

# MSBOA MEETING MINUTES

**December 3, 2024**

**ZOOM MEETING**

**Start Time 6:00 pm**

Board members via zoom: Carolyn Corso, Peggy Tardif, Claire Ryder, Chris Basford, Rhoda Underhill and Steven Wilson (6:20)

Absent: Fran Hanley, Melvin Grant and Josiah Reed

Guests: Willie Underhill, David Crochere and Marianne Tompkins

Joint Meeting with MHHA representatives started at 6:00 discussion was had about both Associations concerns with Lasix times, post times and if the Stakes calendar would be set prior to the MHHA meeting so they could include it on the calendar they are making.

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

President's Remarks:

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 October 29, 2024, by Rhoda Underhill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Peg Tardif; unanimous.

Treasurer's report:

Fran Hanley emailed all Directors a copy of the General Ledger as of December 6, 2024.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report by Rhoda Underhill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris Basford: unanimous

Committee Reports:

Nominating Committee:

Chairman- Francis Hanley, Mel Grant, Claire Ryder and Diann Perkins. Josiah Reed would like to run again and Chris mentioned he had spoken to Jessica Childs and she is interested, will follow up with both and Directors will continue to seek others.

Old Business:

Chapter 9- MHRC proposed changes:

Commission added a change to allow Lasix for 3 year olds. Discussion on the best way to get the information to the membership was had and it was decided that it would be sent with the banquet information with maybe a survey to follow. Also will keep them updated on the open comment period.

#### Proposed Funding of MSBOA:

Carolyn contacted Attorney Craig Rancourt- he is happy to help and wonders what the initial motivation is for the change, Political perhaps? He also questioned if there is a conflict with the person who initiated the proposal. Attorney Rancourt is going to review the Statues and do some work on his end and will get back to us with his findings and suggestions.

#### Annual Meeting/Banquet- January 18, 2025-

##### Notice to membership- cost to attend:

Discussion on the cost of the venue and food compared to last year and it was decided that due to our limited funding we would ask the attendees to cover the per person food cost, so the amount to attend would be \$45 per person.

Motion to set the Banquet fee for attendees at \$45 by Rhoda Underhill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Clair Ryder: unanimous.

##### Invitation to attend:

Discussion on an appropriate list of non-paying attendees was had and it was decided that the list should include: Peter Connell, Shane Bacon and all the Commissioners. Letters will go out letting them know we wish for them to attend at no cost to them. Letters will also go out to award recipients letting them know they will be receiving an award, but that they will need to pay to attend.

##### Scholarship auction:

Claire and Rhoda will set up and monitor the auction items. Claire has been designated as the contact for donations, the information was included in the November newsletter and will also go out with the Banquet/Meeting announcement and be posted online.

##### MC:

Discussion was had on whether we should use someone from outside the Board, was decided that we would use someone on the Board.

Motion to appoint Mel Grant as MC for the Banquet by Rhoda Underhill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Peg Tardif: Unanimous

##### Awards:

Broodmare and Sire awards have been ordered. The remaining were decided and Rhoda will order.

Pictorial Review of 2024:

Carolyn is working with Joe Shaw on this project and she wondered about pictures of the Stallions. Claire offered to supply one and the other can be gotten from the Web. Project is moving along nicely.

New Business:

USTA Promotional Grant:

The USTA awards grants to be used for broadcasting and promotion. We have downloaded the application, and the Board agrees it is a very good idea to apply for the grant. Especially with the proposed funding changes. Deadline is January 31<sup>st</sup>. Clair and Rhoda agreed to work together to complete the application.

Next meeting dates: January 7, 2024

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: 7:35 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Rhoda Underhill, 2<sup>nd</sup> Claire Ryder: unanimous