

BOD Meeting March 30, 2016

Call to order by President Nancy Edwards at 7:06 pm.

President's message: Silence phones; please stand up to talk and talk loudly so everyone on the phone can hear. *The annual meeting was postponed until March 30th from March 23rd due to bad weather.*

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

Minutes from February 24:

- Scott Steers' name is listed in the minutes as being nominated for the WSHCEF board; he was not nominated and the February minutes will be corrected.
- Motion made by Ron Miller seconded by Floyd Finney to accept February minutes as presented. Passed.
- After the minutes were approved, another error was discovered. Karen Kroll motions to remove Lee Sackett's name from the nomination list in the February minutes; seconded by Eloise Simons. Passed

Treasurer's Report:

- Ron discussed the financial situation at the present time; we are at a crucial time with paying MHF employees where our cash flow is at its lowest level for the year. As in past years, Ron will use money that is set aside in a CD if needed to cover all bills. WHC goes through this process every year at this time.
- Motion made by Mike Kroll, seconded by Floyd Finney to accept treasury report as presented. Passed.

Legislative report:

- Jolene discussed the proposed Buggy Bill which requires lights to be installed on buggies and wagons that will be on a road. A compromise to the bill would be that temporary amber lights are only required at night; Jolene wanted to know if the WHC would support this compromise or not. A discussion was held as to the reason amber lights are going to be recommended vs red lights. Farm equipment at night is required to have flashing amber lights. A straw vote was taken to allow the bill compromise to be that flashing amber lights be required at night on the buggies and/or wagons; passed with 25/31 vote.
- Jolene would like to take a vote with WHC directors on the fencing law in May. Darla will send out a copy of the fencing bill to all directors to read before the May meeting. A vote will be taken in May which will show WHC support of this bill or not. Directors should go to the follow website: www.Legis.wi.gov to find the names of their appropriate legislative representatives. A list of all directors, what organization he/she represents and the name of the representing representatives will be created.
- In June, Jolene will have a discussion about creating relationships with your legislators.

Midwest Horse Fair Report:

- There will be an Elvis impersonator at the MHF. Both rodeos are nearly sold out and all other plans are going well.
- Black Bart will not be at MHF this year due to the loose of his horse. WHC will purchase a sympathy card and send it to Black Bart.

Old Business

Elections:

- **Vice President:** Katie Bachhuber is the only nomination
 - Lee Sackett motions to accept the VP by unanimous consent; seconded by Floyd Finney. Passed
- **Directors at Large (1 position open):** Karla Hankee and Cal Larson
 - Elected by ballot vote was Karla Hankee
- **Midwest Horse Fair (2 positions open):** Lee Sackett and Gail Seasor
 - Cal Larson motions to accept the two directors that are nominated by unanimous consent; seconded by Katie Bachhuber. Passed
- **Budget and Finance (3 positions open):** Mary Beth Roberts, Mike Kroll and Diane Sackett
 - Eloise Simone motions to accept the three directors that are nominated by unanimous consent; seconded by Floyd Finney. Passed
- **WSHCEF:** there are no nominations. Nancy will talk to the Foundation to see how they want to proceed.
- Motion made by Jill Feller; seconded by Ann Murphy to destroy the voting ballots. Passed.

- During the counting of ballots, Cal Larson gave a talk on attending several different events representing District 3. Cal and July Larson also attended the Governor's conference. Cal said he had several people ask him "what does the WCH really do?" This is a topic that the BOD might want to discuss further at a future meeting.

Proposed Bylaw Voting Results:

- *Current bylaw: The officers are President, Vice President and Secretary. Their terms of office shall be for two years with a 2-year term maximum. They may be re-elected following a term absence from that office (3/16/13).*
 - Proposed change is struck out. Passed 11/9 vote
- *Addition to Article VIII:*
 - *Section 5: Vacancies- a Vacancy on any Board/Committee composed of elected members due to death, resignation, removal, disqualification or otherwise, will be filled by election at the next Meeting of the WSHC Board of Directors for the unexpired portion of the board/committee member position's term (if applicable).*
 - Proposed addition passed 19/1 vote
- *Addition to Article VIII:*
 - *No BOD may hold more than five (5) committee positions in the WSHC by election, granted or appointment. The BOD would count as one position. Exception would be a subcommittee with the committees. Enforcement of this bylaw would start 30 days after being voted in. Election of open terms would be voted on the second meeting of the WHC after being voted in.*
 - Proposed addition passed 14/6 vote.
- Darla will update the bylaws and get them out by the May meeting.

Budget Deadline Info:

- The budget deadline is April 6th.

New Business

A Thank you was given to Darla who is working alone while Pam is out on leave.

May Meeting Guest Speaker: Highway Patrol Hauling Rules & Regulations:

- Nancy talked to the State Patrol to see if someone will come in to talk about the regulations for hauling horses. The rules of hauling horses to an event where you earn money change from just hauling horses to non-money events. It is a relevant topic to discuss at our meeting.

Request for Committee Work- Pamphlet for Disaster Preparedness:

- The EBOD has discussed the topic of creating Disaster Preparedness pamphlets and posting them on the WHC website. Nancy is asking for volunteers to help with this project. Ann Murphy volunteered to assist with this project.

Distribution of MHF tickets:

- Directors can pick up their tickets from Darla after the meeting.

Other:

- Nancy read a thank you letter from the Equine Disease Control Center (EDCC); WHC sent a donation to the organization.
- Marcia brought a box of John Lyons tapes; anyone can use them as they want. The tapes will remain in the WHC office and can be borrowed out by directors.
- There are still some times open to assist at the Trail Booth on Saturday at the MHF.

Future Meeting Dates:

- No April Meeting
- May Meeting Date: May 25, 2016

Motion made Scott Steers seconded Dan Grunewald by to adjourn.

Respectively submitted,

Jill Feller
WHC SecretaryDar