

BOD Meeting May 25, 2016

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.

Guest Speaker:

- Tony Dries, Investigator from the WI Highway Patrol- Hauling Rules & Regulations
 - Mr. Dries is an Instructor and does enforcement of Motor Vehicles Safety.
 - In WI, if the vehicle and trailer are 26,000 or under, you are not subject to the federal regulations; this is in WI only. Once you leave WI, and the vehicle is over 10,001 lbs., you may be subject to the federal regulations if you are using the vehicle for commercial purposes such a making money (prize money declared as income).
- CDL needed: any combination of truck & trailer that is 26,000 used in commerce needs a CDL license. A recreational vehicle is exempt from CDL licensing as long as it is no longer than 45 feet (truck and trailer).
- In WI, if your vehicle or vehicle and/or trailer is over 10,000 lbs., you are required to stop at weigh stations.

Minutes from March 30:

- Motion made Steve Haase to approve minutes; seconded by Floyd Finney. Passed. *It was noted that Ron Miller's name had a typo in the March minutes which will be corrected in the approved minutes.*

Treasurer's Report:

- Ron received an email today informing us of a decrease in our insurance costs for 2016 of \$164.
- Motion made by Floyd Finney; seconded by Ann Murphy to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Passed.

Legislative report:

- The buggy bill with flashing lights is no longer being moved forward at this time but may resurface if there are any accidents over the next months.
- Marathon County is looking at passing a resolution to charge a buggy a fee.
- Fence bill: the Directors present at the meeting voted to either keep the law the same or to accept the new changes. No means to leave the law the same as it currently is; Yes means to make the change. The legislative committee results was that one person wanted to change the law, but the rest wanted to keep the law as it is. A roll call vote was taken; the results was "no- leave the fence law the same as it is today". The vote was 7/26; Jolene will take that information back with her.
- As Mr. Dries presented the information to the BOD, he said that anytime money is made with an equine activity such as prize money at a show or contest, the money (all the money) is to be reported as income (per IRS) and that would mean that the owner would now fall under the commercial rule of the USDOT regulations as a commercial driver. If a person wins \$50 at a show, he/she is subject to report the money as income and then be subject to the USDOT regulations. Jolene said that if this becomes an issue (reporting minimum prize money) she could draft a bill that would make an exception that people could earn up to a set amount of money and still not be considered a commercial driver.

Midwest Horse Fair Report:

- A slide show of photos was played; no financial information was presented at the meeting.

Old Business

No old business

New Business

2016-2017 Budget Presentation:

- Marcia Haase presented the proposed budget. Money designated for scholarships is being taken partially from the budget and partially from the Lakeshore Tech fund that was designated years ago to be used for scholarships. Equal amounts of money will be used from both the budget and this fund for 2017 scholarships. Voting on the budget will take place at the June meeting.

Rawhide Boys Ranch Request:

- Nancy Edwards: a request was received from the Rawhide Boys Ranch for the purchase of hay nets (3 round bale bags and 6 square bale bags) to prevent hay waste.
 - The Judge's Seminar was held at Rawhide Boys Ranch the last two years. There is no charge for use of the facility, but the seminar gave a donation of \$1100 to Rawhide. The donation does not go to the equine support only but goes toward the general fund of Rawhide.
 - Karen Kroll objects to fulfilling this request as Rawhide is not an equestrian organization. Could District 3, where Rawhide Boys Ranch is in, hold a fund raiser to help them? Nancy will send the information to the Districts to talk about possibility. No further discussion took place on this subject.

Other:

- Cricket Jewett held a brief discussion on the upcoming trail school. There are 16 people signed up and a waiting list. This year the school will be held at Governor Dodge Park.

Future Meeting Dates:

- June 22
- July 27
- August 24
- September 28
- October 26
- November & December – no meeting

Motion made Scott Sterr seconded Rae Geb by to adjourn.

Respectively submitted,

Jill Feller
WHC Secretary