

Board Meeting

Wednesday, August 21, 2024- 7:30 P.M.

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

AJ Fetterly, Nancy Robertson

Absent: Justin Anfinson, Scott Banitt

Treas. Report from 8/21/24: Cathy Dessert moved to approve which was 2nd by Jessica Johnson and carried

Minutes from July 10th meeting- Cathy Dessert moved to approve which was 2nd by Vikki Pfeilsticker and carried.

We discussed benevolence for flood victims in northwest Iowa.

How much \$ is available?

AJ will communicate with Nancy who is researching guidelines from others.

The membership committee will follow up.

County Fair discussion: Cathy contacted the USTA regarding help with Charter training. They would be will to train interested parties. Louie Mettico & Natalie Z expressed interest. Nothing has been posted on Facebook yet.

Purses paid at county fairs: we need to clarify the condition book so there is no misunderstanding on the purses paid.

We discussed the lack of stalls available, is there a way to give preference to 2 year olds or get more stalls at St. Peter and Cannon Falls? Possible liability issue if we don't do something.

We discussed adding more fair dates so there is more opportunity for B level horses to get experience.

The county Fair committee is Greg Budach, Brandon Jenson, Jessica Johnson, & Dan Roland.

Legislative issues: Cathy has been working to get legislators out the Running Aces.

Membeship: BBQ total cost is \$1300, We have not seen a bill form Aces yet.

MN Bred Purse: We've spent 4.3 Million through 41 races to this point, which is \$568,000 less than the same period last year. We are about 40K under budget. 36.9% of starters are Minnesota Breds. The top 3 bonus paid to MN Breds in Overnight races is down slightly from last year.

Marketing: Houles event raised money and awareness. The dunk tank raised \$607.

Trotter House was a Running Aces marketing event, the social media blast had quite a lot of followers.

New Business: Darin was paid for helping with the draw for St. Peter. Aces is requesting that we help pay for Ken Terpening to come for NOC.

Jessica Johnson moved and Vikki Pfeilsticker 2nd to pay \$400 to help get Ken here for Finals night & the motion carried.

We discussed the current policy of only one horse per trainer allowed unless there aren't enough entries.

We need to check with the MRC regarding rules on changing trainers.

Photographer: Nicole is up for a possible job change which means she may not be available next year. Jessica mentioned it to Jasmine Horvat who would be very interested in filling in.

A golf cart for finals night would be very expensive; AJ will follow up on our options.

Next meeting Monday September 30th 7:00 p.m.

Dan Roland moved to adjourn which was 2nd by Jay Delong and carried.