

BOD Meeting October 24, 2018

Call to order by **President Nancy Edwards at 7:00 pm.**

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

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

Legislative report:

- There is nothing to vote on tonight but there may be some voting due in January on some new bills.
- There is a potential bill to put an age limit on who can ride or drive a horse on the road; more information will be coming in future meetings on this one.
- The bill to change the fence law may come back up in 2019.
- Another bill that may surface is one that from April- October anything attached to a horse shoe has to be smooth and will be limited in size.
- Jolene will start talking to legislatures the week after elections.

Audit Results Presentation- Huberty

- Lauren Price, Audit Manager from Huberty presented the financial audit.

Minutes from September 26:

- Motion made Steve Haase seconded by Ron Miller to approve minutes from August meeting. Passed.

Treasurer's Report:

- Motion made by Floyd Finney seconded by Gail Seasor to approve financial report as presented. Passed.
- Ron will be working with Lauren from Huberty to change the financial reports to make them easier to read.
- Ron reminded the BOD to look at the financial report thoroughly each month and ask questions.
- Lila stated that there is no further financial reports for the Equine Foundation from last month.

Midwest Horse Fair Report:

- There is a report in the meeting packet.
- The Saturday night program will be a Mustang Challenge.
- There will be more videoing done this year at the MHF. The video will be used for future PR.

Old Business

WHC Bylaw Submission Form & Timeline:

- There was one by-law change submission by Karen Kroll. The new by-law pertains to the cancellation of meetings.
 - There will be another reading of the proposed by law change in January and voting will be held in February.
- A discussion was held on the topic of the proposed by-law change and if and why this new proposal is needed.
 - The current by-laws say that meeting times and location are decided by the BOD.
 - A suggestion was made to rework the existing wording in the bylaws to allow the EBOD to cancel a meeting. Nancy will be submitting the new wording in January.

New Business

Budget and Finance Committee Vacancy Nominations & Vote:

- Diane Sackett nominated herself for the open position on the Budget and Finance committee; her nomination form is in the meeting packet. Karen Kroll nominates Floyd Finney; he accepts the nomination. A vote was taken; winner is: **Diane Sackett**
- Steve Haase motions to destroy the ballots; seconded by Ron Miller. Passed.

Proposed New Equestrian Campground at Governor Dodge State Park:

- Karen Kroll talked about the proposed new campground at Governor Dodge Park. The Friends of Governor Dodge have worked with the DNR to get the new campground built and are working to raise the money needed (approximately \$650K). There are some private donors that will match any donations up to \$25K through December 31, 2018. There has been \$100K raised so far. The Friends group has several fund raisers in process at this time. The meeting packet contains information on several of these fund raisers.
 - Karen asked for \$10,000.00 from the WHC to apply toward the campground. She would like the donation given before the end of the year so the matching funds are still available. A discussion followed. The WHC already has Trail grants for this purpose; the suggestion is to take this request to the Trails Committee. Being that there was no motion to this request; no further action was taken.

Dimes for Dodge Program:

- Gail Seator presented the Dimes for Dodge program which is another fund raiser for the Governor Dodge Horse Campground. The collection containers were passed around to BOD members during the meeting.

WSHCEF Winter Event- Insurance Coverage:

- Diane Sackett said the winter event for the Equine Foundation will be on February 9th and will be held in Dodge County at Springbrook near Burnett. There is an event barn on the property that can be used. WSHCEF wants to try some new events with the move to a new location.
- Lila said that the WSHCEF has their own insurance policy and it may cover this event. Ron explained what needs to be written up to send to TRICOR to get insurance coverage. Lila and Ron will look at the insurance coverage for the Equine Foundation for next year as the Foundation may be able to get onto the WHC policy instead of paying for a separate policy. The Equine Foundation policy renewal is in February 2019.

Other:

- **Photos:**
 - Nancy is asking for photos from cameras, not phones, for the new brochures being made. The photos need to be digital and need to be sent to the office by Monday, November 12. They are seeking pictures of trail, horse events, children with horses, etc. Send the digital photos to Darla at the office by November 12th.
- **Reminder of Submission Deadlines:**
 - Sponsorship/Grants Program Submission Deadline- 1/31/19
 - Ride WI! Trail Ride/Drive Program Hour Log Due- 1/31/19
 - Trail Grant Submission Deadline- 2/1/19
 - Scholarship Submission Deadline- 2/15/19
 - WSHCEF Jan Spencer Scholarship Submission Deadline- 2/15/19
- **Annual Awards Committee:**
 - Equine of the Year Award Nomination Deadline- 12/1/18
 - All Other Annual Award Nomination Deadline- 1/10/19

Future Meeting Dates:

- No meeting in November or December
- January 23, 2019
- February 27, 2019

Motion made by Scott Steers and seconded by Ron Miller to adjourn.

Respectively submitted,

Jill Feller
WHC Secretary