

## BOD Meeting February 24, 2021

Call to order **by President Nancy Edwards at 7:06 pm.**

**President's message:** Silence phones and speak loudly so directors who are calling in 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:

- One of the bills passed was that the companies who were awarded a PPP loan will not have to pay any state tax on the money.
- Another bill passed is the Covid liability bill; employers cannot be sued by employees and clients for claims of catching Covid from their business.
- There are no active bills at this time that would affect the WI equine industry.
- Ag Day will be virtual this year and the \$250 donation is still being requested for those attending. There are no WHC directors interested in attending this virtual event in 2021. Darla will make a call and communicate that WHC will not be attending in 2021 but want to remain on the list to attend future events.

### Minutes from January 27, 2020:

- Motion made by Floyd Finney to approve the January 27 minutes, seconded by Ron Miller. Passed.

### Treasurer's Report:

- Financial reports were in the meeting packet.
- B&F met on Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup>
- The PPP loan was approved and WHC was given over \$67,000.00 to be used for wages, rent and other operating expenses. It is likely the majority of the loan will be forgiven; any payback will be paid back at 1%. The money we received will be used for wages for WHC and MHF employees.
- The three-year lease with the WHC office expires on June 30<sup>th</sup>. B&F suggests moving to a one-year lease and do another assessment next year to see if the two offices should be combined. There is a committee being formed to look at the pros and cons of combining the offices at a later date.
- Ron has a meeting with Coleen from Baird to review our investments and look at where WHC lies on the 'risk' scale. The Baird investments did well in 2020- our funds increased by over \$11,000.00.
  - Ron will also find out how quickly we can liquidate the funds if we need them. Ron will report back in March on his findings.
- Gail motions to accept the financial report; seconded by Floyd Finney. Passed
- Equine Foundation financial highlights reported by Dianne Sackett include:
  - The Quickbooks fee has been paid
  - The insurance bill arrived and was at a higher cost than past years. Dianne called and informed the insurance company that no events were being held in 2021; the bill was then reduced by \$349 as a result of Dianne's call.

### Midwest Horse Fair Report:

- There is a report in the meeting packet; Pat has nothing more to report

### Annual Awards Committee Report/Winners Announced:

- Director of Year- Jill Feller
- Horseperson of the Year- Christina Hyke
- Horse of the Year- Lacy
- Show Judge of the Year- no award given for 2020
- There will not be any awards given out in 2022. A notice will be put on the WHC website that the award program is suspended for 2022.

## Old Business

### WHC Proposed Bylaw Change Submission Final review- Proposed Change included in meeting packet:

- The proposal is to eliminate a term limit for Budget & Finance committee.
- Voting will start tomorrow on Survey Monkey- Darla will send the information out to BOD members.

## **New Business**

### **Election Procedures for 2021 and self-nomination forms included in packet:**

- The instructions for elections is in the meeting packet. Open positions include: President, Secretary, Member-at-Large, (2) for Midwest Horse Fair board, (3) for Budget & Finance committee and Equine Foundation positions (total TBD).
- Nominations have been received for:
  - President, secretary, member-at-large, two for MHF board and four for Equine Foundation board. There were no nominations for the Budget & Finance committee.
- There are a few open positions that no one nominated for:
  - There are three open positions on B&F committee. Two of the people would like to run but are at their term limit and the other person has is not a current member at this time (his organization has not year renewed).
    - Karen nominates Pat Miller for the B&F committee. Pat declined the nomination due to conflict of interest.
  - If the bylaw change is voted to move forward, the members who have their terms expiring would be eligible to be voted in after the annual meeting.

### **Other:**

- Wayne Osterhaus- if the WHC and MHF offices are combined, would there be consideration to purchase on office instead of renting? Ron said that before the current offices were rented, offices to purchase were looked at but the decision was made to rent and not purchase. A committee is being formed to look at what will be feasible for the future and the purchase of a space certainly can be looked into as an option.

### **Future Meeting Dates:**

- March 24, 2021 – regular meeting with elections
- April- TBD
- May 26
- June 23
- July 28
- August 25
- September 22
- October 27

Motion made by Floyd Finney and seconded by Scott Steers to adjourn at 7:53 pm.

Respectively submitted,

Jill Feller  
WHC Secretary