

Michigan Harness Horsemen's Association

October 21st, 2021 4pm – Northville Downs

MEETING MINUTES

1. Meeting called to order – 4:06
 - a) Moment of Silence - Char Lee Frazier and Michael Dreffi
2. Motion to Excuse Absent Members – (Terrell/Pluta/Unanimous)
3. Approval of Agenda – (Davidson/Terrell/Unanimous)
4. Approval of Past Minutes – (Davidson/Pluta/Unanimous)
5. President's Report – Tom Barrett gave the President's Report and focused on the latest Horse Racing Advisory Commission Meeting and the ongoing discussion surrounding the gaming package, the focus on consistent rules and regulations from both MGCB and Dept. of Agriculture, and the need to standardize a number of policies for the summer fairs. He noted that the MHHA just completed the 2021 summer program and that things went fairly well outside of a large number of race days impacted by rain/whether.
6. Treasurer's Report – Crystal Terrell gave the treasurers update and noted that the revenues remained consistent both in on track betting and advanced deposit wagering. The association remains in good financial health and is currently working with Northville on purse structure to both finish the meet and for 2022.
7. MHHA Member Comments: None.
8. Old Business:
9. New Business:
 - a) Draft of 2022 Summer Program – The board approved a draft summer program ahead of annual meeting with MDARD, MAFE, and others that continues to the current program structure but also adds a 1 race futurity for MI Sired horses to be raced at a County Fair and a 4-week sired only colt stakes at the county fair. The program does retain the 8-week program for both bred and sired horses and retains the Sire Stakes, Great Lakes Stakes, and Breeders Stakes. (Pluta/West/Unanimous)
 - b) Northville Downs Condition Sheet – There was an ongoing discussion related to the Northville Downs Condition Sheet and issues horsemen continue to raise with the conditions and the race office.
 - c) Fowlerville Red Barn Project – The board approved a 10k loan to the Fowlerville Family Fair to help provide funding for a new metal room on top of the red barn. (Pluta/Sweeney/Unanimous)
 - d) 2022 Annual Banquet Plans – Claudia Davidson provided an update on the Annual Banquet scheduled for January of 2022.
 - e) MHHA 2022 Proposed Meeting Dates – The board approved the MHHA Meeting dates

which will take place the 3rd Thursday of the Month at Northville Downs except for the Annual Meeting with no meetings in July or August due to the summer fair schedule.

f) Sire Stakes – Foals of 2020 – The board discussed otentially ineligible horses who nominated to the program. Letters were sent to those who made the nominations with refund checks and inquiring for more information if the owners believed the horses were truly eligible.

- Hardt Starz

- Unnamed (Musclesprincetonian and Lady Jubilee)

- She's Stacked

10. Legislative Policy/Report – Midwest Strategy Group gave an update on the ongoing legislative package related to VLTS and HHR. The goal is to get a final vote in the Senate in November with hope of seeing further movement before the end of the year.
11. Board of Director Comments: None.
13. Next Board Meeting: TBD
14. Meeting Adjourned : 6:25 PM

