

BOD Meeting August 22, 2018

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 June 27:

- Motion made by Ron Miller seconded by Gail Seator to approve minutes from June. Passed.

Treasurer's Report:

- The financial audit is in full swing. Last week the auditors were at the MHF and WHC offices. A preliminary report should be ready for the September meeting with a full report at the October meeting.
- TRICOR insurance company is working on getting all of our insurance coverage policies with one underwriter with the hope of lowering the costs over all. Ron will keep everyone updated on this process.
- Motion to approve the presented financial report by Jan Piper; seconded by Joe Parr.
- Lila reported that there was no activity with the Foundation at this time regarding the treasury.

Legislative report:

- Jolene discussed the recent Marquette poll that shows the governor senate races in Wisconsin are tied; there does not appear to be a 'blue tide' coming in our state.
- Jolene brought some Amish horse shoes to the meeting showing how high the borium can be put on these shoes. There was no discussion on this topic.
- Jolene is hoping to have some legislative representatives come in to the January meeting to talk about some of the bills addressing buggy issues in the state.

Midwest Horse Fair Report:

- There is a report in the BOD packet with the most updated information.

Old Business

Red Barn Blues Recap:

- Gail gave a report on the event which was a fund raiser for the Governor Dodge campground restructure project. The facility is beautiful and private but there is no parking etc. for out on the road. Pete, the owner paid for the band and porta-potties for the event. The food was all donated and \$800 was made on the event.
- Pete would like to have another event at his place; District 4 might be interested in hosting an event there. The location is too far away for the Friends of Governor Dodge to host an event there again.

New Business

Trails:

- Krickett Jewett presented a PowerPoint on Share the Trails program that the Trails Committee has been working on for the past few years. Krickett also passed out some Share the Trails brochures. If any BOD member wants some of the brochures to put in bike shops, trail heads, etc. contact Krickett and she will get the brochures to you.
- Krickett discussed some of the programs that ATV riders use to keep trails open such as making sure riders are following all the rules and legal obligations; they self-police their discipline. The best thing equestrians can do is be an advocate on the trails and be courteous to other users so there is no negative attitude toward horses.

Public Relations:

- PR committee has some events coming up:
 - Sept 7-16- Working Western Horse Celebration is at the Alliant Center
 - Sept 14-16- 4-H state show at State Fair Park

- Oct 4-6- Colorama ride at Caroline WI
- Nov 2-4- WI Interscholastic Horse Show at Alliant Center
- New Dressage- annual meeting at Great Wolf Lodge on March 16th. They are seeking someone from the WHC to come to talk about the WHC.
- The new banner for the WHC was displayed in the office during the meeting.
- If you are available and interested in helping with any of these events, contact Bonnie Shepard.

2019 Annual Awards:

- Pat wanted to remind everyone to think about people to nominate for the upcoming awards. It would be nice to have multiple people nominated for each award. Award information can be found on the WHC website.

Other:

- Proposed Bylaw Form Submission Deadline Reminder: Oct 1, 2018. The form is in the BOD packet.
- Coalition of State Horse Council's 2018 Fall Conference: Nov 2-4 in Phoenix AZ
- Joe Parr asked for a report on how much money is being given to Sponsorships. Krickett will mail Joe the list; the list is posted on the WHC website.
- Sept 15- Friends of Dodge County Park is having a Poker Run to help clean up the Wild Goose Trail. At the present time, the trail is not rideable due to brush and over growth. The Poker run is on the Wild Goose Trail. Rae will send the flyer to Darla to send out to the BOD members with more information.

Future Meeting Dates:

- September 26, 2018
- October 24, 2018
- No meeting in November or December

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

Respectively submitted,

Jill Feller
WHC Secretary