

MSBOA MEETING MINUTES

October 29, 2024

MHHA Office 185 Main St. Augusta, Maine

Start Time 6:00 pm

Board members present: Carolyn Corso, Chris Basford and Rhoda Underhill

Via Zoom: Josiah Reed, Peggy Tardif and Mel Grant

Absent: Claire Ryder, Fran Hanley and Steven Wilson

Call to order: 6:08 pm President: Carolyn Corso

President's Remarks:

Carolyn recapped the three-year-old finals at Bangor, all the feedback was positive, and the attendance was much better than last year.

Carolyn also wrote a letter the Chairman of the Commission regarding Pandemic Princess and the way in which the situation was handled, she is hoping for a response.

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 September 30, 2024, by Peggy Tardif, 2nd by Mel Grant; unanimous.

Treasurer's report:

Fran Hanley could not attend due to his hip replacement, there are no issues he will present next meeting.

Committee Reports:

Public Relations:

Charlie Horne: Charlie retired so we are now dealing with Mark. Our contract for coverage ran out prior to the finals, we felt it important to have the ad run through the finals so there was an extra charge of \$710.

Motion to pay the extra charge by Rhoda Underhill, 2nd by Mel Grant: unanimous

Radio Ad: Last meeting we decided to run the same ad on the same station in Bangor; Q106.5fm. The fee was \$1680, a bit less than last year due to less days.

Motion to pay the radio ad fee by Rhoda Underhill, 2nd Peggy Tardif: unanimous

Fairness:

Chapter 9- amendment to Section 3 Payments and Fees- the proposed changes will not apply to the current 3-year-olds, it will only apply to the 2-year-olds (foals of 2023) as the 3-year-olds should be grandfathered.

Nominating Committee:

Chairman- Francis Hanley, Mel Grant, Claire Ryder and Diann Perkins. Will put the 4 openings in the newsletter to notify the membership.

Josiah Reed- Steven Wilson filled one-year openings last year

Carolyn Corso-Francis Hanley 2022-2024

Claire Ryder-Peggy Tardif- Rhoda Underhill 2023-2025

Melvin Grant-Christopher Basford 2024-2026

Old Business:

Mare Incentive Program:

All recipients have had letters sent to notify them, and the one ineligible was notified as to why.

Annual Meeting/Banquet- January 18, 2025-

We have a quote from The Farm Inn and Conference Center. Have also checked the availability of the same venue the MHHA is using, they are closed on our date for remodeling. We will check with Governors in Waterville also so that we can have a couple quotes.

Discussion about having Joe Shaw do a pictorial review booklet of the 2024 Sire Stakes.

Motion for Carolyn to have Joe Shaw move ahead with the booklet by Rhoda Underhill, 2nd by Peggy Tardif: unanimous.

Maine Legacy Series- 4-year-olds- status:

This program cannot be funded without writing something into Ch. 9 and would have to take it from the Sires Stakes Fund.

Motion to table the Series idea by Peggy Tardif, 2nd by Chris Basford; unanimous

New Business:

Donation to American Kidney Fund- in memory of William Varney.

Donation online with fee is \$103.

Motion to send the donation by Chris Basford, 2nd by Mel Grant: unanimous.

Seasonal Awards:

Discussed and decided on Broodmare of the year. Discussed ideas for this year's awards, decided on some and will research the rest for the next meeting.

Proposed funding of MSBOA- change to current practice.

It has been deemed that the 5% that we have historically received from the Sire Stakes Fund is not legal. It has been proposed that we receive 3% from the Sire Stakes Fund, so that we may have an annual budget. But will we also receive promotion monies on top of it? If not, how will we fund the Mare Incentive and other promotional items in the future with the cut in funds.

Motion to present the Boards concerns to Shane Bacon by Rhoda Underhill, 2nd by Peggy Tardif: unanimous.

Next meeting dates: December 3, 2024 & January 7, 2024

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: 8:14 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Rhoda Underhill, 2nd Peggy: unanimous