

BOD Meeting February 27, 2019

Call to order by **President Nancy Edwards at 6:30 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.**

Guest Speaker:

- Peter Lewke – He will be hosting a fundraiser on September 7th; Whitewater Area Search and Rescue and Large Animal Rescue will be the recipients of the fundraiser. There will be food and beverages and a country swing band. The event will be called Horses in History. There will be a Facebook event page by mid-June with more details.

Minutes from October 24:

- Motion made Floyd Finney seconded by Anne Murphey to approve minutes from October meeting. Passed.

Treasurer's Report:

- After the audit, Ron had several lines of journal entries to make. Several of those worked well but a few caused some errors; these errors were in writing in only- no money was ever in error. He was unable to present a financial report in January due to these errors which are now corrected.
- There is an entry on the balance sheet that reflects the lease for the MHF which was never there before. This new entry is a result of our new accounting auditing firm.
- Barrett reviews our portfolio annually and is suggesting a few minor changes to the accounts. She is suggesting changes in two funds to prevent paying capital gains next year. The annual review will be at the end of April in the future to allow any information to be available for B&F before they are reviewing the budget for the upcoming year.
- Mike Kroll motions to approve financial report as presented; seconded by Floyd Finney. Passed.
- Lila Lemanski will have a treasurer's report for EF in March.

Legislative report:

- Jolene is working with Sandy Rogers to get more electricity at the new horse campground at Governor Dodge State Park. If we need a bill, the author of that bill would be the same person who authored the horseshoe bill that we do not support so it could potentially hurt the Governor Dodge effort.
- Ag Day at the Capitol 3/20/19; Floyd Finney & Eloise Simmons will be attending.
- Knowles Nelson stewardship fund- Sandy Rogers would like funding for this fund which will also help with the Governor Dodge campground effort.
- Brad Pfaff- Jolene would like to invite him to a future meeting in May or June.
- A new bill (LRB-1925-21) was presented to waive the first year's fee for licensing for newly graduated veterinary and vet techs. The reason for the bill is to try to keep these professionals in the state.
 - Autumn Quinn motions to support the LRB-1925-21 which would waive the licensing fees for newly graduated veterinarians and veterinarian technicians; seconded by Katie Bachhuber. Passed.
 - Jolene will work on getting horses added to the bill as the bill specifically names, cattle, swine, ovine, poultry.

Midwest Horse Fair Report:

- The MHF update is printed in the packet. Sponsorships are ahead of last year; tickets sales are also way ahead from last year. It looks like the rodeo and Saturday night show will be sold out before the MHF states.

Annual Award Committee Report/Winners Announced- Pat Miller:

- Equine of Year- Choke from District 4
- Director of Year-Pat Miller
- Special Achievement- Both nominated will be awarded: Dr Ann Clarey; Friends of Gov Dodge Equestrians
- Horseman of the Year- Terry Kluever
- Show Judge of the Year- Sara Gronski
- Lifetime Achievement awards: Robert Housel; Ron Miller and Wes & Jane Licht

Old Business

Proposed Bylaw Change Submission Review- 3 proposed changes are in meeting packet:

- There is a submission on a process to cancel a BOD meeting; this is a rewrite of the original submission presented in October 2018 meeting that stated a meeting could only be canceled due to inclement weather.
- There are also two submissions that were suggested by the WHC attorney;
 - One submission is a correction which will align our bylaws to match the Articles of Incorporation.
 - The second submission deals with new technology which will allow us to have a meeting via phone, computer or other technology.

Election Procedure Information for 2019:

- All of the self-nominating forms are included in the meeting packet. Nancy will withdraw her nomination leaving Katie as the only nomination for president.
- We do not have a count of how many positions are available for election for the Equine Foundation.
- Nominations were open for anyone from the floor for all open positions; there were no nominations. Scott Steers motions to close the floor for nominations; seconded by Lee Sackett. Passed.

WSHCEF Winter Event- Old Fashion Fun Report:

- There were no sleighs at the event due to lack of snow; there were bob-wagons though. The *estimate* of attendance was around 500 people showed up. Springbrook is a great facility and worked with the EF to make sure things ran smoothly.

Coalition of Horse Council's Fall Meeting 2018 Report- Nancy Edwards

- Nancy passed out a written report on the coalition of state horse councils that she attended in Phoenix AZ in November 2018.

New Business

MHF Ticket Request Form:

- The form for directors to request MHF tickets is included in the meeting packet and needs to be returned to the MHF office by March 14.

Budget Deadline Info- Budget Request form in packet:

- The form for budget requests is in the meeting packet and needs to be returned to the MHF office by April 8.

Milwaukee Urban Stables Horse Therapy Program- Karen Kroll:

- Information on this project that is being proposed in Milwaukee is included in the meeting packet. Karen discussed the information contained in the handout. Karen will see if she can get a speaker from this project to attend the June meeting.

Other:

- Nancy presented a flashing amber light that Joe Parr brought to the meeting; this light will suffice on wagons that travel on the road. Two lights are needed on the back and one on the front of the wagon.
- The booth sign up for the MHF still has some spots available for directors to sign up to work.

Future Meeting Dates:

- March 27, 2019- Annual Meeting at 6:00 start with a meal
- April- no meeting
- May 22, 2019

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

Respectively submitted,

Jill Feller
WHC Secretary