

BOD Meeting September 28, 2022

Call to order by **President Nancy Edwards at 7:00 pm.**

President's message: Silence phones and speak loudly and clearly 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

A moment of silence was observed in remembrance of Karen Kroll, long time director who passed away. Flowers were sent to Karen's funeral and \$50 was given to the Equine Foundation in Karen's name from WHC.

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

Introduction of new Executive Director of the Midwest Horse Fair Teri Giannetti.

Guest Speaker- Missy Van Landuyt from DNR- Recreation Partnerships, External Relations and Communication Section Chief- Bureau of Parks and Recreation Management.

- **Topics covered include:**
 - What is currently available for trails around the state
 - Projects that are in the works
 - How best to work with DNR to improve or extend trails
 - Best way is to meet with the property manager to hold a discussion.
 - To get involved with Master Plans you can go to the DNR website and sign up to get emails about Master Plans are coming up for review.
 - Anyone can comment on a Master Plan and their comment will be evaluated and considered for inclusion in the plan.
 - A variance process can be put into effect if the request for trails does not fit into the Master Plan; it is an easy process.
 - How friend's groups can develop a strong partnership with DNR.
 - Income from park stickers, trail passes, and camping fees pay for the park staff. The Friend's groups are important to help with trail maintenance and fund raising for those activities.
 - Overview of how master planning and SCORP work and the importance of being involved.

Minutes from August 24, 2022:

- Motion made by to approve by Dana Sechler to approve the August minutes, seconded by Floyd Finney. Passed.

Treasurer's Report:

- Ron had nothing more to add to the reports that are in the meeting packet.
- The financial review should be ready by the October meeting to discuss.
- Floyd motions to accept the treasurer's report as presented in the packet, seconded by Rae Geb. Passed

Legislative report:

- With the governor race this year, the money put aside in the budget for trails and trail improvement would be thrown aside if the governor changes. With an administration change, a new budget would be created, and funds would need to be reappropriated for trails.
- There were five listening sessions held around the state recently. All sessions wanted the fencing laws to change.
- There is no buggy tax or horseshoe bill yet in the process. These bills may be brought up later; we will wait and vote on these items if and when a bill does surface.
- Jolene would like everyone to get involved with the upcoming vote. Meet your legislature people and put up their signs on your lawn so you are recognized if you ever call them about an issue.

Midwest Horse Fair Report:

- A report was included in the meeting packet.
- There will be another \$250,000 coming from the MHF.
- Ron reminded everyone that the contingency fund will be refunded with this additional money.

PR Committee Update:

- The International Scholastic event in Madison at Alliant Energy Center needs workers on October 28-30th.

- Farm Technology Days: there was a meeting in Baraboo last week. In the meeting packet this month, is a tentative list of possible events for this event. The event will be on July 18-20 at the Badger Steam and Gas location near Baraboo. PR will need assistance with this event in July. October 12 at 7:00 will be a meeting for the committee planning this event. If you would like to be part of this committee, you can sign up on the list at the meeting or contact Darla and she will put your name on the list.
- If any Level III group would like to participate in the Farm Technology Days event, contact Bonnie ASAP as the tentative schedule will be put in place by January.

Long-range Planning Update:

- The committee met once and are developing a questionnaire to get info on where we are heading.

Bylaw Committee Update:

- If anyone wants a bylaw update, those are due to be submitted by October 1.
- The committee has met and has decided some changes to the bylaws will be needed. The changes will be presented at a later meeting.

Technology Committee Update:

- Darla needs a new laptop computer and the phone system is having some issues.
- Newer technology would allow the Zoom users to see more of what is going on during the meeting.
- There will be more updates on these items in October.

Old Business

Proposed Bylaw Form Submission Deadline Reminder: 10/1/22:

- The submission form is in the meeting packet.

New Business

Other:

- Nothing

Future Meeting Dates:

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

Motion made by Ron Miller and seconded by Floyd Finney to adjourn at 8:02 pm.

Respectively submitted,

Jill Feller
WHC Secretary