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Special points of interest:

- PROJECTED PURSE CONTRIBUTION FOR 2010 FROM CARD CLUB \$1,662,332
- MN. BRED SUPPLEMENT PROJECTED AT \$225,000
- TOTAL 2010 PURSES TO BE 27% HIGHER THAN 2009
- AVERAGE PURSE IN 2010 OF \$4400 AT RUNNING ACES
- \$332,500 FOR MN FAIRS IN 2010.

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DATES TO REMEMBER
Board meeting April 21 2010
Minnesota Horse Expo April 23,24, & 25
April 24, Stall apps due
May 10 Barns open at Running Aces
June 1- Aug. 28 Running Aces Meet
July 4th Cannon Falls
July 14,15 Rice Lake WI.
Aug. 11, St. Peter
Sept. 11 & 12 Wheaton
Sept. 19,26
Oct. 3,9,17
Additional fair Dates possible

USTA has new director at large for District 4

Gabe Wand has been elected as the New Director at large for District 4. Gabe hails from Platteville WI. (608)-574-5468 and is eager to represent our district. gabewand@yahoo.com

Royal Roland represents Dist. 4A royalrr@iowatelecom.net

Robert Yohn represents Dist. 4B cey619@wildblue.net

2010 Annual Meeting News

The 2010 MHRI annual meeting was held on Saturday Feb. 6th at Running Aces. A good crowd was present and enjoyed sharing stories, prizes, and a great buffet.

Nominations were sought for three board positions that expired in 2010. Nominations included: Don Schimek, Dave Pagel, Vernon Devine, Kerry Banks, & Craig Banks.

Don, Dave, & Vernon all retained their position on the board for another 3 year term.

2010 Horse of the year nominations were sought & included: Dandy Di, Chocolicious, Peel Away, Whirling Sam, Blazing Fury, Restless Yankee, Mac T's Diamond, Doug's Legacy, & Cheese Plumper.

Dandy Di, owned by Bob Lems won the honor after a very close vote

Senator Dick Day spoke to the group about his new roll as a lobbyist for the Racino effort. He encouraged everyone to contact their legislator and ask them to vote for the Racino to bring jobs, better purses, & more money to the state.

Gene Oldford, president of Harness Horsemen International was on hand to speak to the group about HHI and the insurance each of our members has as a member of HHI. He offered advice as well the opportunity to answer any questions about insurance needs.

Bob Farinella spoke about some of the difficulties Running Aces has faced the first two years of operations. He was optimistic about the future and the steps they've taken to make the track profitable. Gregg Keidel will be back as director of racing in 2010 and fielded questions and comments about everything from stall applications to conditions & the draw schedule.

Larry Jenson spoke about the Iowa program and the cut in dates at Prairie Meadows. They are racing only ten days in 2010. The horsemen have to pay the cost of scraping the track which will affect the amount of money available for the fairs.

Susan Schroeder talked briefly about the Wisconsin program and how they continue to market harness racing in Wisconsin with very limited money but lots of enthusiasm & fun.

Vern Devine spoke about the hall of fame and appealed to all to get involved and asked for volunteers to serve on a committee for next year.

Special mention was made of those who died in 2009 including: Leo Berg, Carl Robeson, Howard Walker, Bob Pinske, & Gary Budahn.

Beth Dale had donated some very nice items which we auctioned off donating the proceeds to Jenni King & Beth Dale.

Special thanks to: Susan Schroeder, Ken Stauffer, & Leon Horst, Vern Devine who donated prizes.

Also special thanks to all the successful bidders, Myron Kauppi, Bob Kohwles, Dave Carter, Bob Lems, Rod Pinske, Ron Lingle, Trent Drollinger, & Nancy Jenson.

MINNESOTA HARNESS RACING INC.
2010 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone # _____ - _____ - _____

Soc.Sec.# _____ (Necessary for those earning purses at fairs)

e-mail _____

Family Membership \$50.00 includes 17 & under

Single \$45.00

*Includes 3rd party liability through HHI membership & accident insurance at Minnesota Fairs

Make checks payable to: MHRI

38125 20th St.

