

BOD Meeting January 22, 2020

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 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 October 23:

- Motion made by Floyd Finney, seconded by Anne Murphy to approve minutes from October meeting. Passed.

Treasurer's Report:

- All W2's and 1099's have been filed along with all other required taxes.
- All new employees are required to fill out the new W-4; existing employees will be given option to complete the new form but it is not required.
- Oregon Community Bank is our primary bank. We also have an account in McFarland Bank and Blackhawk Credit Union. Oregon Community Bank is buying the McFarland Bank which means our money will be combined in one bank and insurance will only cover \$250,000.00. Ron explained the CDAR program: it is a program where Oregon Bank will supervisor our money in CD's that are placed into other banks and other banks put CD's into the Oregon Bank. This is a program that was created since 2008 when the banking industry made some changes. WHC will receive a monthly statement tracking our CD's and their amounts. There are no fees associated with the CDAR program. Once the CD in the Blackhawk Credit Union matures (Oct 2020), that money will be put into the CDAR program. WHC will only begin to use the CDAR program if there is approval by EBOD and B&F committee.
- Financial report accepted by Scott Steers; seconded by Floyd Finney. Passed.

Legislative report:

- AB612 & SB558 bills are tied up at this point and there is not action moving them forward. These are both the same bill (requiring fees for buggies and wagons used for transportation) but different versions.
- Jolene is appealing to the board and their organizations to call assembly people and oppose AB612 and to call senators to oppose SB558 for same reason.
- Jolene could ask for an amendment to the bill to exclude buggies and wagons for commercial use such as sleigh rides. Even if the bill passes, each county would have to adapt the bill in order for it to go into effect. If we are opposing the bill, then should we ask for an amendment? A discussion followed; WHC will continue to oppose the bill and not recommend the amendment.
- Floyd Finney, Eloise Simon and Jolene are all going to Ag Day on February 4.

Midwest Horse Fair Report:

- There is a report in the BOD meeting packet with updates on the MHF and there was nothing more to report.

Annual Awards Committee Report:

- Equine of the year: District 1 wanted to nominate a horse but District 1 is not a functioning district. District 5 supported the horse nomination from District 1. The rules of award say that the district members vote on the equine; since District 1 is not functioning, there is no one to vote for the horse from that district. Bonnie explained the history of the Equine of the Year award and why it was coming from each district.
- Mike McGowen gave the board and explanation on how this all transpired and why the nomination came from District 5 and not District 1. Mike was approached by several people and was asked how they could nominate horses for the award. Mike told the person he/she could send the nomination to the WHC office. Mike asked if the rules could have an exception for this situation since there is no District 1 functioning. A discussion followed and the decision was made to not allow the nomination from District 1 since the rules of the award were not followed. The rules for submission for the Equine of the Year will be reviewed and possible changes made to allow for these sort of situations in the future to meet the guideines.

Old Business

WHC Proposed Bylaw Change Submission Review:

- The proposed bylaws are in the meeting packets. There was no discussions/questions on the proposals.

WSHCEF Winter Day at Springbrook:

- Dianne Sackett gave a summary of the event. The District 3 Equine of the Year is planning to come to the event. There will be sleigh rides, a photo contest, a Breyer horse show and more. Anyone interested in volunteering to help should contact Dianne Sackett or another members of the Equine Foundation.

New Business

MHF Board Vacancy Election:

- There is an open position on the MHF board due to a resignation. The elected person would serve the remaining portion of the term of the resigning person. Jim Harris self-nominated for the open position on the MHF. No other director nominated. Ron Miller passed a motion to approve the nomination of Jim Harris; seconded by Floyd Finney. Passed.

Election Procedures for 2020:

- The self-nomination form is in the meeting packet. Anyone interested in nominating themselves for an open position should get the completed form to the WHC office by February 19th.

PR Committee Report & WHC Booth at MHF: signup sheet.

- A sign-up sheet for the WHC booth was passed around.
- There is a PR meeting at the Columbus office at 11:00 on Saturday, January 25th; all are invited to attend.

Other:

- **Reminder of Deadlines:**
 - Sponsorship/Grants Program Submission Deadline- 1/31/20
 - Ride WI! Trail Ride/Drive Program hour logs due- 1/31/20
 - Trail Grant submission deadline- 2/1/20
 - Scholarship submission deadline- 2/15/20

Future Meeting Dates:

- February 26
- March 25- Annual Meeting
- April- no meeting
- May- 27

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

Respectively submitted,

Jill Feller
WHC Secretary