

## BOD Meeting March 23, 2022

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

**President's message:** It is nice to have so many people at the office in person! 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.**

### Minutes from February 23, 2022:

- Motion made by Ron Miller to approve the February 23 minutes, seconded by Floyd Finney. Passed.

### Treasurer's Report:

- The finance report is in the director's meeting packet.
- Ron is having some problems with the US mail; the credit card bill took five weeks to get to its destination. Ron is going to look at automatic payments to prevent lost checks and late fees.
- Scott moves to accept treasurer's report as presented in the packet; seconded by Dana Sechler; passed.

### Legislative report:

- Jolene was at a 4-hour hearing at the capital yesterday regarding premium pay reimbursements for county fairs. Any fair can pay out a premium for shows or contents but only one fair gets reimbursed by the state. The first fair that asks the state for reimbursement will get reimbursed; no other fair will receive a reimbursement for the same activity. Some of the smaller fairs are afraid that they will not get any reimbursements and all awards/prizes would need to be paid by the fair itself which will limit profits. Anyone can show in more than one fair, but they may not get cash prizes at more than one. There was no action taken at this hearing; Jolene feels it will take a long time to get this process changed.

### Midwest Horse Fair Report:

- There is a MHF handout with updates in the meeting packet; Pat has nothing more to add.

## Old Business

### Elections:

- **Vice President:** Anne Murphy
- **At-Large Member Executive Board:** Cricket Jewett
- **Midwest Horse Fair (2 openings):** Lee Sackett and Gail Seasor
- **Budget & Finance (2 openings):** Karen Kroll and Gail Seasor
- **Equine Foundation:** Gail Seasor and Jim Harris (He self-nominated from the floor at the meeting)
- Motion made by Autumn Quinn-Reilly to close nominations; seconded by Anne Murphy; passed
- Lee Sackett motions to accept all nominees into the open positions by unanimous vote; seconded by Floyd Finney. Passed
- Motion made by Floyd Finney to destroy the mail in ballots; seconded by Dana Sechler; passed

### WHC Proposed Bylaw Voting Results:

- The proposed law has passed (15-3).
- The new by-law is: *Legacy Directors are expected to attend and participate in WHC Board meetings. Directors may attend Board meetings in person or by any of the electronic means in use by WHC. To remain a Director, each individual must attend 25% of the Board meetings per calendar year. Failure to attend 25% of the meetings will result in removing that individual as a Director.*

### Distribution of MHF Tickets & Programs:

- Darla and Nancy handed out the tickets. There were programs and posters for the MHF available.

### Budget deadline reminder is April 8:

- Don't forget to submit your budget requests.

### MHF Booth Sign-Up Reminder:

- There are still some slots available for working at the booth.

**New WHC PR Trifold Review- Draft trifold in packet:**

- A new trifold brochure was created based on the documentation from the PR expert that assisted us a few months ago. The brochure explains what the WHC is all about and how crucial the organization is to the state equine industry. These will be available for the booth at the MHF.

**Excess Liability Insurance for Level III Members Update:**

- To get the liability insurance, one needs to be a level one member. Members of a level three organization are not eligible for the liability insurance unless they become level one members.

**New Business****AHC Publication Regarding State Legislation:**

- American Horse Council (AHC) wants to publish a quarterly newsletter that would be distributed to the horse councils. The newsletter will allow the various councils to be aware of new legislature in other states and network on how to support or not support the upcoming legislation. Nancy has talked to Jolene to get her thoughts on this process. Jolene will supply the info to Nancy and Darla to get to AHC *if* this newsletter becomes a reality. There are 26 horse councils and AHC would like at least 15 of these councils to be involved before they will move forward with this publication. WHC will participate in this newsletter.

**WHC 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Booklet Discussion:**

- Darla sent out the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary booklet via email. Is there an interest in creating a new booklet for our 50<sup>th</sup> year? There were no volunteers interested in working on a book. Anne is reaching out to several of the founding members to learn more about where they are now.

**WHC Committee Discussion:**

- We need to get our legislative committee functioning again. Floyd Finney and Lee Sackett are both on the committee. We need more people on this committee who are available to attend meetings during the week at the capital if needed. Lori Helmer, Dana Sechler and Joe Parr all volunteered to be on the committee. The committee needs to meet and elect a chair who will be the POC for the committee. Dana Sechler volunteered to be the chair of the committee. Darla will send out an email to the legislature group with contact information.
- Directors should think about joining some of the committees available.

**Other:**

- Laura Jagdfeld, from WI Buckskin Association, is asking if there are funds for sponsoring youth promotions. There is a program called Bonus Bucks where money is available for these types of events; this program has been temporarily halted due to budget restraints but may be revised in the 2022-2023 budget.
- Governor Dodge campground is opening the last week in April. There are fund raiser raffle tickets available from Gail Seasor.

**Future Meeting Dates:**

- April 2022- No meeting
- May 25, 2022
- June 22, 2022

Motion made by Floyd Finney and seconded by Scott Steers to adjourn at 7:59 pm.

Respectively submitted,

Jill Feller  
WHC Secretary