

Maritime Barrel Racing Association

Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2018

I. Call to order

Tracy Higgins called to order the General Meeting for Maritime Barrel Racing at 12:15 pm, on November 17, 2018 at the Holiday Inn, Truro NS.

II. Roll call

Kaleigh Denton, 32 present at start of meeting, 15\20 arrived as the meeting progressed.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Kaleigh Denton read the minutes from the November 18, 2017 General Meeting. The minutes were approved as read by Cindy Wambolt and seconded by Cherie Parker.

Treasure's Report:

Tracey reviewed the Treasure's Report:

Bank Balance Year End, October 31, 2018 = \$3,514.65

Bank Balance, November 16, 2018 = \$7,902.72

Drug Fees Collected = \$3610.00

Approved by Pat MacLean and seconded by Laura Morrison

IV. Old Business

- a) Tracy Higgins thanked Ed and Joan Grant for getting the steel barrels for the NSPE. Discussion was held that we should move them. Marion MacDonald and Robyn Crowe said they would pick them up and store them for safe keeping until next season.
- b) Discussion was held about the Dodge covers again. If Ram does not approve them this year, MBRA will have to purchase them. The new set will only be used at the Exhibitions. The old covers can be used at the jackpots.
- c) The number of Smallfry ponies to run between drags was left up to the directors at each show. Not having to drag after every Smallfry pony worked out well this year and saved time.
- d) Random selection for drug testing of 1 of top 3 horses worked well. The vet and two directors were present every time a horse was tested. We did three tests this year and, as it has been the last few years, it was random and no one was aware of when they were coming. The new board will encourage them to test at a jackpot as well next year.

- e) Drug test results were posted on the members only section part of the website. There were no positive tests this year.
- f) Allowable limits were also added to the website this year. This information came right from the company who does the testing, Maximum.
- g) Paying the ring crew. Tracey thought it was an asset. However, concern from members is that if we continue to pay ring crew we will be broke in a few years.
- h) Fee for office work was increased. It was raised to \$150.00 per show secretary for each show.
- i) The Wallace McNutt trophy. We reached out to Wallace and hopefully it will be given out in 2019.
- j) Adrienne Conley trophy. The new board will contact Lucy and she will have it replaced.
- k) Wendy MacLean was happy that drinking and riding has improved this year, however, feels there is still room for improvement in 2019.

V. New business

- a) Discussion was held over paying a ring crew. Currently, we are paying two people a show \$100 each, per day. This is a huge expense to the club, the cost this year was \$3200. If we continue to pay ring crew we will need to do more fundraising or increase fees.

Terry Cole made a motion:

“to change from hiring a ring crew, to paying a supervisor \$100.00 per day at each show to oversee setting up the barrels.”

Seconded by Tommy Fraser

Voted and passed

- b.) Marion MacDonald brought up the proposal to change the by-laws of the Association. This proposal has been posted on the MBRA website for several weeks.

Marion Mac Donald made a motion:

“Section 8a to read: Admission to membership in the Association is evidenced by the addition of the members name to the record of members maintained by the Secretary of the Association.”

Seconded by Wendy MacLean

Voted and Passed

- c.) Marion MacDonald made a motion:

“Add a 8b section to read: The Secretary of the Association will also maintain a record of those people who have had their membership revoked or denied by the Board of Directors.”

Seconded by Beth O Leary

Voted and Passed

- d.) Marion MacDonald made a motion:

“Add a 9b. section to read: Any person who has had their membership revoked or denied by the Board of Directors cannot be accepted as a member in the Association, without the approval of the general membership. Such approval will be voted on at a General Meeting of the Membership and as such must be advertised in advance of the intent to reinstate said member.”

Seconded by Beth O Leary

Voted and Passed

- e.) There was discussion of the number and caliber of horses who are being bumped out of the Novice Division and then being re-classified as a Novice horse, once again.

Kathy Stevens made a motion:

“If a horse and rider combination is bumped out of novice, said rider/horse combination is able to re apply one time only. After that, said horse/rider combination is bumped out of novice permanently.”

Seconded by Terry Cole

Voted and Passed|

Kathy Stevens made an amendment to her motion:

“ to add, effective January 2019.”

Seconded by Terry Cole

Voted and Passed

- f.) There was discussion that the Novice Division is too competitive and that the horses in that division are essentially running open times, leaving little opportunity for your ‘true’ novice horses.

Joan Grant made a motion:

“The new board of directors look into the criteria for a novice horse getting bumped out and being re-classified as a novice horse.”

Seconded by Craig Carrey

Voted and Passed.

- g.) Discussion about the top 10 race. It was discussed that the board should have some input as to how that class should be run. Details and information about this class should be publicized in advance, such as how riders and horses will be chosen, payout percentages, etc. Nancy expressed that Dodge is okay with having other sponsors however, Ram still needs exposure. It is ram horses that are spotlighted for these Feature Top 10 Races. It should be used as an opportunity to thank ram, added bonus sponsorship.

Brad Moore made a motion:

“We incorporate top 10 into our sponsorship package into our ram rodeo tour.”

Seconded by Joan Grant

Voted and defeated.

- h.) Discussion was held about the amount of jackpots in a row. The new board will try their best to give adequate space between shows.
- i.) Heather Strickland expressed concern about not having confirmation about Dodge sponsorship until last minute. South Shore Exhibition entries close at the end of June and it makes it very challenging not knowing if there will be sponsorship.
- j.) Truro Exhibition grounds was discussed. Tracy has been talking to the manager, however, we would be responsible for taking footing out and putting it back in.

Nominations for Directors was held:

The following members declined the nomination:

Beth O Leary Kate Madsen

Kathy Stevens

Travis Yorke

2019 Board of Directors:

Kaleigh Denton

Ed Grant

Cindy Wambolt

Chris MacLean

Cherie Parker

Terry Cole

Tim Parker

Elaine MacLean

Tracey Higgins

Tommy Fraser

Marion MacDonald made a motion to destroy the ballots.

Seconded by Kaleigh Denton

VI. Adjournment

Kaleigh Denton made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Second by Rebecca Fraser

Minutes submitted by Kaleigh Denton

Approved by Tracey Higgins