

MSBOA MEETING MINUTES

August 7, 2024

MHHA Office 185 Main St. Augusta, Maine

Start Time 6:00 pm

Board members present: Carolyn Corso, Francis Hanley, Peggy Tardif, Rhoda Underhill, Chris Basford and Josiah Reed.

Via Zoom: Claire Ryder and Steven Wilson

Guests: Diann and Linwood Perkins

Call to order: President: Carolyn Corso 6:10 pm

President's Remarks: Carolyn gave an update on how the weather can affect the Stake racing and the protocol. She also mentioned that at a later date we should look at the Learn and Earns, perhaps change them to just qualifiers, due to monies earned. As of August 13, 2024, the base purse will increase to \$18,500.

Secretary's report:

Last meetings minutes were previously emailed to all board members, no questions or concerns.

Motion to accept the minutes from the meeting on July 2, 2024, by Fran Hanley, 2nd by Peg Tardiff; unanimous.

Treasurer's report: Fran Hanley gave the report and provided a paper copy to the Secretary to file.

Motion to accept the treasurer's report by Rhoda Underhill, 2nd by Chris Basford; unanimous.

We are still awaiting approval of the non-profit status from the IRS.

Committee Reports:

Fairness Committee: Will discuss under old business.

Public Relations:

Channel 6: Chris has been in contact with and will get a price for a commercial to run before the 2-year-old finals.

Old Business:

Banners: The mobile banner was hung at Topsham and will be moved to Skowhegan at the end of the week.

Live Race Day- Sign ups were passed out for directors to participate.

Chapter 9

Feedback from Fairness: Fairness Committee met after receiving the Boards comments from the last meeting and has provided an updated working copy. The Board went through each proposed change and accepted or adjusted.

Survey- membership input: If needed we can send out a survey to the membership regarding the proposed changes to Chapter 9. The Board decided that notice will go out to the membership notifying them of the potential changes this week.

Presentation to MHRC: The changes to Chapter 9 will be presented to the Commission in the coming months.

New Business:

Finals: Carolyn presented potential items to award at the finals, the Board agreed, and items will be ordered so they may arrive prior to the 2-year-old finals. Blanket awards have been ordered and both tracks will be asked to reimburse the cost as they have paid for them in the past.

History- 50 years of Maine Stakes: Discussion on what should be created for the finals as a handout for the public to showcase the Programs history. It was decided that a booklet similar to the style Peg created for last years finals will be created.

Public Comment: Diann Perkins provided examples of previous posters, calendars and booklets as examples for the Board to consider.

Adjournment: 9:22 p.m.