

Date: August 20, 2013

To: Paul Thissen  
Chair, Legislative Commission on Planning and Fiscal Policy

From: Kristin Batson  
Acting Executive Director, Minnesota Racing Commission



Re: Breeder Fund Advisory Committees

In response to your letter to Ralph Strangis dated August 2, this memo verifies that the Breeder Fund Advisory Committee is the sole advisory group associated with the Minnesota Racing Commission (MRC).

This committee advises the MRC on breeding industry rules and the distribution of thoroughbred Breeders Fund awards and purse supplements. The committee reviews and evaluates revenues to the Breeders Fund that are available for Minnesota Bred purse supplements and recommend the expenditure of those funds to the Commission for approval.

The Committee is comprised of the following members:

- Carin Offerman, Chair
- David Astar
- Dean Benson
- Dan Cohen
- Dave Dayon
- Chad Kuehn
- Dan Mjolsness
- Rick Osbourne
- Gary Speich
- Dennis Strohkirch
- Jack Walsh

There is no compensation for Committee members, but their expenses are reimbursed. MRC budgets \$500 per year for these reimbursements. The Committee typically meets twice a year. The most recent meeting dates were April 11, June 28 and October 31, 2012. No future meetings have been scheduled. The Committee does not issue reports, nor does it have a website.

Please contact me should you have additional questions. 651-259-3816