

Maritime Barrel Racing Association

General Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2015

I. Call to order

Chris Maclean called to order the general meeting of the MBRA at 12:10pm, November 14, 2015 at Holiday Inn, Truro NS.

II. Roll call

Beth O'Leary. 38 present at start of meeting 8\10 more arrived as meeting progressed.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Beth O'Leary. Read the minutes from the previous 2 meeting. The minutes were approved as read by Ken Jardine & seconded by Elaine MacLean

Treasures Report

Kathy Stevens. Read the Treasures report.

Question arose as to why money was spent on an announcer, newspaper advertising and the cost of a new TV. Chris MacLean explained why the money was spent and that RAM was involved in the decisions made to spend the funds.

Kathy reviewed the Show Expenses.

Kathy explained how the Drug Fees were collected and what was paid out in testing fees.

Report approved by Elaine MacLean & seconded by Bobby Stevens.

IV. Old Business

- a) Discussion was held on Drug Testing - How long will testers wait for a horse to urinate to get a drug test. Reviewed rule on who can draw blood from a horse\pony. Question on whether a drug test was refused. Suggested the club hire a Vet & always draw blood.
- b) Crapaud Exhibition – Pat McLean read a letter from Gerald Dixon. Club to send a thank you letter to Gerald for all his years of work on this show.
- c) Exhibition Runs – Marion MacDonald asked if Exhibition runs could be held on Friday evening. See new business below.

V. **New business**

- a) Decision on when the best time would be to have Exhibition Runs during a jackpot.

Marion MacDonald made a motion:

“Exhibition Runs to be held at the beginning of each day of jackpot, when time allows. Show Committee to determine if the runs be held and what time during the jackpot”.

Second by Kathy Stevens

Voted & Passed.

- b) Decision on Stall Signs & MBRA Ring Number

Kathy Steven made a motion:

“To run for RAM Money at Exhibitions competitors are required to hang a RAM stall sign and wear a MBRA ring number.”

Seconded by Jean Dugas

Voted & Passed

- c) Decision on whether a MBRA Ring number could be retired

Beth O’Leary made a motion:

“To Retire a MBRA Ring Number a letter needs to be sent to the MBRA’s Board of Directors requesting approval for a certain ring number be retired. Fee to retire the number will be \$25.00”

Seconded by Pat McLean

Voted & Passed

- d) Drug Policy – Ken Jardine spoke on this and a lengthy discussion was held.

Ken Jardine made a Motion to amend the present Drug Policy and to change the name to a Medicine Policy, and to add an allowable list of medications along with the allowable limits for these medications.

Ken Jardine made the Motion:

I move that the MBRA Drug Policy be renamed to:

“MEDICATIONS AND PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES POLICY”

Said name change is to be reflected in the entire policy.

I Further move that the newly named MBRA **MEDICATIONS AND PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES POLICY** be revised to include a preamble stating:

”The MBRA Equine Medications and Prohibited Substances Policy is driven by a mission to protect the welfare of horses competing in MBRA sanctioned events, while promoting fair competition among Responsible Members. The MBRA Equine Medications and Prohibited Substances Policy is dedicated and committed to the health, welfare and safety of horses, ponys and Responsible Members. and also to maintain public and sponsor confidence in the fairness of MBRA sanctioned events and the humain treatment of our mounts.”

“The MBRA recognizes that horses competing in MBRA approved events are subject to individual therapeutic needs, which may call for legitimate therapeutic treatment near the time of competition for the comfort and safety of the horse or pony and rider.”

FURTHER I move that the M&PS Policy be anended to include the following definition of PROHIBITED and PERMITTED SUBSTANCES:

PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

Under this policy unauthorized administration of prohibited substances to horses competing in or scheduled to compete in an MBRA sanctioned event is not allowed. At this time that is defined as follows:

Any substance and any preparation, metabolite, derivative, isomer and salt of the substance:

The following categories of drugs are prohibited:

- All substances found in the CPMA Schedule are prohibited, except as stated in the Permitted Medication rules.
- All substances not licensed for use in Canada (except as stated in the permitted medication rules).
- Any drug listed under the Narcotic Control Act or listed on Schedule G and/or H of the Food and Drug Act.
- Any stimulant, depressant, tranquilizer, local anesthetic, drug or drug metabolite which might affect the performance of a horse, except as stated in the Permitted Medication rules.
- Metabolite which might affect the performance of the horse.

