

BOD Meeting August 24, 2016

Call to order by President Nancy Edwards at 7:15 pm.

President's message: Silence phones; please stand up to talk and talk loudly so everyone on the phone can hear. Nancy read a thank you from a member from District 3 who attended a fish fry at the Rawhide Boys Ranch fish fry with complimentary tickets. The Rawhide Boys Ranch commented on how they "love the WHC".

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

Minutes from June 22:

- Motion made by Floyd Finney to approve minutes; seconded by Gail Seasor. Passed.

Treasurer's Report:

- The Director's liability insurance has been paid.
- Columbus Power & Light sent WHC office a notice to participate in a program to help reduce our utility costs. Darla will investigate this program to see if it is worth participating in.
- WSHCEF received a check from the Iris Cooley in the amount of \$69,000.00
- Motion made by Cal Larson to approve the treasury report as provided; seconded by Floyd Finney. Passed.

Legislative report:

- Sauk County reached an agreement with the Amish. Amish would pay the town \$50/buggy/year; this is on the honor system. The reason for this tax is to help pay for road repairs, however, this small amount will not pay for too much as the cost to redo a road is \$100,000/mile to tear it down to base and redo it.
- Several counties are voting on inputting a wheel tax; this would be an additional tax. More counties are putting this tax in place; this could lead into more taxes with buggies.
 - Directors could talk to their county boards to vote no on these wheel taxes.
 - There still remains a 'fight' in the WI government between republicans and democrats and how much money will be given to towns for road repairs. The less money available from the state, the more these wheel taxes will surface as the towns try to get money for road repairs.

Midwest Horse Fair Report:

- There are entries coming in for the Star Search program.
- Most vendors have renewed and there is a waiting list.
- The border patrol name is changing to Ambassadors which better defines their job.
- The financial report will be presented in the September meeting.

Old Business

No old business

New Business

WSHCEF Discussion:

- Gary Jackson was present at the meeting to discuss the document he sent out to the Directors in the packet of materials. This document describes the Equine Foundation (EF) mission/purpose. The EF could duplicate the same committees such as Sponsorship and Scholarship as the WHC or the EF could oversee these committees. There will need to be a representative from each committee on the EF; these representatives would not need to be at all the EF meetings. This partnership would be the most efficient way to serve both the WHC and the EF.
 - EF is considering expanding their "Winter Days at the Park" event to a two day event. They are looking for ideas on how to fill these ideas and people to assist in making the ideas/events happen. The event will be held on Feb 11 & 12, 2017.
 - Another idea the EF is considering is creating a forum to bring people in to meetings to discuss partnerships, issues, concerns, etc. which involve equine issues. A panel of people would be formed that would hold meetings/forums for equine people to meet with to discuss equine issues.
 - The EF needs to get good support materials available to the public such as 'how do you do tax donations', 'how do you do estate planning', etc. This is an ongoing process and materials will be created and provided to the public.

- WSHCEF Bylaw Change: the new EF bylaw is to change the length of appointment to the EF Board from a four-year term to two-year term.
- Katie Bachhuber motions that the WHC, the sole member of the EF, gives consent to the EF to change the bylaw as put forth by EF; Eloise Simons seconded. Passed.
- Election of Gail Seator as the MHF Rep to the WSHCEF: Motion made by Cal Larson, seconded by Jim Harris to elect Gail Seator to the EF board; passed.

By Law Changes:

- WHC Bylaw submission form & timeline are due by September 1st.

Other:

- The AHC has created a committee and is working on rewording some of the Horse Protection Act. Lee will be discussing these changes at a future meeting.
- Lowe Lake is having a grand opening to the new trails on October 8th; trail riders are welcome to attend this openings.
- All of the awards for information for "Equine of the Year", "Director of the Year", etc. is all on the website; hopefully this will create more interest and more entries.
- No motorized trail group is seeking ways to get funding as there is no funding in the state budget. There is a conference being organized so all non-motorized groups work together in the future on the trails.

Future Meeting Dates:

- September 28
- October 26
- November & December – no meeting

Motion made Floyd Finney seconded Ron Miller by to adjourn.

Respectively submitted,

Jill Feller
WHC Secretary