

BOD Meeting February 25, 2015

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

President's message: Silence phones.

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

Minutes from January 28:

- Motion made by Gary Jackson; seconded by Gary Steers to accept January 25 minutes. Passed.

Treasurer's Report:

- Treasurer's report was presented; there was nothing more to be discussed.
- Motion made by Mike Kroll; seconded by Floyd Finney. Passed

Legislative report:

- Ag Day at the Capitol will be held on Wednesday on 3/11/15- Monona Terrace Madison WI. The fees have been paid and six people will be attending: Floyd Finney, Eloise Simon, Nancy Edwards, Gary Jackson, Ann Murphy and Jolene Plautz all will be attending.
- Karen motions that WHC is opposed to the portion of the Governor's budget which freezes the Stewardship Fund. Floyd Finney seconded motion. Passed.

Guest Speaker:

- Brigit Brown- State Trails Coordinator with DNR talked about several items relating to trails and equestrians including trail etiquette. The discussion included how equestrians can gain access to trails that are now off limits. It was a very good presentation and well received by everyone.

Midwest Horse Fair:

- Rodeo tickets are selling fast; Saturday night is an all new and exciting show. Tickets overall are selling well and everything is on track to be ready for opening day.

WSHCEF:

- Winter Day in the Park- Feb 14, 2015- Columbus, WI; it was a very cold day with high winds but despite the weather, everyone who turned out had a good time. There were five sleigh competitors who showed up. 54 people attended the banquet. Although attendance was down, there still should be a profit from the event.

Old Business

Election Procedure Information 2015:

- Self-nomination forms were included in the meeting packet for everyone's review.
- Several positions do not have anyone running for them. We need several people for the B&F committee and no one is running for Secretary.
- There is a by-law saying there is a two-term limit; this by-law could be suspended by vote of directors.
- Joe Parr motions that we change the voting policy to accept nominations from the floor for this year's vote; there was no second; motion died.
- Joe Parr motions, Gary Steers seconded that we change the voting policy to accept nominations from the floor for this year's vote for positions with no self-nominations. Passed.

Budget & Finance:

- Deadline to submit budget requests is April 10th; the budget request form is on the website on the protected section. If any committee or officer would like a copy of the their submitted request from last year, contact Mike Kroll and he will provide a copy.

Annual Award Winners:

- Pat Miller announced the annual award winners as:
 - Lifetime Achievement - Pat Stevenson

- Horse Person of Year - Rachel Meek
- Judge of Year - Jean Sandmire

New Business

MHF Ticket Request Form:

- The form for MHF tickets has been sent out to Directors and needs to be sent back by March 11th.

Discussion of New Policy – Failure to Attend Meetings:

- A new policy for failure to attend meetings was in the packet. A discussion was held on the policy. Motion made by Gary Steers to accept the policy as presented: seconded by Ron Miller. Passed.
 - *An elected committee/board member serving on the Executive Board, the Midwest Horse Fair Board, the Budget & Finance Committee and any future committee that has elected WSHC Directors, who fails to attend two (2) consecutive meetings, in person or by telecommunication, for which such director was duly elected and notified, may be removed by the committee/board. Removal requires a 2/3 vote of the affected committee/board. The decision to call a vote for removal is at the discretion of the Chair of the committee/ board. The chairman of the committee/board shall notify the Chair of the Executive Board within 24 hours of the outcome of the vote.*
 - A replacement shall be appointed for the Executive Board by a 2/3 vote of the Executive Board at their next meeting. The new member of the committee/board will fulfill the remainder of the removed Director's term. In the event that there is a restriction on the number of consecutive terms a Director can serve on the Board/Committee the replacement persons service will count as the first term office.*

Other:

- The State-Line Equine education meeting was held on Feb 21st; Karen and Mike attended the meeting and reported that it was very well attended and was very good information.
- The Serious Horse Owner's seminar in Madison on February 14th was also well attended with 187 people.
- A sheet was handed out with the 2014 and 2015 membership members. The WHC membership has been staying fairly constant over the years. The digital option for the newsletter saved us over \$500 from January through February.

Future Meeting Dates:

- Annual Meeting- March 25 at 6:30 with pizza- meeting at 7:00
- No April meeting
- May 27
- June 24
- July 22

Motion made by Gary Steers, seconded by Rae Geb to adjourn.

Respectively submitted,

Jill Feller
WHC Secretary