

Board of Directors Meeting March 13, 2008

Board Members Present:

Tim Powers
Don Maurean
Sheridan Smith
Fran Hanley
Scott Dillion
Wendy Ireland
Executive Director, Jonathan Seavey
Mike Hitchcock
David Slocumb

Also attendance: Billy MacDonald

Meeting was called to order by President Tim powers at 5:00 p.m. at MHAA Office.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of February's meeting were tabled.

Treasurer's Report: Discussion was brought up by John Seavey how he will be making deposits and Fran discussed how they were going to do the deposits. Fran also talked about the budget. He said that the account balance was \$37,300 after deposits. \$17,000 deposited from interest from Scarborough, it was also brought up that we owe Fryeburg Fair for a blanket. Fran is going to start a Scholarship account and a Sulky account at Bangor Savings. Motion was made by David Slocumb and seconded by Wendy to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Committee Reports: Scholarship Fund Fran talked about the meeting in Lewiston.

Scholarship Committee: consists of Sheridan Smith, Fran Hanley, Timmy Powers, and Laurie Graffam. Going to do a 50/50 raffle, a bottle drive, bake sale and match the fine. Not sending flowers to funerals but donating the money to the Scholarships Fund was also talked about. Scott Dillion made the motion to donate the money to the Scholarships Fund. Fran seconded the motion. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

Bylaw Committee: It was discussed that bylaws need to be checked and the new bylaw committee consisted of board members Scott Dillion, Mike Hitchcock, Don Maurean, and appointed Nancy Pratt. It was also talked about printing new bylaw books in 2009.

Budget Committee: consists of John Seavey, Scott Dillion, Fran Hanley, and Dave Slocumb.

Contract Committee: Timmy talked about Presque Isle not racing. Don volunteered to be on the Contract Committee which consists of Don Maurean, Timmy Powers, Scott Dillion, and Mike Hitchcock.

John spoke about Fair contracts wondering where we stood in interest bearing accounts. David talked about the fairs over paying their purse accounts.

Legislation Committee: Don spoke about Penn National on the tax bill also talked LD1924 talked about 2184 said he took out 2% funding wording and just informed us of what was going on. We were also informed that Agriculture Day was Wednesday at the State House. Wendy brought up the idea to let members know in a newsletter about the representatives in their areas and whom to call. Don says he will keep us posted on any information on further information. Legislative Committee consists of all board members.

Regulatory Committee: Tim talked about MHRC not pushing rules talked about meeting were being postponed and discussed about what should be done. Regulatory Committee consists of all board members.

Sulky Committee: Talked about maybe making a few changes in the insurance program. Committee will meet, The Sulky Committee consists of Mike Hitchcock, Jonathan Seavey, Wendy Ireland, and Sheridan Smith.

Rule Committee: John talked about rule changes and will keep us updated. Rule Committee consists of all board members.

Joint Committee: consists of Mike Hitchcock, Dave Slocumb, and Scott Dillion.

Old Business: Expenses on winter racing in January was \$22,094.59. We are going to cut a check to Scarborough for \$17,000.00 as that is all we received in interest money. Discussion was made on agreement of this amount. It was also talked about how to better the track condition for winter racing. John talked about a professor to try to look at our conditions and will try to get in contact with him. John contacted Ed McCall on a meeting – no reply. Timmy talked about what to do with the ballots. Discussion was made to keep on file for 90 days – all in agreement. Part-Time clerical help John made up the description. Everything looked fine. Sheridan brought up the point that John should be the one they will answer to. There was discussion of hours. Sherdian made a motion to accept the job description and look for secretarial help. David Slocumb seconded. Fran had discussion about where the money came from. Motion voted on and carried unanimously.

David talked about combined management and proper IRS Forms. When they take out money from our account. Newsletter was talked about with John he is getting newsletter out to 2008 members only. Vacant seat at large member for one year. Fran made a motion that Gary Mosher should fill this seat as he was the next person with the most amounts of votes. Seconded by Don Maurean. Motion carried.

Audit Committee: Timmy talked about the committee. Billy MacDonald would like to be on the committee. Discussion was made about a second person and was talked about maybe being Darrell LeClair.

Timmy talked about Tina Quarrion on a \$15 stop payment fee to owner. Sheridan made a motion that John talk to Scarborough about this charge. David Slocumb seconded. Motion carries.

Timmy talked to Kim Ireland. Kim suggested on trying to keep a record of horses raced and entered. It may be useful in 2009. Sheridan made a motion to keep records of entries and results and conditions. Wendy Ireland seconded. Motion carried.

Timmy talked about notification of a board meetings and minutes of the meetings posted on the Maine Harness website. John commented on the minutes they needed to be approved before being public. David talked about the purse account for Bangor. March 19th David and John are going to meet with Penn to talk and see where the differences are. Timmy talked about memberships, John will contact the members. There are about 20 members to see what they want to do about their membership money. There was suggestion that they Bylaw Committee can get a new bylaw written. John Seavey talked HHI. We owe \$2,830.00 for 2008. HHI wrote past debt off but would like their money. Post debt amount is \$64,105.00. John talked about what we are paying right now: \$5,000 annually; third party \$22.50 per member; Fire and Disaster 9 fairs and 2 commercial tracks \$60 per race day.

John talked to HHI and came up with a figure to settle for in debt of \$50,000.00. John has documentation on past debt. In settling for this debt of \$50,000.00 they would like to have \$5,000.00 in 2008; \$15,000.00 in 2009; \$15,000.00 in 2010; \$15,000.00 in 2011. John talked about third party liability coverage and how it works. He also talked about fire and disaster. John educated us on what he learned in Florida. Sheridan suggested that John talk with Ken Ronco about the past debt. The HHI meeting is in February. Fran brought up the idea about having food at the meetings. Next meeting Tuesday, April 15th. Fran made a motion to adjourn. Sheridan seconded it. Motion carried.