

BOD Meeting January 25, 2023

Meeting brought to order by President Nancy Edwards at 7:04pm

President's Message: Silence phones and speak loudly and clearly so directors who are calling or on Zoom can hear. Directors on the phone or Zoom should mute their phones or computers to prevent background noise.

To avoid over talking on the phone, Zoom, and from the floor, we will follow the following protocol for meetings going forward.

***Directors present in person will have the 1st opportunity for questions or comments.**

***Directors calling in via the conference line will have the 2nd opportunity.**

***Directors present via Zoom will have the 3rd opportunity for questions or comments.**

Roll Call: Attendance chart attached as a separate document. Roll call taken by Admin. Assistant, Darla Schack.

Minutes from the October 26, 2022 BOD meeting.

*Motion made by Ron Miller and seconded by Gail Seasor to approve.

Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: see packet and addendums

*Motion made by Lee Sackett and seconded by Dana Sechler to accept the report

Motion passed

Audit: completed and received 12/23/2022. Filing the 990 tax forms has not been received yet. An extension has been filed until April 2023.

Issues with Huberty, reports requested and sent multiple times.

The audit/review is for both the Horse Council and the Horse Fair.

Question was asked if the Foundation was included. Diane Sackett responded that the Foundation's Treasurer was contacted, but there is no mention in the audit.

Discussion of Huberty statement and explanations. Question raised about \$17,000 bank charges.

Cost of the audit \$8400 including Horse Council and Horse Fair

Question if the reports were sent electronically or hard copy. Response was electronically.

Suggestion made that they be set hard copy, via certified mail.

Discussion of Treasurer's duties. Ron Miller has been treasurer for 20 years, many changes during this span of years.

*Motion made to accept audit report made by Dana Sechler, seconded by Floyd Finney.

* motion passed.

WSHCEF Treasurer's Report in packet.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Jolene spoke regarding AG DAY. Advised that Farm Bureau is in upheaval with new staff. There is no agenda for the meeting yet. She advised that when the agenda is sent to her, she will send to Darla who can send it out to everyone.

Discussion of Farm Bureau, Dairy Bureau broke off and then another splinter group broke off from that, composed of large dairy operations.

The post program meeting at the Capitol will be different this year. County Farm Bureau units instead of Senate Districts.

Jolene advised that there are no upcoming bills being proposed yet.

Dana spoke about the future, encouraging participation.

At this time Nancy Edwards, Floyd Finney, Pete Lewke and Dana Sechler expressed their intent to attend AG Day. Reminder that early registrations are less expensive than closer to the event. Question raised if WHC is a member of the Farm Bureau. Dana will check on costs for individual & corporate memberships

MIDWEST HORSE FAIR: report in packet.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Bonnie Shepherd

Farm Tech Days volunteers needed

Midwest Horse Fair booth volunteers needed

Clipboards with sign up sheets available at the meeting

LONG RANGE PLANNING:

Work group chart in packet

*Logo contest discussion. Legal documents from last contest have been reviewed, belief that with date changes they can re-used.

*Needs of the Equine Industry (Outreach) needs to meet

*Research possibilities for Exec Director/PT marketing
Developing job descriptions and researching pay scales

*Retaining DS, needs to meet

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE:

\$7000 budgeted, \$6279 spent. Remaining items: telephone to replace conference phone which is apparently incompatible with new system and Blue Tooth device for Darla for the same reason. Also recently replaced, new laptop for the Treasurer.

OLD BUSINESS:

BY LAW CHANGES, appropriate changes were made from the 1st review

Nancy explained the color codes for changes

ELECTION PROCEDURES explanation in packet.

Jill Feller is running for Secretary .

Deadline for nomination forms is February 15, 2023

NEW BUSINESS:

*Peter Lewke explained his membership ideas loosely based on a historical perspective that Horses = Freedom. Everybody is a potential member.

*Discussion of making the WHC a clearing house for the entire state.

*Introduction of a new Level 3 Director, Heather Kuenzi. attending in person.

*Discussion of Coalition of State Horse Councils report and request for help with hosting this event; either the weekend of Oct 21 or the 1st weekend in Nov. by Nancy Edwards

*Honorary Lifetime Memberships, Anne Murphy presented the names of 3 individuals who have devoted a great deal of their lives to improve and support the equines and the equine industry in WI. Dean Meyer, Ray Antoniewicz and Dean Johanningmeier, bios in packet. Requested a motion from the floor to approve . Motion made by Wayne Osterhaus, 2nd by Floyd Finney. Motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS:

*Program deadlines

*Future meeting dates

Motion to adjourn made by Scott Steers and 2nd by Ron Miller

Meeting adjourned at 8:39pm

Minutes submitted by Anne Murphy, WHC VP