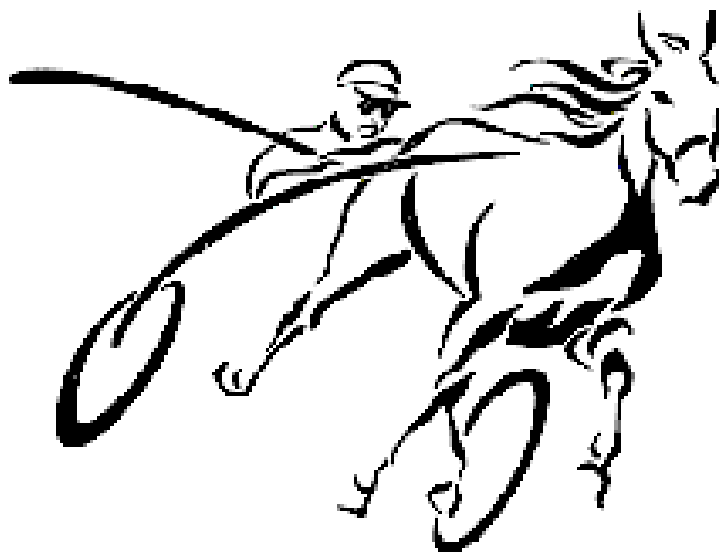
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Owners/Trainers/Drivers are required to become members of MHRI at Minnesota fairs

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2010 MHRI ANNUAL MEETING
RUNNING ACES HARNESS PARK
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 6TH 2010
AWARD WINNERS- CONGRATULATIONS!

- 2009 Minnesota Bred Two Year Old Trotter of The Year-"DJ's Speedy Fox" owner Craig Banks
- 2009 Minnesota Bred Two Year Old Pacing Colt -"Doug's Legacy" owners Larry & Nancy Jenson & Denise Fox
- 2009 Minnesota Bred Two Year Old Pacing Filly -"Little Tootsie" owners Kyle & Merlin VanOtterloo
- 2009 Minnesota Bred Three Year Old Trotter of the Year-"Hotter Than Ever" owner Brady Jenson
- 2009 Minnesota Bred Three Year Old Pacing Colt-"Do The Kan Kan" owner Bob Lems
- 2009 Minnesota Bred Three Year Old Pacing Filly-"Blazing Fury" owners Van Otterloo Stables
- 2009 Minnesota Bred Aged Gelding-"Whirling Sam" owner Tim Lems
- 2009 Minnesota Bred Aged Mare-"Dandy Di" owner Bob Lems
- 2009 Minnesota Trotter of The Year-"Hotter Than Ever" owner Brady Jenson
- 2009 Minnesota Pacer of the Year-"One Wild Apple" owners Greg & Michelle Budach
- 2009 Minnesota Harness Horse of the Year-"Dandy Di" owner Bob Lems
- 2009 Minnesota Driver Of The Year-"Rick Magee"

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MHRI board retains it's officers in their positions from 2009.
Ron Banks remains as President
Ted Nowatzki is Vice President
Greg Budach is Secretary Treasurer

The board also agreed to terms with Running Aces to give back 1.8 % of the 2010 purse agreement to help make the track viable in 2010. Part of the agreement gives more money, (\$220,000) to support the fair meets in 2010 to help extend our racing season & give more opportunities to race. This will give us from five to seven more events besides the three we already have. The board would also like to use some of these funds to help with stalls & or track improvements.

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MINNESOTA STALLIONS

Standing at April Becker

117 Washington Street South
Beardsley, MN. 56211
320-265-6168

CLOVER STEELE owner April Becker

Standing at Ron Hanusa

17194 750th St.
Hayfield, MN. 55940
507-385-2749

HEAVENLY FAVORED

KARPOV (trotter) owned by Ron Hanusa

Standing at Sandra Vandenhoeck Jasper MN

GENERAL AIDID

R C'S SAMMY owned by Larry Juhnke & Sandra Vandenhoeck

Contact: Tim Lems— home-712-986-4120/ cell— 605-212-0913
Or Larry Juhnke 605-529-5264

Standing at Harley Yoder's

27203 County Rd. 33
Utica, MN. 55979
2 1/4 miles south of Utica on County rd. 33

SOS LUNAR ECLIPSE (trotter)

ABRA (trotter)

Standing at David J. Yoder's

16075 Sandstone Drive
Utica, MN. 55979

INTREPID SEELSTER

I WIN

Standing at Shawn Jensen DVM

Town & Country Vets
29161 Wilson Frontage Drive
Winona, MN. 55987
507-452-8665

DAGS owner Duane & Patty Roland

HOT PANS owner Duane Roland

PLACE TO BE owner Dr. Ken Rucker
HAWAIIAN COWBOY owner Dr. Ken Rucker

VORACIOUS HANOVER owners Joel & Merlin VanOtterloo

WATER TOWER owner Daniel Miller

WIZELL owner Lesa Peters & Nick Roland

RAIL SPLITTER (trotter)
owners Duane & Patty Roland

Standing at: Daniel (Sam) & Deb Krueger

524 121st Street
Beaver Creek, MN 56116
507-673-2528 cell: 507-227-5182

RICH BOY (trotter)
owner Vernon Devine & Larry Jensen

RELENTLESS YANKEE owner Minnesota Stallions LLC

UP FRONT BRAD owners Alan & Cheryl Sandbulte

Total of 20 stallions registered in Minnesota for 2010.

5 trotters & 15 pacer