

MBRA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOVEMBER 1ST, 2014

TRURO, NOVA SCOTIA

Chris called the meeting to order.

Ashley read minutes from the last general meeting which was held in Bridgewater in June 2014.

Kathy read treasurers report, there were questions regarding loss of funds and Kathy explained that due to shows that had a loss of profits the club then needed to cover those expenses. However the money did go back to members, so although it shows as a loss the money stayed in the club.

OLD BUSINESS

Jean Dugas asked to know who won the member voted on awards last year.

Drug testing was addressed, members wanted to know why we cannot come up with a system in which competitors don't know when testing is taking place or who will be tested. There was much discussion on how to go about ensuring "random" testing. The most ideal scenario the members could decide on was that once a horse is entered for that show there corresponding ring number will be put into the drug testing draw pool. It was asked if a horse got hurt and the owner decided to withdraw the animal so that drugs could be administered would that be allowed. This is currently how our rule holds now so that will remain the same. It also needs to allow for directors discretion where need be. After all of this discussion Marion and Beth came up with the wording for a motion.

MOTION: "Random testing will be done based on ring numbers entered at current show in compliance with our current drug policy." Marion put forward the motion, Beth seconded it. Voted and passed.

Jean Dugas then brought the discussion to how "random" our running order draw actually is? Kathy addressed this and explained that it is a software system that we use however with the number of riders per class we do often see similar running orders produced from day to day. Ed asked if we could update our software. The board will look into it. There was then discussion that although it needs to be random there does need to be some control as to reflect the interest of the crowd and our sponsor. The Fall Fair to be specific needs to be staged more than other shows, it was felt this is a unique event with a different crowd than most of our shows and we will make necessary adjustments for that. The t shirt throws at the fair were a big hit in 2014 so we will carry that through as well, kept fans in the stands.

Tim made the following motion

Motion: "New Board will visit the randomness of Dodge Ram Rodeo draw" Craig seconded, voted and passed.

Ken Jardine then brought the meeting to old business regarding the Adult Green Division. It is now felt that the rules relating to being kicked out of Adult Green are too strict and that riders that are in this division and are now riding at a novice level should be moving out of this division. There was discussion on what the new time requirements should be and Ken put forward the following motions.

MOTION: "If you run an 18 second or lower barrel time, you are kicked out." Marylou seconded, voted and defeated.

MOTION: "If you run within 2 seconds of the winning novice time on the same day under the same conditions you are kicked out." Marylou seconded. Voted and passed.

(PLEASE COMPARE THESE MOTIONS TO KEN'S COPY, HE WAS SUPPOSED TO EMAIL THEM TO ME BUT DID NOT AS OF YET.)

NEW BUSINESS

Christine Carter then brought up having a PA system so the competitors can hear the ring number called in the warm up ring. Lots of discussion surrounding amount of time competitors have to make their way to ring and that we should also pay better attention to our order of run. We need volunteers to work the gate. Craig put forward the following motion.

MOTION: "The MBRA invest money in an amp/microphone and a set of portable radios to be used at club events." Cindy seconded. Voted and passed.

Pat McLean then brought up the topic of riders who are trying the start new or young horses on poles could we have a class allotted for this if they are not novice ready but do not qualify for junior horse. Lots of back and forth discussion about how many classes we already have and hours in the day. It was suggested that we could use the Saturday exhibition class for barrels and the Sunday class exhibition class for poles? Craig Carey put forward the following motion.

MOTION: "For a one year trial the MBRA host exhibition barrels on the Saturday of jackpots and exhibition poles on the Sunday of jackpots." Adrienne seconded. Voted and passed.

Jean Dugas then discussed an option that would cut down on long days. In other rodeo circuits they use a roll over option for the 3D run where a competitor can decide when they enter a rodeo if they would like to use their run time from that day as their 3D time. Discussion was had about people who don't like to run their horse twice could have a chance at 3D. Also it cuts down on time at the end of the day. Some people felt we are not a big enough club to make this worthwhile and that people would be confused if riders who placed had not run. Jean put forward this motion.

MOTION: The MBRA add a roll over option for the 3D class, where we would carry over our previous time from that day as our 3D time." Marion seconded. Voted and defeated.

Next show locations was brought up, discussion was had about where we will be booking will we be trying to go back to Summerside and why was that booked last year. Chris said the club would be booking venues earlier this year and we would try for pens that are covered and central for club shows.

Next Adrienne asked if we should have our financials password protected on our website so our members can see but that outside sources cannot. It came up that we are non for profit sometimes we show gain sometimes we show loss. Also pointed out that there are lots of other non for profit organizations that have much larger financial profits. Jean explained that we can put money under different designations and it can then sit forever. Adrienne put forward the following motion.

MOTION: "The club install a member's only password protector for the financial statements on the website." Marylou seconded it. Voted and passed.

Next Heather thanked Kathy for learning the ropes in the booth this year and spoke of how hard and time consuming this job is and felt that the club should be paying two show secretary's paid per show. She put forward the following motion.

MOTION: *"Two show secretaries will be paid \$100.00/day per show." Tommy seconded it. Voted and passed.*

Chris called for meeting to be adjourned, it was seconded by Jean.