

## **Board minutes:**

MHRI board meeting Mon. February 16th 2009 Owatonna Happy Chef, called to order 7:15 p.m.

Members present: Ron Banks, Greg Budach, Vern Devine, Rod Pinske, Don Schimek, Dave Pagel, Ulf Holm-Johannsen

Absent: Jeff Ryan, Ted Nowatzki, Scott Banitt, & Brian Anfinson

Guests: Ron Lingle & Lee Benson

Vern Devine moved to approve the agenda, second by Don Schimek & carried.

Secretaries report by Greg Budach with Don Schimek moving to accept & second by Dave Pagel & carried.

Treasurer's report by Greg Budach, Dave Pagel moved to accept & second by Ulf Holm-Johannsen & carried.

Brief discussion on Hall of Fame...

Vern mentioned that Beth would like to see us form a committee in the future to handle the nomination process. We discussed the possibility & determined that it's rather hard to get enough volunteers.

Annual meeting discussion...

Everyone had very good reports about the facilities, meal & overall presentation.

New business...

Election of officers-

Ron was nominated as President by Don, with no others nominated Dave moved nominations cease which was seconded by Vern & carried.

Dave nominated Ted as Vice President with no other nominations Don moved that they cease which was seconded by Ulf & carried.

Rod nominated Greg as Sec/Treas. & with no other nominations Dave moved they cease which was seconded by Don & carried.

Ulf suggested we have someone work with Running Aces to help promote the racing & he would be willing to take on that role.

Ron Lingle suggested that we have a horsemen's advocate or liason between the horsemen & race secretary & Running Aces.

He volunteered to be that person. After some discussion we decided to open this responsibility up to others first and the board would act at next month's board meeting.

Greg will post it on the internet.

We discussed Running Aces & the need for enough horses to fill races, especially MN. Bred events.

We discussed 2 year old races & the possibility of having them before the evening races or during qualifiers beginning June 30<sup>th</sup> & every other week through Aug. 4<sup>th</sup>.

Ron suggested 24 races for Mn. Breds 2 year old fillies & colts, 3 year old fillies & colts, & 3-4 year old trot, & 2 year old trot.

Discussed putting minutes on the web site... Greg said it can be done after they're approved & Ron said he would be willing to do it if Greg can't get the time.

Greg will contact Running Aces about the horse expo. We can supply some volunteers if they get a booth.

Talked about including MHRI memberships with stall apps. to include HHI insurance.

Ron mentioned the possibility of supplying our gate to Sioux Center Ia. and the board agreed if they cover our expenses.

It was mentioned that the Running Aces track will be open for training on April 24<sup>th</sup>.

Ulf moved to give \$1,000 this month to support the grass roots effort of citizens for budget relief to try and get a bill passed for slots at the two racetracks. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Pagel & carried.

Next meeting set for Mon. March 16<sup>th</sup> 2009 at Happy chef Owatonna 7:00 p.m.

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Don Schimek moved to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Pagel.