

## BOD Meeting February 26, 2020

Call to order by **President Nancy Edwards at 7:05 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.**

### Minutes from January 22:

- Scott Steers requested a correction in the January minutes to change the financial report *approved* to *accepted*. Motion made by Ron Miller, seconded by Floyd Finney to approve minutes with the change listed above from January meeting. Passed.

### Guest Speaker Presentation:

- Jackie Schuster, Jefferson County Draft Horse Association (JCDHA) secretary did a presentation on how the money received from WHC is used to promote the draft horses at Old World Wisconsin, Farm Tech Days and other venues. Jackie thanked the WHC for the grants.

### Treasurer's Report:

- EBOD and B&F have approved the move into CDARS program for our money in the banks. Both the EBOD and B&F will be meeting with Baird in early in April to discuss the money invested at Baird and discuss some options on what we should do with that money. We should be looking at setting goals on what to do with our money to improve/promote the horse industry such as the Trail Committee is doing.
- Financial report accepted by Scott Steers; seconded by Floyd Finney. Passed.
- Dianne Sackett handed out a copy of the Equine Foundation financial report for review.

### Legislative report:

- WI AG DAY at the Capital report is included in the meeting packet. Jolene gave a brief summary of the event and encouraged everyone to attend this event whenever they can. Some of the items at Ag Day included:
- Farm Package Bill: this bill deals with options of outbuildings that are not a house or garage; the bill will allow you to apply to take 66% off of your taxes. The bill may be vetoed by the governor; we will wait to see what happens. Most the bills discussed at the AG Day event were targeted at the dairy industry.
- How a Bill becomes a law is a brochure included in the meeting packet. We will send a thank you to the Tom Tiffany's office for making the brochures of us.
  - Jolene gave a summary of how a bill is circulated and created but each bill is a bit different in the stages
- Ohio Legislative Trails Caucus has information in the meeting packet. Jolene will forward the phone number from this organization to Cricket to contact this organization. This organization is trying to get multi state trails made and organized; the trails are the old railroad beds.
- Buggy Bill: Jolene did not ask for any amendments on this bill as amendments can slows down a bill. Jolene called and talked to each committee member regarding this bill. We actually won this bill; it has been killed in the legislative process for now but may resurface in the future.
- The sexual contact with horses bill (SB139) is on the governor's desk waiting signature. Jolene would like everyone to call the governor's office and ask him to sign this bill. The governor's office phone number is 608.266.1212. Call and ask him to sign SB139 as requested of the horse council.

### Midwest Horse Fair Report:

- MHF is excited about the Trail Challenge on Sunday; competitors filled up the slots within a few days of it being opened. The obstacles are for sale after the fair; if anyone is interested in them they should contact the MHF office.
- There is a report in the BOD meeting packet with updates on the MHF; there was nothing more to report.
- Mark Clark resigned from the Alliant Center. It may be a concern for agriculture groups depending on who replaces him as Mark was a big agriculture supporter for both MHF and the Dairy Expo.
- Before the meeting tonight, there was a joint meeting between EBOD and MHF board, held at the MHF office, to discuss a criminal matter.

### Annual Awards Committee/Winners announced:

- Director of the Year: Katie Bachhuber
- Equine of the Year: Lincoln from District 4
- Lifetime Achievement Awards:

- Bernard and Colene Stuttgen
- Rodney and Charlene Boom
- Horse Person of the Year: Gail Rentmeester
- Show Judge of the Year: Kimberly Ziegler
- There will be a reception brunch on Sunday morning for all award winners and pictures of the award winners will be posted on the jumbotron in the coliseum. Lincoln will be presented as the award winner each day in the arena.

### **Old Business**

#### **WHC Proposed Bylaw Change Submission Final Review:**

- The proposed bylaws are in the meeting packets. There was no discussions/questions on the proposals.
- Bylaws will be sent out for voting on Survey Monkey tomorrow.

#### **WSHCEF Winter Day at Springbrook:**

- Jim Harris gave some highlights of the event. There was perfect weather and a good crowd during the day. There were bobsled rides, dog sledding demos, sleighs giving some demos, a trick roper and the district 3 Horse of the Year was available for people to pet. A successful event with great food!

#### **Election Procedure Info for 2020:**

- All Self-Nomination forms that were received are in the meeting packet.
- Gail Seator self-nominated herself from the floor for Director at Large.
- B&F – there was only one nomination for two available spots. Katie nominates Carol Wagner for B&F; Jill nominates Gail Seator for B&F. Both Carol and Gail accepted the nominations. Both Carol and Gail have to send in the self nominating form.
- Equine Foundation: anyone can nominate for those positions; there were no nominations from the floor.

#### **PR Committee Report & WHC Booth Sign-Up Sheet**

- Bonnie passed around the sign-up sheet to work at the WHC booth. Volunteers will receive a ticket to the rodeo on either Friday or Saturday night. Bonnie would like three people for each 2-hour slot as PR is doing a spin-the-wheel at the booth.
- There is a PR meeting on Saturday at 11:00 am February 29<sup>th</sup> at the WHC office; all are welcome to attend the meeting.
- Cal Larson announced that he will not be attending the Tourism Conference this year but would like to see the WHC represented at this event. Trails Committee is sending two people to the conference for one day.

### **New Business**

#### **MHF Ticket Request Form:**

- The form for MHF tickets is in the meeting packet along with the attendance records so directors can see if they are eligible to receive tickets.

#### **Budget Deadline Info:**

- Information is in your meeting packet; April 8<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for requests to be submitted to the WHC office.

#### **Other:**

- **WHC** has a new full-page ad; a copy is in the meeting packet.
- There are several items to give away that were found during the cleaning process at the office. Anyone who wants any photos, rugs, office supplies can look at the items after the meeting and take home what they want.

#### **Future Meeting Dates:**

- March 25- 6:30 is pizza with the Annual Meeting at 7:00 pm
- April- no meeting
- May- 27

Motion made to close nominations made by Ron, seconded by Scott Steer. Passed.

Motion made by Floyd Finney and seconded by Scott Steers to adjourn.

Respectively submitted,

Jill Feller  
WHC Secretary