

BOD Meeting March 27, 2019

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

President's message: Silence phones; please stand up to talk and talk loudly so everyone on the phone can hear.

Roll call: An attendance chart is attached to these minutes. Ballots for the election were handed out at this time.

Minutes from February 27, 2019

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

Treasurer's Report:

- CD is coming due 4/1 for MHF Expenses.
- Motion made by Cal Larson, seconded by Floyd Finney to accept the treasury report as presented. Passed.
- WSHCEF DRAFT report was distributed via e-mail and here. Lila Lemanski explained that she would continue working on it and have the final version to us in May.

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.
- Knowles Nelson Sewardship Fund- Sandy Rogers would like funding for this fund which will also help with the Governor Dodge campground effort. Karen Kroll motioned and Mike Kroll seconded that we support this. Motion passed.
- Brad Pfaff - Jolene would like to invite him to a future meeting in summer sometime.
- Jolene did give our support to Bill AB130 as presented to waive the first year's fee for licensing for newly graduated veterinary and vet techs.
- We voted to support the increased felony charge for animal abuse cases. This bill has no number yet but Jolene will give it our support when it comes up.
- Crawford and Richland Counties have banned some horseshoes on roads. Sauk County is working with the Amish to find solutions. The Amish will pay \$50 per buggy and \$25 per cart per year. Both groups are also working with a company to find a material that will better suited to horses traffic on roads.
- Governor Evers has proposed a 2.8 million dollar budget for state parks. Katie Bachhuber motioned and Rae Geb seconded that we support this. Motion passed
- Ag Day at the Capital – a printed report from Eloise Simons was handed out at the beginning of the meeting.

Midwest Horse Fair Report: The MHF report is included in the board packet.

Old Business

Election:

- As all but one position were unopposed, Lee Sackett moved that we unanimously accept the slate of unopposed positions. Scott Steers seconded. Motion passed.
- Direct-at-Large was voted on by paper ballot.
Results of 2019 voting:
President – Nancy Edwards
Secretary – Jill Feller
Director-at-Large – Ann Murphy

Midwest Horse Fair - Lee Sackett and Gail Seator
Budget and Finance - Bonnie Shepherd and Eloise Simons
Equine Foundation - Jim Harris

As Budget and Finance needed 3 people and only 2 ran, nominations are still open to fill one seat.

Proposed Bylaw Voting Results:

- Submission on process to cancel a BOD meeting passed.
- Submission to take the treasurer position out of elected status to appointed status passed.
- Submission to allow us to have meetings via new technologies passed.

Nancy and Darla distributed the MHF tickets.

Budget deadline April 8, 2019.

Midwest Horse Fair Booth sign-up and Trail Booth sign-up sheets were passed around for additional help in booths.

New Business

New Proposed Bylaw change submission was postponed until May because of incorrect wording.

Amendment A to the Articles of Incorporation that was done to more closely reflect the Bylaws was discussed.

- Ron Miller motioned we accept, Ann Murphy seconded. Motion passed.

President Nancy Edwards read our Code of Conduct and emphasized abiding by it.

Special Membership:

- Different types of membership were discussed – senior and youth. We want to attract youth to WHC but don't know exactly how that will come about. It was decided to have the Membership Committee bring back recommendations to the BOD. Unable to make changes for the MHF this year.

NEWDA (New Dressage Association):

- Nancy Edwards made a presentation about WHC at their annual convention. Nancy requested any long time members to add to the written history of the WHC from 1990-2018.

Membership Numbers:

- Level II and Level III members are going to be asked via e-mails to submit their membership numbers. This will aid us in knowing how many people we reach.

No meeting in April!

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

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Bachhuber
WHC Vice-President

