

BOD Meeting February 28, 2018

Call to order by **President Nancy Edwards at 7:03 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 24:

- Motion made by Ron Miller, seconded by Steve Haas to approve minutes from January. Passed.

Introduction of Megan Hanuszczak, Midwest Horse Fair Executive Director:

- Megan gave a short bio about herself including her equine involvement throughout the years and briefly talked about the upcoming horse fair.

Guest Speaker- Mike Koles, Executive Director Wisconsin Towns Association:

- Mike stated he has never received or heard of a complaint about recreational use of horses on roads. He then gave a thorough explanation of how roads are created, repaired and resurfaced so we understand how damage could happen. On a new surfaced road, if a horseshoe puts a hole into the surface, the oil in the road material does not stay inside the material and the material will not seal correctly and will then not last as long as it should have. In older roads, the horse shoes can cause holes that lead to a break-up of the surface. Due to lack of funds, roads are not being maintained as frequently as they should be and thus the surfaces are more fragile. Mike has had several complaints from counties which state that 'spikes' (sharp carbide spikes) in horse shoes from horses pulling buggies on the road are cause irreversible damage to roads. These spikes are being used on a regular basis with non-recreational horse traffic. The damage is only done in the warmer months April- October.
 - A discussion followed about what exactly a 'spike' is. There were some sample shoes for Mike to look at that contained barium that is used to prevent sliding. The barium is not a 'spike' and would not cause damage. Directors educated Mike and why and when barium would be used on horse shoes. There was no director how could identify with the use of any type of 'spike' for horse shoes. Mike said he has never seen the shoes/spikes in question but the complaints have mentioned the spikes causing the damage to the roads. Mike is going to try to get a sample of the shoes so WHC can better understand this problem.

Legislative report:

- Bill AB697, the bill prohibiting animal drawn vehicles in which the animal has a shoe with a ¼" spike or protrusion which damages roads, is not through senate yet. Directors are encouraged to call their senator this week to voice their opinions about this bill before the senate votes on this. Jolene stated that it would also be good to have people at the caucus next week when this bill is discussed.
- Bob Kulp- is the person who wants require license plates on carriages. Jolene told him after our Jan meeting WHC voted against this bill. This bill is not moving forward at this time but is not completely dead.
- Bob Kulp is also getting calls about an incident in Clark County where a horse has been tethered to a wagon. The sheriff department and a local vet have checked the situation and have found that that horse is being fed and watered. Bob has been an advocate to change some of the existing laws on horses are housed and maintained. Jolene has talked to him about these issues and continually reminds Bob that horses are livestock and not pets and WHC will to support any bills regarding maintenance of horses at this time. Jolene will meet with Bob again to have another discussion regarding horse care.

Treasurer's Report:

- Motion made by Floyd Finney and seconded by Anne Murphy to accept the financial report as presented. Passed.
- Ron made with the representative from Tricor insurance company. Our insurance cost went down about \$50; however there was some late requests coming from District 2 asking for insurance coverage for events so our costs may not be reduced at all.
- WHC or MHF does not have anyone bonded for financial reasons but all of the four elected officers are covered for up to \$25000 each as part of our insurance policy.
- Ron put together a procedure for money handling for WHC. The Executive Board of Directors (EBOD) will discuss the procedure and once approved the procedure will be presented to the Board of Directors.

Midwest Horse Fair Report:

- There is a update report in the meeting packet to read. Both rodeo nights are more than ½ sold out.

Annual Award Committee Report:

- The Horse of the Year winner is Cuz – owner Tracy Porter. This was the only voting to be done that had more than one nominee for it. Thank you to all directors who took the time and responsibility to cast a vote!

Old Business

Proposed bylaws- Final Review:

- There are two new bylaw changes/additions to review.
 - One is a new bylaw regarding Attending Conferences, Seminars and Events. The wording of the bylaw is that has been submitted is what WHC currently has a 'procedure'. If approved, this procedure would then become a bylaw.
 - The second submission is a change to Article VIII Committees Boards & Events regarding how many boards or committees a director may be on.
- The survey for voting on the bylaws will be open tomorrow. Darla will send out a communication to all board members to alert everyone it is open for voting.

Election Procedure Information for 2018:

- There is still an outstanding need to fill the Director at Large position with no nominations at this time. Eloise Simmons and Gail Seator both nominated themselves during the meeting; they will send the self-nominating form to Darla to send out to all directors to review.
- Dates of voting and procedures are in the BOD packets.
- Nancy will contact Gary Jackson to see if there are any openings to fill with the Equine Foundation.

Coalition of Horse Council's Fall Meeting 2017 Report:

- Nancy put her written report from the fall meeting into the meeting packet. Nancy then discussed some of the highlights of the meeting.
- US Equestrian Federation has a learning center that has many videos regarding equines for members to view.
 - Eloise motions WHC pays for a one-year membership with the US Equestrian Federation, seconded by Dave Warner. Passed. The membership cost \$80 and all of the directors will be able to access the US Equestrian Federation website and use the video learning center.
- A discussion was held on equine dentistry. In WI, only licensed veterinarians are allowed to practice equine dentistry. Some other states allow non-veterinarians to practice equine dentistry. There may be bills introduced at a later date in WI that may change this but for now, nothing is changing in WI.

WSHCEF Winter Day at the Park Report:

- There were six sleighs that showed up for the day; including one with a mini horse that was a big hit with everyone. The model horse show was very well attended; this event pulled in people from the surrounding states.

New Business

MHF Ticket Request Form:

- The form to request Midwest Horse Fair tickets is in the meeting packets.

Budget Deadline Info-Budget Request Form:

- April 8th is the deadline to return the budget form to the office. The form is in the meeting packet.

Other:

- The big reveal on the equine study will be in Washington DC this week. WHC will get a copy of the entire survey next week with the state survey coming in mid-March.
- Oct 25-28th, the Clydesdales World Show will be back in Madison and they are requesting \$10,000. WHC has given \$10,000 twice before to sponsor this event when it was held in Madison.
 - Lila motions that WHC purchase the \$5000 sponsorship for the Clydesdale World Show. Motion seconded by Steve Haas. A roll call vote was taken. 13 yes/16 no- motion fails. The Sponsorship committee can still award \$5000 to the Clydesdale World Show if they choose to do so.
- There is a second request for \$10000 for the WI Interscholastic Horsemanship Association (WIHA) for a challenge to MI Interscholastic Horsemanship Association.

- Lee motions that the sponsorship committee uses their discretion to use up to \$10,000 for the WIHA request; seconded by Dan. A roll call vote was taken. 13 yes/16 no- motion fails. The Sponsorship committee can contact WIHA and tell them to submit a new request for up to \$5000. \$5000 is the limit that the Sponsorship committee can award at any one time.

Future Meeting Dates:

- March 28, 2018
- April – No Meeting
- May 23, 2018
- June 27, 2018
- July 25, 2018
- September 26, 2018
- October 24, 2018
- No meeting in November or December

Motion made by Karla Hankee, seconded by Floyd Finney to adjourn.

Respectively submitted,

Jill Feller
WHC Secretary