

BOD Meeting February 22, 2017

Call to order by President Nancy Edwards at 7:01 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 February 1:

- Motion made by Floyd Finney to approve minutes; seconded by Ron Miller; passed.

Treasurer's Report:

- Ron met with Tri-Cor insurance, our carrier for liability insurance; our premium went down \$60 for the year.
- Motion made by Scott Steers to approve report as provided; seconded by Mike Kroll; passed.

Legislative report:

- Jolene was not able to attend the meeting.
- Ag day is March 8th. Those who plan to attend include: Lori Helmer, Floyd Finney and Eloise Simon, Tracy Porter from District 4 and Jolene. WHC will send in one registration for everyone.

Midwest Horse Fair Report:

- Rodeo tickets are going fast. And the Friday night reception is already sold out.

Annual Awards Committee/Winners Announced:

- Winners are:
 - Judge of year: Tia Koehler
 - Equine of year: Tinker from District 3
 - Horse persons: Jackie Devin-Pertzborn and Liz Rice-Beula
 - Lifetime Achievement Award: Bruce Kornely, Fran Gross and Kristin Urban
 - Director of the Year: Karen Kroll

Old Business

American Horse Council (AHC) Economic Impact Study of the Horse Industry 2017 recap:

- Nancy reported that AHC is not sure yet how the survey will be distributed; electronically or hard copy. Directors should go back to their organizations and ask members if their email addresses could be sent to AHC so they are included in the survey.
- Nancy will keep the BOD updated with more information as she receives it from AHC.

Proposed Bylaw Changes- Final Review:

- One bylaw proposed change submission included in meeting packet. The proposed new wording is that the membership fee or renewal of a Level 3 organization needs to be paid by the organization or business and not personally by an individual.
 - A brief discussion was held on the Legacy directors, their role on the BOD and the amount they pay for membership fees. Currently, the Legacy directors do not represent anyone and they only pay a \$20 membership fee. The Legacy directors have the same rights as all other directors who represent an organization or business. Nancy moved that this topic be put on the agenda for a future meeting and be discussed thoroughly.
 - Darla will be sending out an email and link tomorrow, Feb 23rd to start the voting on this bylaw change; voting needs to be completed by March 20th.

Election Procedures for 2017:

- The election procedures were handed out to directors attending the meeting. This information was also emailed to the directors and it can be found on the website under the director's protected page.
- There are some positions that have no nominations for them: secretary, B&F and Foundation. We will take nominations from the floor at this meeting.
 - Secretary: Jill was nominated and accepted
 - B&F: Bonnie Shepard was nominated and accepted; Eloise Simons was nominated and accepted
 - WHCEF: no nominations were offered

- Those people nominated at the meeting tonight need to complete the self-nomination form and return it to the office by March 4th.
- Absenteeism ballots need to be requested by March 10th and returned by March 22nd. Anyone requesting an absenteeism ballot will not be allowed to vote at the annual meeting in March.

Coalition of Horse Council's Fall Meeting 2016 Report:

- Lee and Nancy went to the fall meeting that was hosted by the KS Horse Council. Nancy gave a summary of some of the topics that were discussed throughout the meeting such as certifications for various equine disciplines, a discussion on non-profit groups, multiuse trails, Equisure insurance and getting donations for a 501C-3 organization. Nancy thanked the WHC for allowing her to attend; it was very educational and she brought back good information to share with us.

Winter Day at the Park- Equine Foundation:

- The weather was good (too good) but there was still some snow on the ground. Not all of the sleighs came to the event due to the weather and snow levels. Compromises were made by using wagons for some events vs. sleighs.
- There was an adequate crowd throughout the day.
- The financial report will be discussed at the next Foundation meeting.

New Business

MHF Ticket Request Form:

- Letter/Form & Attendance record is included in the meeting packet for directors to request their MHF tickets. The tickets will be handed out at the March meeting.

Budget Deadline Info

- Budget Request Form is included in the packet. The deadline to return it to the office is April 8th.

Other:

- Cal Larson and Bonnie Shepard will be traveling to different cities for tack shows and other events throughout April. Cal will also be representing WHC at the Governor's conference.
- District 3 was approached by Mayville Middle School to do some demonstrations on horses. The school did a full-day activity event day with outdoor events. Many topics and activities were represented. Lee Sackett represented District 3 and did several talks throughout the day on equines.

Stateline Equine Education Program Reminder:

- March 4 is the Equine program in Kenosha County. The topic this year is caring for the aging horse; the brochure with more information is in the meeting packet.

Future Meeting Dates:

- March 22- annual meeting; 6:30 pm pizza; 7:00 pm meeting
- April- No meeting
- May 24

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

Respectively submitted,

Jill Feller
WHC Secretary