

**MHHA Board Meeting Minutes
Monday February 1, 2010**

Board Members Present:

Tim Powers-President
Wendy Ireland-Treasurer
Wally Watson-Secretary
Sheridan Smith
Scott MacKenzie
Don Marean

Chan Woodcock-Executive Director
Bill MacDonald-member

Call to Order

Tim Powers called the meeting to order at 5:03.

Officers' Reports:

Secretary's Report: No report

Treasurer's Report: Fran Hanley submitted his last report. MHHA has \$12,257.19 in General Account, \$4,266.00 in Scholarship Account and \$17,949.41 In Sulky Account. Motion to accept-Don Marean and Second by Wally Watson. Motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Scholarship Committee: Wendy reported that 9 Scholarships totaling \$5,000.00 were awarded at the 2010 Banquet.

By-law Committee: Chan reported that all by-law proposals were accepted at 2010 Annual Meeting.

Budget Committee: Chan reported that 2010 MHHA Budget was approved at the Annual Meeting, with an additional \$1,500 approved for the website.

Legislative Committee: Don Marean gave a report on the current legislative budget proposals and reported that the Appropriations Committee is still working on the proposals.

Regulatory Committee: MSHRC will meet on February 10.

Media Committee: motion by Sheridan-second by Don Marean-to eliminate this committee and motion passed unanimously.

Rules Committee: No report

Joint Committee: Chan reported that a meeting was held to discuss legislative proposals and Oxford referendum. No action taken, only informational.

The possibility of a candidate survey for upcoming election was also discussed and both Associations will discuss with memberships.

Sulky Committee: No report

Track Committee: No report

Audit Committee: Chan reported that Dave Slocomb is currently in the process of completing the 2009 Audit.

Old Business: a brief discussion was held regarding the Scarborough Downs' contract for this season. No action taken.

Our website was also discussed with the focus being on the potential contribution by the Promotion Board and the impact upon MSBOA and MHHA votes to increase to \$4,000. Chan presented the 2010 stick-on calendar and the 2010 MHHA membership card for the Board to see.

New Business: Tim reported that there have been 5 candidates who are interested in being appointed to the vacant position on the MHHA Board of Directors for the At-large position. They are: Mike Timmons, Philip "Bo" Sowers, Dr. Denise McNitt, Mike Graffam and Pat Varnum. Motion by Sheridan to appoint Mike Timmons-motion died for lack of second. Wally Watson moved to appoint Mike Graffam-second by Scott MacKenzie. A brief discussion followed-motion passed 5-0 with Wendy abstaining.

Tim Powers made several appointments to committees(see attached sheet) for this upcoming racing season.

Chan reported that the 2010 Annual Meeting, Banquet & Yearbook came in \$2,484.85 under the budget. (See attached sheet). Kudos to Wendy for all of her efforts.

Board discussed the Marshall proposal and gave negotiators leeway to include in discussions. Scarborough has agreed to 50% of cost if MHHA pays 50%. Topic has not been discussed with Bangor Raceway.

Motion by Sheridan-second by Wendy for the possibility of surveying candidates for this fall's election along with the other members of the industry and to have 2 or more members attend the meeting(s).

Wendy raised the issue of the possibility of a discussion with Bangor Raceway regarding assistance for promoting the races at Bangor. She said there are many ideas and others would like to help.

Chan presented a summary of the MAAF Annual Meeting. Race Directors and Superintendents discussed the requirement by MSHRC to have a backstretch camera in place by this season. They said that the MSHRC should be the one to tell fairs where to

locate pole and camera. Cost is the concern for all and some do not agree with the requirement.

Chan also reported that Bill McFarland was elected new President of MAAF. Banquet was well-attended and enjoyed by all.

Chan reported that Dave Slocomb recommends sending in a form 1099 to IRS. Board agreed that we should.

Next Meeting: March 8 @ 5PM here in MHHA office.

Adjourned @ 7:25