will supply but we will need to cover ½ of the cost.

This is open to all members plus Running Aces and MRC staff. Cathy asked to have as many of our board members present as possible. AJ will check if Running Aces has any games available.

We discussed James Kennedy's bike, there is a question about the amount of damage. He is still using it. AJ will talk with him to determine what he is expecting.

Justin mentioned a meeting with the judges, another unlicensed person came onto the backside and was working with horses and the trainer was fined. Please be aware and if you see issues, warn those involved. We can request that the judges post rulings on the bulletin board.

Purses: We are nearly 300K less than last year at this point.

We discussed clarifying the rules for MN preferred so MN Breds clearly have preference.

Marketing: AJ has a Houles event scheduled for Saturday, August 10th. Plans are for a meet & greet with the drivers and a dunk tank to raise money.

Summer Fling tours are scheduled this weekend and T-Shirts are all taken care of. None of the horses filled at 100%.

We discussed paying Darin for his help with the County fair draws and teaching AJ e-track.

Justin Anfinson moved and Vikki Pfeilsticker 2nd to pay him \$300 for his help which carried.

AJ is requesting days off in August but would take the laptop with her and be available remotely if needed. Aug. 12th through the 17th. Jessica Johnson moved & Brian Detgen 2nd to allow her to take the time away as long as she is available via phone & email. The motion carried.

AJ mentioned a request for another TV in the paddock for the south end. We would need to cover the cost of the TV but Aces will take care of the installation etc. AJ will get the cost from Aaron and proceed if it's reasonable.

D & O insurance discussion:

Nancy is having a hard time finding anyone that will cover us due to Taro's pending lawsuit with the tribes. She will reach out again once things settle down.

Minnesota statute does limit the liability for unpaid directors of non-profits as long as they don't behave in a manner that is unlawful.

Next meeting scheduled for August 21st 7:30 p.m.

Vikki Pfeilsticker moved to adjourn which was 2nd by Justin Anfinson and carried.