

BOD Meeting June 26, 2019

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

Speaker:

- Howard Ketover, DVM did a presentation on Wisconsin Large Animal Emergency Response (WLAER)
- 2012 the Wisconsin Equine Foundation wanted a group to respond to large animal rescue.
- A presentation included the local flooding west of Madison in 2018 that resulted in an evacuation of seven horses.
- WLAER is working with both UW Vet School and MATC on large animal rescue education along with regional fire departments.
- Earlier this year, WLAER conducted a 4-day water rescue class. 26 people, representing five states, were present in the class.
- Howard gave a big Thank you to WHC for their financial and moral support for the large animal rescue program in Wisconsin.

Minutes from May 22:

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

Treasurer's Report:

- The fiscal year ends on Sunday; anyone with outstanding bills, should get those to Ron to be paid by Sunday.
- At the last BOD meeting, there was confusion as to what happens to the district money. Ron looked into the situation and made the correction. Going forward, all money left with the district DOES roll over to the next fiscal year.
- Ron discussed some forms that will be required to be completed by staff at both WHC and MHF.
- Megan and Ron met with John from TRICOR, our insurance company to talk about cyber security. The MHF does store information on clinicians and other participants and employees. A policy to cover both the WHC and MHF would cost \$2400. If the MHF only takes out a policy, the cost would be less.
- Motion made by Scott Steer, seconded by Rae Geb to accept the treasurer's report; passed.
- EF Report: Lila gave an updated report. The checking account has \$6315 and \$108,047 in money market. The money market includes the Cooley Foundation money that is committed to Gov. Dodge campground fund.

Legislative report:

- The state budget should be approved by July 5. The budget does not include any money for the Alliant Energy Center.
- LRB-0117/1- the bill would change the requirement that a trail pass is required for state park trails. Snowmobiles and ATV users do not need to have trail passes. Equestrians and bikers require a trail pass; hikers do not have to have them. WHC is not taking a stand on this bill at this time. Ann Murphy will ask at her DNR meeting tomorrow if the money collected from trail passes is designated for trail maintenance; she will report back at the next DNR meeting.

Midwest Horse Fair Report:

- The \$30 million for Alliant Center is not part of the WI State budget. This remodeling project does not include any enhancements for the MHF. Dane County still plans to move forward with some of the plans. MHF will be represented at a meeting being held on June 27 with Alliant Energy Center and Dane County.
- MHF is anticipating an increase of 5% profit for the 2019 fair.
- Plans are underway for the 2020 MHF.

Old Business

Review and Approve Final Budget for 2019-2020:

- Motion by Floyd Finney, seconded by Ron Miller to approve budget as presented; passed.

New Business

WHC July BOD Meeting Discussion:

- The July meeting has been cancelled the past two years; the decision to cancel was made the week of the meeting. Nancy is proposing that the July meeting NOT be scheduled; however if something comes up that would require a meeting, directors will be notified and the meeting will be held on July 24. The directors present at the meeting agreed with the proposal- there will NOT be a July meeting unless something surfaces before July 24th.

Other:

- Farm Technology Day- July 23-25 Walter Grain Farms, Johnson Creek, Jefferson County
- Dan Gruenwald and the Sacketts are working on the horse area. Bonnie said she would like at least two people working the booth each day. Anyone wanting to help needs to contact Bonnie by Friday, June 28th as Bonnie needs to submit the names to the Farm Tech committee. Each volunteer receives a ticket and t-shirt. Lila and Gail both volunteered to help out.
- In November of 2020, the Coalition of Horse Council meetings will be hosted by WHC. Anyone wanting to volunteer to help set up the meeting should contact Nancy.
- The brochures with the equine survey are getting ready to go to the printer.

Future Meeting Dates:

- July 24, 2019- MEETING only if needed
- August 28, 2019
- September 25, 2019
- October 23, 2019

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

Respectively submitted,

Jill Feller
WHC Secretary