

## BOD Meeting January 27, 2021

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.**

### Legislative report:

- The senate is back in session; they are dealing with mostly Covid issues including the mask mandate. There is also a liability issue to prevent businesses to be sued when someone contacts the virus. No equine related bills or issues to report at this time.

### Minutes from October 28, 2020:

- Motion made by Gail Seasor to approve the October 28 minutes as amended, seconded by Ron Miller. Passed.

### Treasurer's Report:

- Ron closed out the CD for \$205K which came was Rhonda Reese's restitution payment. The money was given the MHF for refund payments. The cost to close out the CD prematurely was \$87.
- Ron has been working with Megan on the latest PPP (Payroll Protection Plan) program. Looks like we should be able to receive approximately \$64K from the program. It is unknown what percent of that money will be forgiven; any pay back of money will be at 1% interest.
- The 1099's and W-2's have been sent out.
- B&F will be looking at how to save money over the next fiscal year. We will be looking at the lease to the WHC office to see if we could/should combine with MHF and become one office or keep both offices
- Floyd Finney moves to approve treasurer's report as given; seconded by Anne Murphy. Passed
- The WSHCEF treasure's report is in the meeting packet.

### Midwest Horse Fair Report:

- There is a report in the meeting packet. Currently the retention rate for vendors for the 2022 MHF is doing well.

### Annual Awards Committee Report:

- All 2021 nominations are included in the meeting packet.
- Voting deadline via Survey Monkey or hardcopy is 2/10/21. The voting will begin tomorrow on Survey Monkey.

## Old Business

### WHC Proposed Bylaw Change Submission Review-1<sup>st</sup> review- Proposed Change included in meeting packet:

- The proposal is to eliminate a term limit for Budget & Finance committee.

## New Business

### Election Procedures for 2021:

- The instructions for elections is in the meeting packet. The self-nomination form is on the last page of the meeting packet. Nominations are due by February 17<sup>th</sup>. Open positions include: President, Secretary, Member-at-Large, (2) for Midwest Horse Fair board, (3) for Budget & Finance committee and Equine Foundation positions (total TBD).

### Non-Motorized Recreational Trail Council:

- Anne reports that there is a push from motorized sports to move into quiet, silent sports areas. Silent sports include hiking, snow shoeing, skiing, horseback riding, etc.
- Some of the state trails are under county management and those rules change at the county line; be careful when using these trails.
- Anne reminds the board how important it is to respond to the surveys when they are sent out by Darla or we will continue to lose more trails. Equestrians need to show support for trails.

### Other:

- Karen suggested that budget requests from committees and districts should not be submitted this year. Motion made by Karen that for the upcoming fiscal year for 2022, no budget requests should be submitted; seconded by Ron. Failed to

pass (roll call motion results included). Bonnie suggests an amendment to the motion in the case of a special request/project a budget request can be submitted; does not carry through.

- Bonnie motions that budget requests for the 2022 fiscal year should be limited to self-sustaining programs; seconded by Cricket Jewett. Passed. Examples of self-sustaining programs include:
  - The Trails Committee has a Capital Fund set up for major projects. If they would want to use those funds, the committee would have to submit a budget request for the money; the budget requests will provide an auditable trail of the money.
  - Ride WI! Trail Ride/Drive Program Hours Logs Due- 1/31/21
  - Scholarship Submission Deadline- 2/15/21

**Future Meeting Dates:**

- February 26, 2021
- March 26, 2021

Motion made by Scott Steers and seconded by Ron Miller to adjourn at 7:57 pm.

Respectively submitted,

Jill Feller  
WHC Secretary