

# **MSBOA MEETING MINUTES**

**March 11, 2025**

## **MEETING**

**Start Time 6:00 pm**

Board members present: Billy Childs and Chris Basford

Via zoom: Peggy Tardif, Rhoda Underhill, Jessica Childs, Claire Ryder and Josiah Reed (7:25)

Absent: Fran Hanley and Mel Grant

Guest: Shane Bacon

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Call to order: 6:06 pm President: Billy Childs

Shane Bacon:

Shane came to explain the Lasix rule, wording clarification. Also to discuss the breaking rule and that there will be NO trailers in Stake races. During the discussion the Board asked that a protocol be developed and made available for both the Veterinarians and the Participants. Shane will meet with the Commission Veterinarians and Jessica Childs to create said protocol. It will then be posted.

President's Remarks:

Billy reviewed LD793 by Rep. Hickman and the zoom meeting that was held with Shareholders and the possibilities of reallocation of Cascade funds.

Secretary's report:

Last meetings minutes were previously emailed to all board members.

Motion to accept the minutes from the meeting on February 11, 2025, by Chris Basford, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Peg Tardif: unanimous.

Treasurer's report:

Fran Hanley is currently in Florida for the month of March. Will present report at next meeting.

Committee Reports:

Scholarship:

Fran is in Florida so there is no update on applications.

Rhoda did send it to the USTA and it has been posted there. Board suggested that the application be sent to the University of Maine and the University of Southern Maine. Rhoda will send.

## Old Business:

### Photography Contract:

Rhoda has received Joe Shaw's signed contract for 2025.

Motion to accept Joe Shaw's contract for 2025 by Jessica Childs, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Claire Ryder: unanimous

### Social Media Contract/Website Maintenance Contract:

Rhoda has received and emailed Chris Tully's proposal for both to Board members.

Shannon Watson has requested a copy.

Motion to table Chris Tully's proposals until the April meeting by Rhoda Underhill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris Basford: unanimous

### Membership numbers- online payments?

Motion to table online payment discussion until Fran returns by Bill Childs, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Peg Tardif: unanimous

### Day at the Capital: March 18<sup>th</sup>

We will attend and share the area with the MHHA. Discussion on what materials we would like to have available was had. Peg will update the chart for 2024 to be used in the trifold used last year. Claire is finishing up the video of Mares and foals.

## New Business:

### Hickman Bill LD793

Bill addressed in opening comments

### Budget Request

Discussion on how the Board feels it should be funded was agreed that it will all come from the Sire Stakes Fund, so whatever is the easiest clerically works for us. Bill will call AAG Sawyer and discuss.

### Banquet

MHHA is willing to combine Banquets: Board discussed and would like the particulars on costs and available meeting time. Rhoda will reach out to Mary Ann to confirm.

### Committees

### Newsletter

Rhoda will send the preliminary newsletter to the Board to review and make any changes/suggestions. Would like to have it sent out by the end of the Month.

Next meeting date: April 8, 2025, at 6:00pm

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: 8:44pm.

Motion to adjourn by Chris Basford, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Claire Ryder: unanimous