

Michigan Harness Horsemen's Association

October 17, 2018 4 pm - Northville Downs

MEETING AGENDA

1. Meeting called to order - President Tom Barrett
 - a. Moment of Silence –
 - i. Guy Cole
 - ii. Kenneth Stirrett
 - iii. Doloris Cottongim
 - iv. Keith Hough
2. Approval of Agenda (Motion Crawford; 2nd Embach: Vote Unanimous)
3. Approval of Minutes – September 26, 2018 (Motion Terrell; 2nd Embach; Vote Unanimous)
4. President's Report – Tom Barrett

President Barrett gave an update about the pending MGCB approval of 44 race days for live racing at Northville Downs in 2019 as well as the potential for the approval of race dates at Sports Creek for Thoroughbred racing. An application was submitted seeking race days at the Creek by AmWest Racing LLC although negotiations are ongoing.
5. Treasurer's Report – Crystal Serra
6. MHHA Member Comments: Rob Stamos introduced himself as a former horseman who was curious about what might be happening in the industry after hearing some rumors about Sports Creeks opening up.
7. Old Business:
 - a. Open Board Member Positions – An additional update was given about the open board positions and the process for members in good standing to seek election to the board.
 - b. Ag Equine Fund Update – All of the funds from the Ag Equine Fund have been sent out and were available for horsemen to pick up from Northville Downs. Horsemen are also able to request their purse checks be mailed to them by requesting that from the Northville Downs Race Office.
8. New Business:
 - a. Annual Meeting & Banquet –Committee, Budget, Location
 - i. The Board approved a 10,000 dollar all in budget for the annual meeting and banquet. The 2018 Banquet had an income of 9,167.33 and raised 3,000 for scholarships. (Motion Terrell, 2nd Barrett, Unanimous)
9. Legislative Policy/Report
 - a. Gaming Legislation Update – Mike Krombeen of Midwest Strategy Group provided an update on several gaming bills currently pending in the Legislature. The Legislature returns after the November election for like 4

weeks of a lame duck session in which we are likely to see more movement on some or all of these legislative issues.

10. Board of Director Comments – None.

11. Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, November 28th, 2018 – Northville Downs

12. Meeting Adjourned