

## BOD Meeting March 25, 2015

Call to order by President Nancy Edwards at 7:00 pm.

President's message: Silence phones.

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

### Minutes from February 25:

- Motion made by Cal Larson, seconded by Don Schwandt to accept February 25 minutes as presented. Passed.

### Treasurer's Report:

- Treasurer's report was presented.
- The electronic newsletter will be a big cost savings to WHC. We should try to get feedback from our members to see how they like it.
- Motion made by Gary Jackson, seconded by Mike Kroll to accept report as presented. Passed

### Legislative report:

- Wind Chill Bill (LRB-194/1): Jolene stated that if WHC opposes or is neutral in support of the Wind-Chill Bill, there probably won't be a hearing. Representative Nick Milroy was unable to attend the meeting tonight to discuss the bill. Comments regarding the bill include:
  - This bill makes animal cruelty a felony instead of a misdemeanor; would a district attorney really prosecute someone if it is a felony?
  - Shelter is not defined in the bill.
  - Farm animal is not defined in the bill.
  - Potable water definition is not clear in the bill.
  - There are no good definitions of the terms of the bill.
  - Karen Kroll motions that WHC oppose the Wind Chill Bill (LRB-1094/1), seconded by Floyd Finney. Passed.
- Ag Day at the Capital: The day went well. There was a new format this year which was more organized by counties. Next year Jolene will organize the WHC directors differently for Ag Day to fit into the new format more effectively.
- AB-71 Discussion: Last month we opposed the budget amendment that pertained to stewardship program. Jolene recommends that WHC also oppose bill AB-74 which eliminates the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands (BCPL) authority to purchase land. Gary Jackson motions to oppose AB-71, Katie Bachhuber seconds. Passed.
- Kickapoo Valley Reserve transfer: This property is being transferred over to the Department of Natural Resources from the Department of Tourism; everyone connected with this property is opposed to this change. Karen Kroll motions that WHC opposes the move of KVR from Department of Tourism to Department of Natural Resources, seconded by Gail Seasor. Passed.

### Midwest Horse Fair:

- There are less than 1000 tickets for Friday night rodeo remaining to be sold. Everything is going well and MHF is expecting a large crowd.

## Old Business

### Elections 2015:

- President: Nancy Edwards and Mike Kroll: Nancy Edwards won the election.
- Secretary: Ron Miller motions to temporarily suspend the bylaw that pertains to the term limit of office, Rae Geb seconds. Passed. Ron Miller moves to cast a unanimous ballot for Jill Feller to remain as secretary, seconded by Rae Geb. Passed.
- At-Large Director on EBOD: Both candidates on the ballot are already on the EBOD; therefore nominations were taken from the floor. Nominated were Jim Harris and Eloise Simons: Jim Harris won the election.
- Budget and Finance: 2 – 2 year terms and 2- 1 year terms need to be filled.
  - Karen Kroll motions to cast a unanimous ballot for the two directors who nominated themselves to serve the 2-year terms that are open, Ron Miller seconds. Passed. Gail Seasor and Marcia Haase were elected to the 2-year terms on the B&F committee.

- Two directors volunteered before the start of the election to be added to the ballot: Mary Beth Roberts and Diane Sackett. Two directors were also nominated from the floor: Eloise Simons and Mike Kroll.
- Mary Beth Roberts and Diane Sackett won the two- 1 year positions.
- Karen Kroll motions to have the 2- 2 year terms put on the B&F committee immediately. There was no second to the motion.
- Karen Kroll motions to have the 1-year term directors put on the B&F committee immediately, Gary Steers seconded. Passed.
- Midwest Horse Fair: Ron Miller motions to cast a unanimous ballot for Karla Hankee and Pat Miller for the MHF Board, Don Schwandt seconds. Passed.
- Equine Foundation Board: There are two positions open with no one self-nominating. There is one three-year term and one four-year term. Nominated from the floor: Jim Harris. Cal Larson motions to cast a unanimous ballot for Jim Harris to fill the 3-year term, Eloise Simons seconds. Passed.
- Karen Kroll makes a motion to destroy the ballots; Katie Bachhuber seconds. Passed.

**Distribution of Midwest Horse Fair Tickets:**

- Tickets for the MHF directors were distributed.
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**New Business**

**Other:**

- Nancy lead a discussion about a person who is being released from Mendota hospital who has been serving time for mental illness for mutilating horses in the past. WHC office has had several calls about this person; no official action was taken on this subject; the discussion was bring an awareness to the situation.
- National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will be conducting an equine survey and WI will be one of the states being surveyed.
- Ron Miller gave a summary of the Judge's seminar that was held last week at the Rawhide's Boy Ranch.
- Jim Simons gave a presentation on the Quilts of Valor. He presented a quilt to Steve Haase for serving our country in Viet Nam.
- Lila Lemanski would like the WHC to consider going back to a nominating committee for 2016 to allow for a more efficient election process; she felt the communication this year was insufficient. There are voting procedures written a few years ago and those procedures were followed this year and all open positions and self-nominations were posted in the meeting packets and on the WCH website for Directors to read. No action was taken on this subject.

**Future Meeting Dates:**

- No April meeting
- May 27
- June 24
- July 22

Motion made Gary Steers, seconded by Gary Jackson to adjourn.

Respectively submitted,

Jill Feller  
WHC Secretary