

## BOD Meeting February 1, 2017

Call to order by President Nancy Edwards at 7:04 pm.

President's message: Silence phones; please stand up to talk and talk loudly so everyone on the phone can hear.

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

### Minutes from October 26:

- Motion made by Steve Haase to approve minutes; seconded by Jim Harris; passed.

### JCDHA Grant Completion Presentation:

- Jefferson County Draft Horse Association- Jackie Schuster & Steve Krezinski were present at the meeting and gave a slide presentation on what the organization does at Old World Wisconsin to promote the importance of horses in settling WI.
- A thank you was read from Dick Hildebrandt from Old World Wisconsin to the BOD for the grant that was given to JCDHA which allows these draft horses to continue their work at Old World Wisconsin.

### Treasurer's Report:

- Ron was unable to make the meeting. Motion made by Floyd Finney to approve report as provided; seconded by Mike Kroll; passed.

### Legislative report:

- Ag Day at the Capitol- 3/8/17 at 11 am at Monona Terrace in Madison. Nancy asked for names of directors that want to attend the event; anyone interested should contact Nancy. Directors who want to attend can contact Jolene to discuss who they should talk with.
- Jolene met with representatives to discuss the fencing bill; the bill is much different than previously written. WHC will be given a draft of the rewritten bill to review it is ready and before it goes anywhere.
- The governor will be releasing his budget next Wednesday; there is more money for rural WI projects in the bill.

### Midwest Horse Fair Report:

- A full report is in the meeting packet; nothing more was discussed at the meeting.

### Annual Awards Committee Report:

- All nominations for awards are included in the meeting packet and is also on the WHC website. There are more nominations this year compared to the last few years.
- Voting deadline is February 2, 2017; directors are encouraged to log in and vote.

## Old Business

### WHC Bylaw Submission Review:

- There has been one submission for a by-law change and it is included in the meeting packet.
- Voting will take place using Survey Monkey.

### American Horse Council (AHC) Economic Impact Study of the Horse Industry 2017 recap

- Nancy gave a thank you to all directors who responded to the email about participation in the survey. All who responded were favorable to participate in the study.
- A discussion was held on how the survey company will be collecting addresses to get the survey out to the horse owners. Nancy will get clarification on how the survey will be sent out to owners.
- Rae suggested that we advertise the survey at the Midwest Horse Fair to get more equine owners to participate.

### WI Horse Council Equine Foundation (WHCEF) Winter Day at the Park 2/11/17- Columbus Fireman's Park.

- There are some indoor activities to attend at this event if there is no snow. Directors were encouraged to come and help with the event. This is the only fund raising event that is sponsored by WHCEF.

## New Business

### Election Procedures for 2017:

- The election procedures were handed out to directors attending the meeting. This information was also emailed to the directors and it can be found on the website under the director's protected page.

- Voting will take place at the March 22<sup>nd</sup> annual meeting. Don't forget to nominate for a position!

**Other:**

- Stateline Equine Ed day will be held on March 4 in Bristol; topic will be geriatric horses.
- WI DNR contacted trail users for a state-wide Recreation Opportunity Analysis. Once this part of the analysis is completed the DNR will look at regional areas. Cricket is looking for people in northern WI to assist in the regional work and survey; contact Cricket if you know of any equine enthusiasts in Northern WI willing to help.
- The Horse Protection Act has been held up with the new President being inaugurated. Lee participated in a call that discussed some concerns with the rewording of the act.
  - One of the concerns is that 'racking horse' is not capitalized; if it was capitalized, then it would be a specific breed but not capitalizing it could then mean any horse that racks would be affected.
  - Weighted shoes are prohibited on horses up to 2 years old; it previously stated up to yearling.
  - There have also been some changes regarding small shows; a farrier needs to be on call but not on site and inspectors required went from two to one; both of these changes will assist in keeping costs lower for these shows.

**Future Meeting Dates:**

- February 22
- March 22- annual meeting
- April- No meeting
- May 24

Motion made by Scott Steer seconded Jim Harris by to adjourn.

Respectively submitted,

Jill Feller  
WHC Secretary