

## BOD Meeting August 24, 2022

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 or on Zoom can hear. Directors on the phone and Zoom should mute their phones and computers to prevent background noise.

**To avoid over talking between the phone, Zoom and the floor, we will follow the following protocol for meetings going forward:**

- Office people get first opportunity to ask questions or make comments
- Phone callers- second opportunity
- Zoom participants- third opportunity

Roll call: **An attendance chart is attached to these minutes.**

**Minutes from June 22, 2022 (there was no July meeting):**

- Motion made by to approve by Ron Miller the June minutes, seconded by Dana Sechler. Passed.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- Ron apologized to Cricket for the misdirection of the check he sent to the WI Walking Horse Association; there was a typo in the address when it was mailed but the error has been corrected and the check was resent.
- The financial review with the CPA has started; most of the work is being done electronically this year. The review should be done by the end of October.
- Year-end report: WHC had a surplus of \$36,000 from the 2021-2022 fiscal year. This money is carried over to the new budget.
- Motion made by Jan Pieper to accept the financial report as presented; seconded by Floyd Finney. Passed.
- The Equine Foundation treasurer's report is in the meeting packet.

**Legislative report:**

- Jolene reported that there will be no new bills until January 2023. However, there are two items that may surface as bills in the future and Jolene would like to know how WHC will stand on these two items. Jolene will be at the September BOD meeting to discuss these items in more detail and WHC BOD can then decide if they will support or oppose the bills, if they are written.
  - The first item is a taxation on animal drawn vehicles. The town associations did not want to move forward with this bill so there was no hearing about it; however, this topic may resurface in 2023.
  - The second topic is the fencing regulations. Fencing issues have surfaced in town association meetings and a move to make a change has been discussed. There are no specifics as to the changes being discussed at this time. Jolene will send the fencing statutes to Darla to distribute to the BOD to read before the September meeting where a discussion on this issue will be held.

**Midwest Horse Fair Report:**

- The MHF update list is included in the meeting packet.
- Megan Hanuszczak resigned as the Executive Director of the MHF. Since her resignation, we have conducted a search for a replacement and are pleased to say that we will be making a job tomorrow, Thursday, Aug 25 to a new Executive Director.
- The final amount of the money is still coming to WHC from the 2022 MHF will be communicated after the financial review has been completed.
- The MHF would like to see the reserve fund replenished with this money. The reserve fund was depleted during the 2020-2021 years due to the cancellation of the MHF due to Covid-19.

**PR Committee Update:**

- There are several events coming up at future events that need some people to come and help to set up, take down and man the booths. Bonnie passed around some signup sheets for volunteers to sign up to help.
  - 4-H State Expo Horse Show Sept 16-18 in West Allis
  - WEHA in Oct 28- 30 at the Alliant Center in Madison
- WI Farm Technology Days- July 18-20. This will be a huge event and responsibility as we would oversee the equine event for these days. We will need to plan, manage and run the equine events.
- Anyone not at the meeting or who would like to sign up to help at one of these events at a later date can contact Darla at the WHC office or Bonnie.

### Old Business

**Multi-use definition provided:**

- Anne reached out to her DNR representative (Andrew Anderson). He said DNR regrets the term "multi-use" term because it means something different depending on the terrain, the geographic area and the trail surface. Multi-use on one trail may be hiking, horses and pedal bikes while on another, multi-use may only mean hiking and horses, etc. Cricket invited a DNR rep to attend our Sept meeting and the multiuse terminology will be readdressed at that meeting.

### **Long-range Planning Update:**

- The UW Extension office does not have resources to assist us with this process, but they did provide two names to call to get more information. Nancy called those resources and was able to obtain one quote; the second person was not able to take on the project and therefore declined to provide a quote. Nancy did obtain a second quote from Dana Sechler, a WHC Director who is a consultant by trade and is willing to assist us with this process. Therefore, there are two quotes to consider. Nancy read the contents of each quote, what would be involved, the number of meetings, etc. and the cost for the service. The quotes for a long-range planning service were \$8640 and \$5000
- Nancy feels that a long-range planning committee is a good idea and with the surplus of money left from 2021-2022, there is money to pay for the project with a consultant. The floor was open for discussion on moving forward with a long-range planning committee or to not go forward with the process. Discussion was held if there is a conflict of interest with hiring a WHC director as the facilitator. A suggestion was made to conduct a sealed bid process so there is no perception of favoritism or conflict of interest; however, since the two quotes were communicated to the BOD along with the name of the consultant, it is too late for a sealed bid process.
- It was discussed that there has never been a motion or vote to move forward with a long-range planning process.
- Ron motions to set up a committee to look at long range goals and planning for WHC and hire a facilitator to assist with the process; Anne seconded. Passed. Ron, Nancy, Lee, Anne and Jill volunteered to be on this committee. If anyone else is interested, they should contact Nance ASAP.

### **CSHC Equine Issues Task Force Veterinary Issues Video:**

- Nancy has the 36-minute video that discusses the upcoming issues with the equine veterinarian shortage. It was decided not to show this video during the meeting due to time constraints. Darla will put a link to the video on the Directors protected page and send an email to the directors alerting them that the link is available.

### **New Business**

#### **Annual Awards Equine of the Year Award Discussion:**

- Equine of the year award is the first nomination that are due by December 1<sup>st</sup>. Darla has all the information on nominations posted on the website. The way the Equine of the Year was set up was that all nominations are to be sent to the appropriate District president then the district would decide which equine would win the district and move forward for the state award of Equine of the year. All costs associated with having the Equine of the Year make an attendance at the MHF are paid for by the appropriate district where the horse resides. There are some districts that do not have presidents at this time which will make it harder for people to nominate their equine for this award. A discussion followed regarding the nomination process.
- Motion made by Dana to have all nominations for the Equine of the Year for 2023 to be sent to the WHC office with the winning horse to be funded for MHF costs by the district in which the equine lives; seconded by Scott. Passed.

#### **Reinstatement of Bylaws & Policy & Procedures Committee Discussion.**

- Anne led this discussion. The WHC bylaws need to be reviewed on a regular basis to see if any changes are needed. Anne suggests that both the By Laws and the Policy & Procedures committees should be rejuvenated. The Policy and Procedures committee was still in existence with members being Lori Helmer, Cal Larson and Lee Sackett. Jill Feller volunteered to join the Policy & Procedure committee.
- Nancy Edwards, Dana & Logan Sechler and Anne Murphy all volunteered to be on the Bylaws committee.
- Bylaw changes need to be submitted by Oct 1<sup>st</sup>; the form is in the packet.

#### **Other:**

- Nothing

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

- September 28, 2022
- October 26, 2022
- November & December- no meetings

Motion made by Scott Steers and seconded by Ron Miller to adjourn at 8:40 pm.

Respectively submitted,

Jill Feller  
WHC Secretary