

BOD Meeting March 22, 2017

Call to order by President Nancy Edwards at 7:02 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 February 22:

- Motion made by Ron Miller to approve minutes with one correction; seconded by Floyd Finney. Passed.

Dept. of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) Presentation:

- Debbie is the county fair contact throughout WI for any concerns with the department of Agriculture. Debbie Gagare discussed her role with county fairs and then talked about horse show judges and how her list has over 400,000 judge's names. She is seeking assistance in cleaning up the list and making some changes to the process of becoming a judge on this list. Ron Miller offered to start assisting her with the judge's list.

Treasurer's Report:

- On April 7th one of the CD's in the bank comes due; this date was set up last year because April is a month where we get over extended due to the MHF. In the past, Ron would take the money out of the CD, use it for MHF costs and then put the money back into the CD in May. The bank will not allow Ron to take money out of CD and put it into the checking account any longer in this manner. The bank will allow Ron to use a 9-month CD in place of a 12-month CD which will accomplish the same result regarding our April money issue. This new process follows more in line with banking regulations and the bank has worked with Ron with this process.
- Motion made by Floyd Finney to approve financial report as provided; seconded by Mike Kroll. Passed.

Legislative report:

- Ag Day at the Capital report: there are written reports in the meeting packet and there was no further discussion.
- A discussion will be held at the May BOD meeting on the issue regarding Amish and roads. Jolene is being approached by legislatures in the capital on this issue and it seems to be becoming more intense as time goes forward.

Midwest Horse Fair Report:

- The MHF is in turbo-mode. The website is set up to work with phones and all aspects of the fair can be found on the site. There are still a few hundred rodeo tickets left to purchase.

Old Business

Elections:

- President: Nancy Edwards is the only nominee
- Secretary: Jill Feller is the only nominee
- EBOD At-large Member: Jim Harris is the only nominee
- Midwest Horse Fair Board: Dan Grunewald and Scott Steers are nominated: two positions are open
 - Karla Hankee motions to cast unanimous nominations for President, Secretary, EBOD At-large and MHF board since these positions are uncontested; seconded by Ron Miller. Passed
- Budget and Finance: Bonnie Shepard, Eloise Simons, Karen Kroll, Gail Seasor nominated: three positions are open
 - Winners are: Eloise Simons, Gail Seasor, Bonnie Shepard
- Equine Foundation: Lila Lemanski was only nominee: two positions are open
 - Karla Hankee motions to cast a unanimous ballot for the Equine Foundation; seconded by Ron Miller. Passed.
- Gail Seasor motions to destroy the voting ballots; seconded by Steve Haase. Passed

Proposed Bylaw Changes- Voting Results:

- The results of the by-law voting is that the by-law passed 17/14. This is the by-law concerning the use of a private check to pay the membership fees for a Level 3 organization/business. With this by-law passing, private checks can no longer be accepted to pay membership fees.

Distribution of Midwest Horse Fair Tickets:

- The MHF tickets were handed out to directors during the meeting.

Budget Deadline Info- April 8:

- Be sure to submit your budget requests before the deadline.

New Business

Director Sign-Up to Work the WHC Booth at WHC:

- A signup sheet was sent around during the meeting to sign up to work in the WHC for 2-hour shifts throughout the MHF.

Ideas for Recognizing Retiring Long-Term Directors:

- Nancy has two cards being circulated during the meeting to sign for two long-term directors (Nancy Kisel and Sandi Brick-Margelofsky) who are no longer serving on the board.
 - A short discussion followed regarding what recognition should be given to long term members. Ron Miller motions that we find a way to recognize these long-term members and the awards committee come up with guidelines to present to the BOD; no further action was taken.
 - Lila would like to see recognition for these two members and it should happen soon. Dan G. agreed with Lila and the recognition should be with tiers depending on years of service.
 - Lila motions to spend up to \$75 each for an engraved plaque to be presented at the MHF in the arena for the two members leaving; Eloise seconds the motion. The money will come from the Sunshine fund and the PR committee will manage the process. Passed; however the motion was written down as: *Lila motions to spend up to \$75 each for an engraved plaque to be presented at the MHF for the two members leaving; Eloise seconds the motion.* Since the motion that was passed did NOT say "in the arena", directors wanted their vote changed. The awards ceremony in the arena at 12:30 pm on Sunday has a full agenda and adding these awards to that ceremony may NOT be possible.
 - Jim Harris motions to rescind the prior motion; seconded by Scott Steers. Passed
 - Katie motions to spend up to \$75 each for an engraved plaque to be presented at the MHF with exact location to be determined, for the two BOD members leaving; seconded by Ann Murphy. Passed

Legacy Director Discussion:

- Legacy directors do not represent any groups or members and were called 'transitional directors' when the WHC reorganized and created the districts and new by-laws. There are seven legacy directors left with two being inactive. Level three organizations pay \$100 for an annual membership while legacy directors pay the individual fee of \$20. No further discussion was held at this time and no further action was taken.

Other:

- Programs for the MHF were available for the BOD to take home from the meeting.

Future Meeting Dates:

- April – No Meeting
- May 24
- June 28

Motion made by Scott Steers seconded by Floyd Finney to adjourn.

Respectively submitted,

Jill Feller
WHC Secretary