

## BOD Meeting August 26, 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 June 24:

- Motion made by Ron Miller, seconded by Floyd Finney to accept June 24 minutes as presented. Passed.
- *Note: there was no July BOD meeting.*

### Treasurer's Report:

- Motion made by Floyd Finney, seconded Steve Haase by to accept report as presented. Passed.

### Legislative report:

- Jolene put Bill RB-1321/1 in the meeting packet. The bill allows veterinarians to report **any** animal abuse to authorities. The current law allows vets to report abuse **only** as a result of gaming or fighting.
  - A discussion was held on what WCH wants to do with this bill; the decision was made to remain neutral on this bill as there are no significant changes to what currently is happening or the responsibilities of veterinarians.

### Midwest Horse Fair Report:

- MHF planning for 2016 is going forward. There will be more vendor space in the expo hall; the stallion avenue is filling up; two nights of rodeo are planned and there will be a platinum ticket package available.

### Old Business

There was no old business to discuss at this meeting

### New Business

### WHC Committee Discussion:

- There are two committees that need a chairperson; scholarship and sponsorship committees.
- Other committees need members; please volunteer to help out on any committee.
- Awards, scholarship, sponsorship, membership committees all need members. These positions are not restricted to directors but all members of the WHC. Darla will put a notice on the WHC website to all members.
- Interested members can contact Nancy Edwards or the specific committee.

### WHC Statistics Page Discussion:

- Katie Bachhuber led a discussion on statistics regarding members, FB contacts, e-newsletters, etc. There was a request to publish these stats to see how the organization is growing. These stats could be put into the monthly newsletter or less frequently; there is time involved in gathering all of these stats.
- A discussion was held on what these stats would be used for or why someone who want these; would these stats provide a measure of health and growth of the organization? Darla explained how spreadsheets are kept and what information she would be able to disseminate at meetings.
- Motion was made by Cal Larson to report these statistics on a semi-annual basis; seconded by Mary Beth Roberts. Motion failed.
- Motion made by Cal Larson to report the statistics on a quarterly basis; seconded by Mary Beth Roberts. Passed.

### WHC Proposed By-law Change Due Date- Oct. 1, 2015:

- The by-law change form is found in the protected section of the WHC website. The form will be sent out via email for convenience to the directors. Any changes to the by-laws need to be sent to the office by Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Coalition of State Horse Councils Fall Meeting:

- This year the meeting will be held on Oct 30, 31 and Nov 1 in Minneapolis.

### Other:

- The Wisconsin Agribusiness Council is dissolving; any money associated with this organization will be transferred to the Ag in Classroom Program.
- Karla Hankee made a motion to appoint Scott Steers to the MHF board to fulfill the vacancy left by Gary Steers; seconded by Cal Larson. Passed (see next bullet point).

- A discussion was held on whether this position needs to be voted on or can be made through a motion or appointed by the EBOD. The by-laws state that if an officer needs to be replaced there needs to be an election but to replace a person on a board, an election is not required.
- A new level three member- Horsey Habit Saddlery and Tack from Manitowoc Michelle Endries will be on the BOD but was not able to make the meeting tonight.
- The Governor Dodge Equestrian group is having a horse minicamp for kids in grade 1-8 on Sunday, Sept 6<sup>th</sup> at the Trails End center near the trail head at Governor Dodge horse trails.
- There are license plate holders available that say "Share the Trails" Wisconsin Horse Council. These will be used to incentivize new members to the trails program; new members to the program will receive one once they join the trails program. Directors will be able to purchase these holders for cost.
- Farm Tech days is currently running. Nancy reports that it has been a huge success for the WHC.

**Future Meeting Dates:**

- Sept 23- guest speakers with Jolene Plautz: Janet Abrams and Paul Libeck from the Division of Income, Sales, and Excise Tax to speak on WI Tax Issues

Motion made Scott Steers seconded by Karla Hanke to adjourn.

Respectively submitted,

Jill Feller  
WHC Secretary