

## BOD Meeting May 22, 2019

Call to order by **President Nancy Edwards at 7:02 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 March 27:

- Motion made Floyd Finney seconded by Ron Miller to approve minutes from March meeting. Passed.

### Treasurer's Report:

- The treasurer's report was presented in the meeting packet.
- May 16<sup>th</sup> the additional \$90,000 from 2018 MHF came due. At the May meeting, the EBOD discussed this money; the decision was to allow Budget and Finance committee to provide a recommendation for the money.
- On April 1, a \$100,000.00 CD came due and was cashed out to pay out salaries for the MHF. The money will be returned to WHC from the MHF once all finances are completed with the event.
- Budget & Finance needs to choose an auditor for this year's audit. Eloise and most of the B&F committee members are present at this BOD meeting. Eloise asked the members who attended the meeting if anyone objected to using the same CPA firm used in 2018. With no objections from the committee, the decision was made to approve using Huberty CPA for this year's audit.
- Gail motions to approve financial report as presented; seconded by Mike Kroll- passed.

### Legislative report:

- The WI legislature is working on the budget; we won't see any new proposed laws/legislation until after July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Jolene discussed the topic of getting more electric sites at equine sites at campground. After discussions with senators, the new equine campground at Governor Dodge will have 50% of the sites with electric hook up which is a change from the original plan that would have been less electrical sites.
- Jolene discussed the fact that every one of us has a right to talk to our legislatures/senators and elected officials.
- There were some handouts in the meeting packet advertising the Poker Run and the Challenge Grant Sponsor-wanted poster; both programs benefit the Governor Dodge equine campground.
- DNR stakeholder meeting- Ann Murphy is the alternate member. It is an 'all user' group to discuss intermingled use of the trails with different users such as bikes, horses, hiking, etc.

### Midwest Horse Fair Report:

- Pat reported that the MHF was a success. The profit will be slightly more than last year despite attendance down by 1000 people. A new sponsorship record was set.
- Some future problems;
  - Retaining good long-term employees.
  - Filling the exhibit hall with equine businesses.
  - Each year more and more dogs are at the fair- dogs are only allowed in buildings if they are support animals.
  - Alliant was a good partner working with MHF this year especially regarding parking.
- The last phone conference regarding the Rhoda situation has been delayed until September.
- The paramedics from the Town of Madison refused to come to the arena during the MHF when there was an accident. The City of Madison squad arrived to the arena before the paramedics at the MHF arrived. A brief discussion was held on the Town of Madison emergency services over the past few years. No action was taken but this topic is not closed and the MHF board will be continuing to look at this over the coming months and make decisions that are necessary to keep the MHF a safe environment for all.

## Old Business

### Budget & Finance Member Election:

- One person nominated for the open position on the B&F committee.

- Motion made by Lee Sacket to approve Jim Slovik by unanimous vote; seconded by Ron Miller- passed. Jim is the new member of B&F

**Proposed Bylaw Voting on 3<sup>rd</sup> Attorney Recommended Bylaw Change:**

- The new bylaw change is included in the meeting packet- this change is just some wording changes which will then make the bylaws match the Articles of Incorporation wording. There was no discussion on the changes. Ron moves to approve the bylaw change as presented in the meeting packet; Ann Murphy seconds- passed.

**New Business**

**Budget Review:**

- A review of the budget was led by Nancy Edwards and Eloise Simons. A vote to approve the budget will take place at the June meeting.
- \$10,000.00 was given to the Trails committee to start a Trail Capital Improvement fund for larger trail projects.
- \$15,000.00 was given to MHF for a new drag for the pavilion.
- \$9000 was given to the Championship Challenge for level III not-for -profits organizations for promotions
- \$10,000 was put aside for hosting the Horse Council Coalition in the fall of 2020.
- There is still \$35,000.00 left over. B&F is considering putting this money into a CD to be used for a future project.
- A discussion was held on district money; how it is awarded and what rolls over. Any profits made by the districts roll over into the next year. We will discuss this topic again in June.
- Review the budget before next month. Questions can be sent to Nancy, Eloise, Ron or any other B&F committee member.

**PR Committee Recap from WHC Booth at the Midwest Horse Fair:**

- Bonnie Shepherd gave a report on the booth. The booth did well with traffic. We took in about a dozen memberships; the booth helps with public relations with the crowd.
- Ann Murphy had the WHC booth at the UW-Serious Horse Owners seminar last week. Everyone who attended the seminar stopped at the booth- about 45 people.
- PR group will be at the Farm Tech days on July 23-25. Thursday is covered personal to cover the booth but we still need some coverage for the other days. Contact Bonnie Shepard if you are interested in helping.

**Update/Thank You to WHC Sponsorship/Grant Committee for Drysuit Funds:**

- Ann Murphy discussed the training for large animal in water rescue that was recently held in WI. Dry suits were purchased for the event for the rescuers to wear when going into the cold water to perform a rescue. The training was challenging but a success as they were able to rescue a manikin horse; the rescue training did present bring some challenges to light such as a horse with a long tail presents some problems for boats with motors- the boats need to stay away from the tail to prevent tangling.

**DNR Stakeholders Council Meeting Report/Recap:**

- Ann is on the governor's council for the stakeholder's council to represent equines. The groups discussed different topics and learned what other groups needs/wants are. Alice William, a level II member with WHC is also on the council.

**Coalition of State Horse Councils- 2020 Fall Meeting:**

- We will be hosting the Coalition in 2020. We need to start planning. Anyone interested in helping with the planning should contact Nancy.

**Other:**

- Nancy received a call from Larry discussing the changes at the Walworth County fairgrounds. There are some flyers available for anyone interested. It is a big facility to hold shows and other equine events. They have an 80 acre campground for equines with electric and water hookups.
- Pat Brown reminded everyone that there is a Poker Run at the Governor Knowles Park. A committee has been formed with the DNR to get better access to trails and trail upkeep and the money will assist with those improvements.
- Cal Larson reported on the Clydesdale sale in April that he and Judy attended. Cal and Judy Larson were recognized at the meeting and inducted into the Hall of Fame. Congratulations!
- Jan Pieper reports that the dog issue mentioned in the MHF report is also a problem at county fairs. There are strict rules regarding companion animals and if the rules are not followed the person with the dog can be asked to leave the event.

**Future Meeting Dates:**

- June 26, 2019
- July 24, 2019
- August 28, 2019
- September 25, 2019
- October 23, 2019

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

Respectively submitted,

Jill Feller  
WHC Secretary