

## BOD Meeting January 28, 2015

Call to order by President Nancy Edwards at 7:03 pm.

President's message: Silence phones. We have a new Wall of Fame that lists award winners. Please keep several directors in mind who are having medical issues.

Roll call: An attendance chart is attached to these minutes.

### Farm Technology Days 2015:

- Guests Kristi Thering, Amy Czaplowski and Cricket Jewett presented an overview of the Farm Tech Days.
  - Blaine's Farm and Fleet will be hosting the equine area and our guests are asking for our help with this project. Estimated attendance is 50,000 people over three days; August 25-27 (Monday-Thursday)
  - WHC is being asked to help with contracting a few items such as providing a hitching team to perform several times each day, bleachers, hay testing, etc.
  - WHC is being offered a partnership agreement; a \$5000 bronze sponsorship, if WHC would work with their coordinator to assist with scheduling and contracting the equine events such as getting a performing hitch team. (note: WHC does not pay the \$5000, but will be recognized at the \$5000 sponsorship level for the work that we do in helping). Some of the perks with the Bronze sponsorship include:
    - Quarter page ad in the Farm Tech publication, recognition at event, golden food passes, parking passes, the ability to use the Farm Tech logo in our marketing, our logo will be on the Farm Tech website and more.
  - Anyone who is interested in working with the Farm Tech group should talk to Nancy. Nancy would like to provide Farm Tech with an answer within a week.

### Minutes from October 22:

- Motion made by Ron Miller; seconded by Floyd Finney to accept October 22 minutes. Passed.

### Treasurer's Report:

- 1099's and W-2's have all been mailed. All unemployment and sales taxes have been paid.
- Motion made Mike Kroll; seconded by Gary Jackson. Passed

### Legislative report:

- Ag Day at the Capitol will be held on Wednesday on 3/11/15- Monona Terrace Madison WI. Sponsorship money has been paid. Registration starts at 11:00 am. Floyd Finney, Eliose Simon, Gary Jackson, Ann Murphy and Jolene Plautz all will be attending.
- Luther Olson is drafting two bills.
  - One is changing fence laws. Currently in WI, a fence that shares a property line is paid for by both landowners. With the proposed bill, if there is no existing fence, the person with livestock would put up the fence and be responsible for it and then file the costs and fencing with a judge. If the other landowner boarding the fence wants to add livestock, he/she would have to go to the judge and then pay ½ of fence already in place.
  - The second bill he is drafting would require stiffer penalties for animals running at large.
- There is another bill being created regarding buggies that we will be discussing in the future.
- The meeting with Cathy Stepp, DNR Secretary went well; both WCH participants and Cathy Stepp learned a lot about each other during the meeting. WHC and DNR will be exchanging some articles from their perspective publications. Cathy was unaware of the Midwest Horse Fair so Nancy will send Cathy an invitation to attend in April; it will be a good way for her to see the impact of the horse industry in WI.

#### **Midwest Horse Fair:**

- Gary Steers gave a summary of MHF; premier tickets for the rodeo on Friday night are sold out and the Saturday night program is being created by the MHF; something new this year.

#### **WSHCEF:**

- Winter Day in the Park- Feb 14, 2015- Columbus, WI
  - There will be a banquet in the evening featuring prime rib and chicken and a band after dinner. Any organization or person interested in providing a donation to be used for door prizes should contact Gary Jackson.
  - Volunteers are also needed for the day; see Gary if interested.

#### **Trails Committee Issue:**

- The Trails Committee has a trails program where riders log their hours riding on a trail. The hours cumulate year from year and awards are given out for milestone miles. The committee has a concern with the amount of hours logged by a participant and is looking for guidance from the BOD on handling this issue. A discussion was held on this subject; the trails committee will take appropriate action.

#### **Budget & Finance**

- Mike presented a summary regarding changing the WHC fiscal year from July- June to a calendar year. The pro of the change is that the money coming from MHF would be more exact and not just an 'estimate'. The con is that there are many other items that would have to change. The recommendation from the B&F committee is to not change the fiscal year.
- The budget forms need to be returned by April 10 to the office. The budget forms will be on the protected page of the website in a few weeks once they are being updated. Mike will send out the forms that were presented last year so committees can use that as a guide for the 2016 budget.

### **New Business**

#### **Stateline Equine Educational Program:**

- The brochure in the meeting packet should be taken back to the director's organizations and encourage members to attend this program.

#### **Election Procedure Information 2015:**

- Information on the elections is included in the meeting packets. February 18<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to submit your self- nomination.

#### **Annual Awards:**

- Pat Miller presented the ballots to vote for the annual awards based on the new procedures that requires voting for these awards be done during a meeting.

#### **Coalition of State Horse Councils Fall Meeting 2014:**

- There is information from Nancy's visit at the State Coalition in the meeting packet.

#### **Other:**

- Are we seeing a reduction in the memberships? Darla said we have been receiving a lot recently; Darla will provide a count at the February meeting. Looking at the finances, Ron Miller reported that the membership this year is slightly ahead of 2014 memberships.

Next meeting date: February 25, 2015

Motion made by Gary Steers, seconded by Ron Miller to adjourn.

Respectively submitted,

Jill Feller

WHC Secretary