PERMITTED MEDICATIONS:

The only permitted Substances are Anti-inflammatory Non Steroidal and other NON ENHANCEMENT medications listed in **Appendix 1** at the listed amounts, conditions and under the supervision of a veterinarian are permitted for use by MBRA responsible persons on their horses.

It is the responsibility of the competitor to ensure that they are familiar with these regulations.

Seconded by Jean Dugas

Private vote was held - Voted and Passed (only 2 votes against)

- e) Discussion was held on interpretation of Rule 3 in Section One – Competition Rules - with regard to the wording of “A contestant will have 30 seconds to make his\her way to the ring after his\her number is called”.

Craig Carey made a motion:

“New directors look into the cost of purchasing a light system which would notify the competitors when it is their turn to enter ring.”

Seconded by Karen Young

Voted and Passed

Jean Dugas made a motion to amend the rule to:

“Once the instructions to enter the ring have been given the competitor has 60 seconds to entry the ring.”

Seconded by Kathy Stevens

Voted and Passed

- f) Discussion on limiting entries at Exhibitions re Rule #7 in Section Three – Payouts, Points & Placings at Sanctioned Events. A large number of ideas was tossed around and talked about.

Present Rule “With the exception of the last show of the season, if a show committee limits either horses\ponies or rides in any way it can no longer be considered an MBRA pointed event.”

Tim Parker made a motion:

“Add to the present rule – **With the discretion of the Board of Directors**”

Seconded by Craig Carey

Voted and Passed

Jean Dugas made a motion:

“Remove the words – **if a show committee limits either horses\ponies or rides in any way it can no longer be considered an MBRA pointed event.**”

Seconded by Ken Jardine

Voted and Passed

Rule now to read – Limiting the number of horses at a pointed event will be determined with the discretion of the Board of Directors.

- g) Discussion on Blood samples during Drug testing. Would it be a viable option for the MBRA to hire a vet to do all drug testing to allow for blood samples to be taken as opposed to urine? Talked over Andrew Lewis and having him look after the drug testing in 2016, along with the hiring of a vet to do testing.

Craig Carey made a motion:

“MBRA to use a Vet/Vet Tech to take blood samples during drug testing with a Board of Director present during the testing.”

Seconded by Amanda Smith

Voted and Passed

- h) Jean Dugas questioned the dates of the 2015 banquet as the date coincided again with the Caper Western Rides banquet. Elaine MacLean explained the Hotel had over booked for 2015 and because the MBRA was the second booking we had to change the date from November 7, 2015 to November 14, 2015. For 2016 club will try to book November 5.
- i) Discussion was held on arena drags and the concern that perhaps now as the club has grown in the number of horses competing at MBRA events, is it now time for the MBRA to invest in a drag of its own.

Scotts McLean made a motion:

“New Board of Directors to look into the purchase of an arena drag for the MBRA (or the hiring of a drag) to the value of \$7000.00 for the 2016 show season.

Seconded by Ken Jardine

Voted and Passed

- j) Jean Dugas made a motion:

“The MBRA to adopt a Role Over Time Option for 3D. Each rider has the option, at the time of entry, to choose to roll over the time of their

first barrel run of the day and pay the 3D entry fee. The time from that first barrel run will be rolled over to the 3D class and placed accordingly within the class, without having to actually run. This would be for a 1 year trial period.”

They would therefore not run in the 3D. Decision was held.

Seconded by Marion MacDonald

Voted and Passed

Point to note – During the meeting the MBRA presented Ray Weatherby with a club jacket as an appreciation for all his hard work dragging and maintaining the footing in 2015.

Nominations began for 2016 Board of Directors. New Board for 2016 is:

Terry Cole, Kaleigh Denton, Tommy Fraser, Chris & Elaine MacLean, Beth O'Leary. Tim & Cherie Parker, Kathy Stevens & Barb Taylor.

VI. Adjournment

Jean Dugas made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by Kaleigh Denton.

Chris Maclean adjourned.