

## BOD Meeting March 28, 2018

Pizza was served at 6:30 pm for the annual meeting.

Call to order by **President Nancy Edwards at 7:00 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- Wisconsin State Patrol (Corey Dahl) CDL/ELD Mandates:**

- Officer Dahl educated the attendees on some of the regulations involved with hauling. Recreation vehicles do not fall under the same regulations as businesses do. If your trailer has a RV license and is used for recreation purposes only, a CDL is not required in Wisconsin. Other states are supposed to recognize state laws from other states but that doesn't always happen. American Horse Council is working on getting these regulations more stable and recognized across the country. 608.267.9762 is the motor carrier information line. People can call this phone line with questions regarding vehicle regulations.

### **Minutes from February 28:**

- Motion made by Steve Haase seconded by Floyd Finney to approve minutes from February. Passed.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

- The 9 month CD is coming due on April 3<sup>rd</sup> will be transferred to the checking account to pay MHF employees.
- Motion made by Floyd Finney and seconded by Ann Murphy to accept the financial report as presented. Passed.

### **Legislative report:**

- There are two open seats that will have a special election held but nothing has been scheduled yet.
- Bob Kolp was unable to come to this meeting to speak. He is up for election; if he runs for his office again, we can have him come and speak at the June meeting or a later one.
- Governor Walker signed a bill which allows an EMT to assist an animal in need.
- AB475 bill which requires rear flashing yellow or amber lights on horse drawn vehicles on the road has passed.
- AB697 bill which would regulate the length of 'spikes' on horse shoes on the roadways failed to pass.
- There is a new survey from DNR regarding the Recreation Opportunities Analysis (ROA) for new regions. Darla has sent the email out to directors today to disseminate this information to their organizations. WI horse owners/enthusiasts should be taking these surveys so the DNR knows trails are important to our industry.

### **Midwest Horse Fair Report:**

- Pat Miller reminded all of the directors that if anyone approaches a board member about Rhonda while he/she is at the MHF, we are to say something to the effect of "*since this is an ongoing investigation, I cannot comment on it*". If a member of the press approaches anyone, that person should be directed to Megan, Pat or Nancy.
- One of the vets servicing MHF this year has been a past recipient of a WHC scholarship and in the MHF preparation meeting she made a comment on how important the MHF is to the horse industry in WI.

## **Old Business**

### **Elections:**

- Ron Miller motions, Gail Seasor seconds to cast a unanimous ballot for the following positions since only one person is on the ballot: vice president, Midwest Horse Fair and Budget & Finance. Passed.
  - Vice President- Katie Bachhuber
  - MHF- Pat Miller & Gail Seasor
  - Budget & Finance- Karen Kroll & Mary Beth Roberts
- Director At Large Nominees: Eloise Simons & Gail Seasor: **Elected: Gail Seasor**
- There were no nominees listed for the position on the Equine Foundation. Several members already serving on the EF board volunteered to serve as the Horse Council representatives.
  - Karla Hankee nominated Lori Helmer; seconded by Eloise Simons
  - Rae Geb nominates Dianne Sackett; seconded by Katie Bachhuber.
  - Steve Haase motions to cast a unanimous ballot for Lori and Dianne; seconded by Eloise Simons. Passed.

- Jill Feller motions to destroy the voting ballots; seconded by Gail Seator. Passed.

#### **Proposed Bylaw Voting Results:**

- The bylaw proposal change regarding the requirement of a written report from any board member attending a conference/seminar in which the costs were paid by the horse council failed to pass by a vote of 14 yes/18 no.
  - Requiring a written report is currently a policy. The Executive Board of Directors will be looking at all policies; one each month and review them to see if changes are needed. A policy review has not been done before and the EBOD feels it is worth being conducted at this time.
- The bylaw proposal change regarding a better definition of how many committee/boards a horse council board member can be a member of at one time passed by a vote of 28 yes/5 no.

#### **Distribution of Midwest Horse Fair Tickets & Programs:**

- Programs for the MHF were available at meeting. Tickets were distributed as were ordered by each board member.

#### **Budget Deadline Info- April 8**

- This is a reminder to get all budget requests to the office by April 8 for consideration for the B&F committee.

#### **AHC Economic Survey update:**

- The American Horse Council has communicated that the equine survey will go to print this week.
  - WHC will receive 20 printed copies. We can use the information in the study as we see fit, but the copies are under copy write and cannot be reproduced.
  - Nancy would like 4-6 people to volunteer to take the information from the survey and create a tri-fold brochure with the information that can be used to show the significance of the equine industry in Wisconsin. Volunteers: Cricket Jewett, Ann Murphy, Marcia Haase, Pat Miller and Nancy Edwards.

#### **Midwest Horse Fair Booth Sign-up sheet:**

- The sign-up sheet was passed around to fill in spaces that are still open.

### **New Business**

#### **Policy Review:**

- The EBOD will be doing a policy review beginning in April. Each month one of the WHC existing policies will be reviewed to see if it still should be a policy or if changes are needed.

#### **Other:**

- No other business was presented.

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

- 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 Steve Haase, seconded by Scott Steers to adjourn.

Respectively submitted,

Jill Feller  
WHC Secretary