

BOD Meeting February 23, 2022

Call to order by **President Nancy Edwards at 7:01 pm.**

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

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

Legislative report:

- Jolene does not believe the buggy bill will not be coming up at this legislation session so there is no action to be taken at this time.
- The preliminary bill that was included in the meeting packet would allow towns, villages and cities to create more restrictive rules than the state rules regarding livestock. There is no action to be taken at this time but if it does come up, Jolene would like WHC to support the bill.

Minutes from January 26, 2022:

- Motion made by Gail Seasor to approve the January 26 minutes, seconded by Ron Miller. Passed.

Treasurer's Report:

- The financial report is included in the meeting packet and Ron has nothing more to add.
- Scott moves to accept the financial report as presented; seconded by Jan Pieper. Passed.
- Equine Foundation: they are still working on getting the finances settled from Winter Day at Springbrook. A financial report will be in the next meeting packet.

Midwest Horse Fair Report:

- Good News! The mask and testing requirements at Alliant Energy Center have all ended! The Interim Executive Director has resigned. A search has been started to find a replacement; Megan has asked to be part of the hiring process to represent the agricultural group.
- The MHF is going full steam ahead with planning the April 2022 fair.

Old Business

Public Relations Statement Recommendation Update:

- Nancy, Anne and Darla worked on putting a statement together which has been sent out to directors to review before the meeting. The majority of the statement is what was written by the PR professional who assisted us a few months back. Information on the Equine Foundation will be added to the document, and it will be made into a brochure. The dollar amount that has been given out through sponsorships, scholarships and trail grants will also be added.

WHC Proposed Bylaw Change Submission Review- 2nd Review- Revised Proposed change from Oct meeting:

- The proposal will be going out on Survey Monkey on Friday for directors to report on. The bylaw being voted on is in regard to the Legacy Directors and their attendance at the meetings.

WSHCEF Winter Day at Springbrook Update:

- The crowd looked like it might have been down slightly, but it was busy all day. There were five sleighs at the event and rides were a popular event. The Breyer horse show was well attended with attendees from five different states. Crystal Creek Riders sponsored the bon fires which were needed on the cold day.

New Business

Election Procedures for 2022- procedures & self-nomination form in meeting packet:

- The meeting packet contains the voting information and the self-nominations that have been submitted for the open positions. No one nominated for the executive board at large position; Nancy asked for anyone to step up. Cricket Jewell volunteered and will send in the self-nomination form.

MHF Ticket Request Form:

- The ticket request form is in the meeting packet. Each director can request one set of tickets. Return those forms to the office by March 11th.

Budget Deadline Info- Budget Request Form included in packet:

- Budget requests need to be submitted by April 8; the form is in the meeting packet.

PR Committee Update & MHF Booth Sign-Up Sheet- Bonnie Shepard:

- A sign-up sheet was present at the meeting in the office. Any director who was not able to physically attend the meeting can sign up to assist with the booth by contacting Darla at the office.

Other:

- Nancy spent time on the phone with the coalition of state horse councils. A representative from the PRCA was on the call who is an animal activist. He discussed a possible law that was trying to outlaw the double decker transportation trailers used to transport horses for any purpose. Rodeos use those trailers to transport the horses to the rodeos and there is room on the upper deck for the horses to be transported comfortably. If a bill surfaces that would eliminate the use of any double decker trailer, it would have a severe impact on rodeos.
- The topic of Los Angeles bill to outlaw rodeos was also discussed. There is a movement to prevent all animal ownership, and this is a start of that attempted movement.
- WI Quarter Horse Association has set up a five-year plan to try and attract more people. Ron was at a meeting last night for Quarter horses and he mentioned that one of the benefits WHC has for members is offering an equine insurance policy. Ron was asking if it was possible for a member of a level three membership could be offered the insurance- could WHC offer that benefit? Karen stated that it was not possible; the insurance is for WHC members level I & II only. Ron's thought was that this plan could be a win-win for the equine industry in WI and the WHC. Darla will check with our insurance agent and see if the equine liability insurance could be offered to level III membership people even if they do not have a WHC level I or II membership.
- District 3 will be hosting a table at the Washington County tack sale on February 27th and MHF tickets will be on sale.

Future Meeting Dates:

- March 23, 2022- ANNUAL MEETING 6:15- pizza with meeting at 7:00. Directors who plan to attend the meeting in person need to RSVP- Darla will send out a meeting reminder with RSVP.
- April 2022- No meeting
- May 25, 2022
- June 22, 2022

Motion made by Scott Steers and seconded by Ron Miller to adjourn at 7:59 pm.

Respectively submitted,

Jill Feller
WHC Secretary