
BOD Meeting June 24, 2015

Call to order

President Nancy Edwards called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

President's Message: Please silence phones: stand up and talk loudly so people on the phone can hear. Prayers to Gary Steers and Cal Larson with their health issues.

Approval of minutes

Floyd Finney made a motion to approve the May 27, 2015, minutes. Ron Miller seconded it. Passed

Reports

Treasurer's Report:

Ron Miller, Treasurer, reminded people to get their bills in as the fiscal year ends on June 30. The checking account is good to the end of the year and by Friday we will have the funds from MWHF.

Legislative Report:

Jolene reported that nothing has happened since last month and nothing will happen until September. There was discussion about the Wheel Tax. Lee Sackett asked about information he was sent from the Wisconsin Dept. Of Revenue about sales tax on horse related activities, i.e. boarding facilities, trainers. Jolene has not heard about it.

Midwest Horse Fair:

Pat Miller reported that 400 pre purchased tickets were never used. Expenses were up because of purchase of items like signage and bleachers. Also, MWHF paid Alliant Energy \$110,00 in parking fees. MWHF already has 60% of the vendors signed for next year and many clinicians. There will be 2 rodeo nights.

Old Business

Budget

Nancy stated that it was pretty much the same as last year. There were no questions. Ron Miller moved and Gary Jackson seconded that we approve the budget. Passed

New Business

American Horse Council

Lee Sackett attended the meeting in Washington, DC. He reported on the following:

- AHC President Hicky discussed online gambling

- AHC Vice-President Pendergrass talked on the anti-soring bill which did not make it to the House so will come back as a new bill
- AHC would like to see an exemption in the Horse Transportation Bill for rodeos as they have a specially built trailer
- AHC has concerns about disease spread in equines due to a couple of things. One, horses that are being brought illegally into the United States and, two, climate change.

Lee reported that both Ron Johnson and Tammy Baldwin's people seemed open and knowledgeable about the bills dealing with equines.

Wisconsin Farm Tech Days

Nancy said that one of clinicians for this event will work with "problem" horses. He needs 4 more horses for a full day. If you have or know of someone who has a problem with their horse, please contact Nancy.

Next Meeting
July 22, 2015

Katie Bachhuber, Vice President WHC
Acting Secretary

Date of approval