

Maritime Barrel Racing Association

Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2017

I. Call to order

Chris MacLean called to order the General Meeting Maritime Barrel Racing at 12:15 pm, on November 18, 2017 at the Holiday Inn, Truro NS.

II. Roll call

Beth O'Leary, 37 present at start of meeting, 15\20 arrived as the meeting progressed.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Beth O'Leary read the minutes from the November 19, 2016 General Meeting. The minutes were approved as read by Judy Bateman and seconded by Kathy Stevens.

Treasure's Report:

Kathy Stevens reviewed the Treasure's Report:

Bank Account = \$11,545.99

Ram Bank Account = \$821.64

Drug Fees Collected = \$1,916.12

Approved by Ed Grant and seconded by Joan Grant

IV. Old Business

- a) Pat McLean asked why the Crapaud Exhibition 2017 was not approved as a pointed MBRA show when it offered \$8,000.00 in prize money. Chris MacLean explained the discussion which took place during the general meeting in 2016. He spoke of his phone conversation with Gerald Dixon after the meeting. Gerald did not contact Chris or reply to the suggestions made to him by Chris on behalf of the MBRA. Discussion was held.
- b) Red\Green light – A lighting system was purchased in 2017 and used at several shows. Discussion was held on whether members felt it was a benefit to the competitors. It was felt that for those announcing it was a lot of work and hard to remember to use it. Therefore, competitors did not always trust the color of the light when on. Did feel it was helpful in Lawrencetown because riders could not see the ring from the warm up area. Directors will determine what shows or if it will be used on 2018.
- c) Marion MacDonald asked why there was no Bridgewater Jackpot in 2017. Chris explained that no one from the previous Bridgewater show committee came forward with a request to the

MBRA to point a jackpot at that location. Adrienne Benoit provided an explanation as to why the committee did not want to host a MBRA jackpot in 2017.

- d) Pictou Jackpot – Members felt this was a good event. Only problem was that the club was unaware that it was the MBRA’s responsibility to remove all garbage from the grounds when the jackpot was over.

V. New business

- a) Steel barrels at the NSPE grounds need to be replaced.
- b) The present Ram Rodeo barrel covers are become very tired and worn looking. Nancy Spurway will add a request in the 2018 Ram Sponsorship Proposal for new barrel covers.

Pat McLean made a Motion:

“MBRA to purchase new barrel covers if Ram does not provide new ones for 2018”.

Seconded by Kim Sellers

Nancy mentioned that Ram would need to approve the design\Logo used on any new barrel covers before they are purchased.

Voted and Passed.

- c) Kathy Stevens made a motion:

“For the Small Fry Division only the number of ponies to run between each drag will be determine by the show committee at each event.”

Seconded by Elaine MacLean.

Voted and Passed

- d) Pat McLean asked about the Drug Rule and how horses\ponies are chosen for testing. Chris explained the present rule, a random selection is made of all entries. Discussion was held on other methods of selecting horse\pony for testing.

Marion MacDonald made a motion:

“Continue with the present random selection but at Exhibitions also 1 of the top 3 class winners be selected for testing.”

Seconded by Elaine MacLean

Voted and Passed.

- e) Discussion was held on how many shows should be drug tested during the show season. This decision will be left up to the new board of Directors to determine the number of shows were testing will take place.

- f) Discussion was held on whether the MBRA should post the results of each drug test on the member's only club web site.

Ed Grant made a motion:

“Post Drug Test Results on the members only portion of the MBRA web site”

Seconded by Wendy MacLean

Voted and Passed

- g) Marion MacDonald made a motion:

“Add to the Medication Rule specific allowable limits (consistency) for each of the medications listed on the Permitted Medication Chart.”

Seconded by Elaine MacLean

Voted and Passed.

- h) Ed Grant made a motion:

“For running orders the first and third classes the running orders will be drawn randomly. For the second class the running order will be the reverse order of the first run will be used.”

Seconded by Joan Grant

Voted and Defeated

- i) Marion MacDonald asked about the 3D at the Pictou Jackpot. Because of the late start on Saturday (due to the rain during Friday night) the 3D class could not be held due to darkness. Therefore, the class was moved to Sunday. Those who entered and did not take the role over were offered their money back if they no longer wished to compete in the class. However those who took the role over were not offered the same option. Kathy Steven apologized and said this was an over site which will not happen moving forward.

- j) Pat Maclean asked if the MBRA should consider paying for a ring crew at club sponsored shows. Discussion was held.

Tim Parker made a motion:

“The MBRA will hire a Ring Crew for club sponsored Jackpots”.

Seconded by Marion MacDonald.

Voted and Passed.

- k) Pat Mclean asked what is done with the \$5.00 collected for the exhibition runs at the jackpots. It was explained that the exhibition runs are a fundraising classes for the club.

- l) Pat Maclean thanked the Show Secretaries for doing a great job during the 2017 show season.
- m) Kathy Stevens mentioned the \$100.00 paid per day to each of the two show secretaries was low considering the amount of work done and the long days worked.

Pat McLean made a motion:

“Increase the amount paid to the two show secretaries from \$100.00 per day to \$150.00 per day each.”

Seconded by Kim Sellers

Voted and passed.

- n) Pat McLean asked what the administration fee charged on each entry form is used for. Chris MacLean explained it was to cover the expenses for each show IE timer fees, show secretaries, grounds rental etc.
- o) Elaine MacLean told everyone that Wallace McNutt Trailer Sales would like to donate a perpetual Trophy to the MBRA in 2018. The new board of directors will contact Wally McNutt on this.
- p) Question was raised about the Adrienne Connelly Trophy and who presently has it. It is possibly with the McGuire Family. Mary Lou Rankin-Denton will contact Mrs. McGuire to see if she has it. If it is found and requires repairs the MBRA will cover the cost. If it cannot be located, then Lucy Collier will replace it with another trophy.
- q) Wendy MacLean was glad to see that drinking and riding had improved in 2017. However feels there can still be less drinking and riding in 2018.
- r) Marion MacDonald made a motion:

“All directors must be voted onto the board by the membership. A one year courtesy Past President position will be offered to the retiring President.”

Seconded by Terry Cole

Voted and Passed.

Nominations for Directors was held:

The following members declined the nomination:

Terry Cole	Kevin Bateman
Travis Yorke	Marion MacDonald
Katie MacIsaac	Pat McLean

Kathy Stevens	Corinne Yorke
Elaine MacLean	Alex Singer
Beth O'Leary	Sylvester Weatherbie

2018 Board of Directors:

Kaleigh Denton	Paige Angevine
Cindy Wamboldt	Lori Angevine
Cherie Parker	Shelby Gatti
Tim Parker	Karen Hatcher
Tracey MacKenzie	Laura Morrison

VI. Adjournment

Beth O'Leary made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by Elaine MacLean