

Maritime Barrel Racing Association

Meeting Minutes

September 26, 2020

I. Call to order

Tim Parker called to order the General Meeting for Maritime Barrel Racing at 7:07 pm, on September 26, 2020 at the South Shore Exhibition Grounds, Bridgewater, NS.

II. Roll call

Kaleigh Denton, 45 present at start of meeting, 10 - 15 arrived as the meeting progressed.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Kaleigh Denton read the minutes from the November 16, 2019 General Meeting. The minutes were approved as read by Tim Parker and seconded by Kate Madsen.

Treasure's Report:

Tracey reviewed the Treasure's Report:

Bank Balance Year End, October 31, 2019 = \$13,088.14

Bank Balance at this point, September 24, 2020 = \$18,152.48

Year end is October 31, 2020

Approved by Kate Madsen and seconded by Cherie Parker

IV. Old Business

- a) There was discussion of the new Novice rule being well received, and serving it's purpose of bumping and retaining the appropriate caliber of horses for the Novice division.
- b) The Truro exhibition grounds was discussed. Tim reached out to them on various occasions, however, like Windsor, due to the pandemic they were not interested in hosting events for the 2020 season.
- c) There was a new rule added in last year which allowed adults s with disabilities to enter a class, and be led. This was not utilized this show season.

- d) Once again, ScrapCo (Jen Poole) generously donated to our shows, sponsoring a two part series. This was incredibly well received, and all members appreciate and are grateful for all of the support she has showed for barrel racing in the maritimes. It will be important to acknowledge Jen not only at ScrapCo shows, but other club shows as well. This was talked about last year, but there have only been three shows this year so the opportunity wasn't there, but will certainly be done next year.
- e) New barrel covers need to be ordered. This has been approved for 2 years now. The old covers are well used and are in need of being replaced. The new board will go ahead and order new covers.
- f) Technology. It was voted to explore the idea of a new website and purchase a new laptop. The laptop was purchased, and Maritime Design came on board to sponsor the MBRA website. They are covering the yearly domain name charges, as well as monthly upkeep and maintenance fees. Huge thanks to Maritime Design. The new board will come up with a way to acknowledge and show appreciation for this endeavour.
- g) Fundraising was difficult this year and will be further explored next year.
- h) Membership fees were discussed. They were raised this year, but members felt it worked out okay.
- i) The post-secondary education bursary was discussed. This was approved last year, however, there was no follow up after the AGM. The new board will create criteria and share this information with students in the spring.
- j) Ram sponsorship. Tim reached out to Nancy in August to ensure ram was still happy with MBRA, and to see if we could do anything. Nancy communicated that everything is status quo.
- k) ScrapCo toy drive. MBRA donated \$250 to the toy drive last Christmas.

V. New business

- a) The new formatting, competition group A and group B, worked very well and families felt it was very efficient. The new board will further examine if it is something we want to continue in the future.
- b) Discussion was held over the decision to hold a show in Sussex versus Cape Breton. It was shared that there was a vote amongst the board members and it was decided to hold the last jackpot in Sussex. A contributing factor was that Sussex already had a \$250 deposit that was given in the spring.
- c) There was discussion around the drug, regumate and taking it off of the banned substance list.

Charlsea Fiske made a motion:

“to remove regumate from the banned substance list”

Seconded by Marion MacDonald

Voted and Defeated

- d) There was discussion around volunteers and ring crew, and the possibility of offering an incentive to members who help with ring crew. The incentive could be reduced, or free head fee. Members were reminded that we attempted to pay a ring crew in 2018, and in 2019 recognized that it was not a sustainable option to continue.

Adrienne Beniot made a motion:

“to add \$5 for single, \$10 for family on the entry form to pay for the ring crew.”

Seconded by Tommy Fraser

Voted and Defeated

- e) Members shared concern over the fact drug fees were collected this year, yet there was no drug testing. It was explained that there was no certainty that the shows would even take place, and therefore no vet was contacted. The drug testing money is in a separate bank account, and will be used for future drug tests.

Nominations for Directors was held:

The following members declined the nomination:

Heather Strickland

Kathy Stevens

Tracey Higgins

Adrienne Benoit

Jean Dugas

Pat McLean

2019 Board of Directors:

Kaleigh Denton

Cindy Wambolt

Chris MacLean

Cherie Parker

Terry Cole

Tim Parker

Tommy Fraser

Jessie Taylor

Donnie MacNeil

Corrine Yorke

Tim Parker made a motion to destroy the ballots.

Seconded by Jean Dugas

VI.Adjournment

Kaleigh Denton made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by Tracey Higgins

Minutes submitted by Kaleigh Denton

Approved by Chris MacLean