

WHAT THE MSBOA DOES FOR YOU!

- Encourage new breeders and owners
- Encourage improvement of quality of Sire Stakes horses
- Negotiate with MHHA, race associations and the Harness Racing Commission for the benefit of Maine breeders, owners and the Sire Stakes program
- Suggest and support better rules and laws for the Sire Stakes and for harness racing
- Cooperate with MHHA to lobby on behalf of breeders, owners, the Sires Stakes and harness racing
- Work with Executive Director of the Maine Harness Racing Commission to keep track of Sire Stakes funds, nominations, two- and three-year olds and mares bred
- Work with Executive Director of MHRC to set base purse and finals purse for Maine's Sire Staked
- Organize, purchase and give out awards at Stakes races and the Winter Banquet
- Organize and run winter banquet, meeting and awards ceremony
- Keep track of points for awards
- Prepare stallion directory
- Initiate and organize Annual Maine Breeders Sale
- Organize Finals at host track
- Advertise Finals and Sire Stakes races
- Initiate, fund and coordinate detention barn at Finals
- Publish newsletters
- Carry out periodic surveys of members on topics of concern to MSBOA
- Give testimony on behalf of Maine breeders and owners at Race Commission meeting and legislative hearings
- Lobby on behalf of Maine's harness racing industry
- Raise scholarship money and award scholarships to deserving young people in the racing community
- Represent the breeders' and owners' interests on the Maine Harness Racing Promotion Board
- Take the lead in setting up the yearly Sire Stakes schedule
- Participate on Sire Stakes Advisory Committee
- Keep track of all pertinent data on Maine Sire Stakes Program
- Promote the Maine Sire Stakes Program with internet, radio, television advertising and hat/T-shirt giveaways\Hire photographer to take pictures for participants
- Distribute and share cost of calendars of stakes racing schedules
- Develop and distribute posters advertising Sire Stakes
- Attend race commission and other meetings to represent members
- Testify at hearings regarding race industry
- Contribute money and information to Maine Harness Commission
- Contribute to Maine Farm Day and other activities of the Harness Racing Promotion Board
- Co-sponsor press conference and breakfast for the finals draw
- Supply information to media and track announcers
- Meet with host tracks and fairs to arrange promotion of the Maine Sire Stakes Program
- Hire photographer to photograph Sires Stakes participants
- Design hats and give to all members
- Notify stakes participants of entry, registration and nomination deadlines
- Provide information to New England Harness Writers Association, Horseman and Fair World and Hoofbeats Magazine
- Provide information to Maine Harness Racing websites
- Bring mare and foal display for finals
- Organize stallion parades for finals
- Bring educational speakers to membership meetings
- Develop and distribute brochures promoting standardbred horses, harness racing and the Maine Sire Stakes Program
- Provide a photographic display of all entries in the two-year and three-year Finals. Photographs to be given to all owners at the completion of that day's racing.
- Organize free breakfast for Finals volunteers and detention barn area participants
- Organize breakfast for Finals Draw
- Attend Sires Stakes draws