

## BOD Meeting May 27, 2015

Call to order by President Nancy Edwards at 7:00 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 March 25:

- Motion made by Gail Seasor, seconded by Floyd Finney to accept March 25 minutes as presented. Passed.

Treasurer's Report:

- Treasurer's report was presented in the minutes; Ron was not able to attend the meeting.
- Motion made by Floyd Finney, seconded Gary Steers by to accept report as presented. Passed.

Legislative report:

- There will be a hearing on SB 126- Equine Liability Bill next week which affects Equine therapy operations.
- There was a problem with road damage on a newly surfaced road in the western part of the state by an Amish wagon so there is a renewed interest in licensing buggies and wagons. There is no further information on this subject; just a head's up that we may see more bills regarding this issue.

Midwest Horse Fair Report and Wrap up:

- Over 61000 people came to the 2015 MHF; the weather was ideal. The MHF received a compliment from the Alliant Center on a great turn out and that there were no issues/concerns that happened during the fair. Gary presented a slide show from the MHF.
- If anyone has ideas for clinicians for the 2016 MHF, contact a member of the MHF with the information. MHF is also looking for someone in 2016 for saddle fitting clinics.

### Old Business

Annual Awards Thank you Letters:

- Nancy read a thank you letter from Pat Stevenson who won the WHC Lifetime Achievement Award.

### New Business

Budget Presentation:

- Mike Kroll discussed the budget that was presented in the meeting packet.
- The budget will be finalized and approved at the June meeting.

Wisconsin High School Rodeo Ticket Give-Away:

- WI High School Rodeo sent a thank you letter to WHC for their support and included some complimentary tickets for the June 12 – 14 at Richland Center Fairground. Joe Parr and Marcia and Steve Haase accepted the tickets.

AHC Discussion:

- WHC Bylaws says that we appoint two representatives to the American Horse Council. The representatives go to the meeting in June in Washington DC and there is a fall meeting also. Lee is the current representative and would like to continue in that role. Anyone else who is interested in being a representative to AHC should contact Nancy Edwards.

District 3 Update:

- Katie Bachhuber presented an update on District 3. The district would like to have an 'Equine of the Year' award. They would like to have a horse nominated from each district. There are some stipulations for this award such as: this is for a current equine, the equine must be able to travel and have some 'outstanding' reason the equine stands out such as a great therapy horse, high level show, etc.
- To increase attendance, the district is looking at getting speakers for meetings, day clinics to certify a barn and other ideas.
- A discussion followed on the topic of the districts helping to identify people for the annual awards given out by the WHC such as Lifetime Achievement Award. Lee mentioned that District 3 has already talked about this idea.
- A general discussion of districts followed. There is a committee currently in place led by Mike McGowan where the purpose and need for the district is to be discussed. Anyone wanted to be part of this committee should contact Mike McGowan or Nancy Edwards.

**District 2 Update:**

- Holly McCullen gave an update on what is happening in District 2. Earlier this year, they held a youth clinic in Antigo where over 90 people attended. The clinic covered trailer safety, local equine clubs, and more.
- In May, they also held two more clinics:
  - One was a youth clinic attending with horses to get some hands-on experience; lots of volunteers made this clinic very successful.
  - The other clinic topic was camping with your horses.

**Other:**

- Pam held a discussion on WI Horseman's News. WI Horseman's News is four months behind with publishing articles and advertising is increasing by four times the price. If anyone gave Pam an article to put in the magazine, the article will be delayed from publication or may not even make it into the publication.
- Ken Airgood held a discussion on the Clydesdale Youth/Novice Congress. The event will be on July 15-19 held in conjunction with the Dane Co Fair in Madison, WI. Anyone interested in learning more can go to: [www.clydesusa.com](http://www.clydesusa.com) or talk to Ken.
- Farm Tech Days is to be held on Aug 25 -27. Nancy held a discussion on some of the clinicians that will be at the event; there will be an educational theme. Plans will be finalized by June 15<sup>th</sup>. More information will be presented once all is finalized.

**Future Meeting Dates:**

- June 24
- July 22

Motion made Gary Steers, seconded by Mike Kroll to adjourn.

Respectively submitted,

Jill Feller  
WHC Secretary