

Michigan Harness Horsemen's Association

February 21, 2018 4 pm - Northville Downs

MEETING MIMUTES

Kelly Goodwin, Mike Sweeny, and Teresa Marotta were absent.

1. Meeting called to order - President Tom Barrett
Moment of Silence in memory of: Bonnie Schuberg
2. Approval of Agenda
Motion by Davidson; 2nd by Serra; Unanimous
3. Approval of Minutes – January 20, 2017
Motion by Davidson; 2nd by Embach; unanimous
Discussion about receiving draft minutes with more advance time
4. President's Report – Tom Barrett
President Barret spoke about his experience at the fair conference in Grand Rapids with Claudia, Crystal, and Teresa in January. He felt the meeting MHHA had with Cinda Karlic from the Dept of Agriculture and the fairs was productive. He gave a brief update regarding the recent EHV outbreak and it's impact and potential impact on racing at Northville Downs. After a conference call with MHHA, Northville Downs, and MGCB and some veterinarians a policy was put in place at the track as a temporary precaution. President Barret is also working on getting mini-series funding approved through the Dept. of Agriculture.
5. Treasurer's Report – Crystal Serra
Treasurer Serra gave a brief update about the purse levels and the plan to supplement the current purse levels with the recently released escrow funding.
6. MHHA Member Comments:
7. Old Business:
 - a. Banquet Recap
There was a brief recap of the annual banquet, which went very well. The MHHA netted roughly \$1800 from the event and raised \$3000 for charity.
8. New Business:
 - a. Farewell to Jackson – Presentation by Mike Way
Mike Way of Jackson presented to the board about a potential event in Jackson on July 8th to commemorate Jackson Raceway.
 - b. Advertising Colt Stakes – Crystal Serra
There was discussion about advertising the colt stakes program. Motion by Davidson; 2nd by Crawford; passed unanimously
 - c. Website Consultation Services – Crystal Serra
The was discussion about paying \$225 for a website consultant to review the MHHA website to help clean it up and make it more user friendly. Motion by Crawford; 2nd by Embach: passed unanimously
 - d. Colt Stakes Eligibility
There was discussion about the need to clarify eligibility of horses nominated

to the colt stakes program. The colt stakes committee was working to set up a conference call to discuss.

- e. 2018 Membership Renewal Mailing
The board unanimously passed a motion to do a mailing to all recent members to pay their 2018 membership dues
- f. AHC Meets with Department of Transportation
There was discussion about the need for a Dot # for all horsemen who are shipping across state lines with the intent to make money.

9. Legislative Policy/Report

- a. ADW Update
Mike Krombeen from Midwest Strategy Group gave an update on HB 4611 (ADW)
- b. Historic Racing and other gaming bills
Mike Krombeen from Midwest Strategy Group talked briefly about the other gaming bills currently introduced and the potential for a busy lame-duck session related to gaming, especially if the Supreme Court overturns PAPSA this spring.

10. Board of Director Comments: None

11. Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, March 21, 2018 – Northville Downs

12. Meeting Adjourned