

BOD Meeting October 23, 2019

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:

- SB139- The sexual contact bill has moved through the senate, committee and assembly and could move to the floor as early as November 7th. When this bill gets sent to the governor's desk to sign, Jolene will send out an email to all WHC Board members with the bill number and phone number for the governor's office. She is asking that everyone call the governor and ask him to sign the new bill.
- AB-520-This bill deals with changing the penalty for grievous harm to an animal to a Felony 1 charge. The new law would also make the timeframe of not living with, owning or training an animal after a conviction from 5 to 15 years. Anne Murphy motions that WHC should register as neutral on this bill; seconded by Jim Harris. Passed.
- LRB 3720- Horse Drawn Vehicle Bill- This bill was circulated today, October 23. This bill has changed since the last time WHC discussed the bill. The registration fee in this version of the bill was changed from \$40 to \$100. The towns wanted an exception in the bill for tourism and recreation vehicles and this version does not have those exceptions written in. Floyd Finney motions that WCH should oppose this bill; seconded by Rae Geb. Passed. Jolene will send all WHC Board members the newest version of this bill to read after the meeting. Jolene asks that all WHC Board members call their senators and assembly members and ask them to not sign this bill.

Audit Results presentation- Huberty CPS:

- Lauren from Huberty presented the audit via the phone.
- Floyd Finney motions to approve the audit as presented; seconded by Anne Murphy. Passed.

Minutes from September 25:

- Motion made by Ron Miller seconded by Floyd Finney to approve minutes from September meeting. Passed.

Treasurer's Report:

- Ron talked about how the two banks where we have our funds in may be merging. If that happens, Ron will find another bank to put some of the funds into.
- Gail Seator moves to accept the treasure's report as presented; seconded by Karen Kroll. Passed
- Dianne Sackett presented a reconciliation report for the Equine Foundation. Dianne will present other financial reports as she gets more experience with QuickBooks.

Midwest Horse Fair Report:

- The MHF has already given the WHC a check for \$255,000. There will be another check sent to the WHC from the MHF for a total of \$173,000.
- Cal Larson discussed the use of the Skybox during the MHF; last year there were three women in the Skybox that were not board members and were not acting in a professional manner. Presence in the Skybox should be limited to Board members who work in the WHC booth during the MHF. Nancy stated that any Board member can question someone on their presence and behavior in the Skybox. A suggestion was made to put a sign on the door that the suite is for WHC Board members only. No further action was taken on this subject.

Old Business

WHC Proposed Bylaw Change Submission Review:

- The proposed by-laws are in the meeting packet for first exposure to the new wording.
- If needed, more discussion on these proposed changes will be done in the January meeting.

New Business

Fall Coalition of State Horse Councils Oral Report:

- Nancy and Lee attended the meeting in Colorado. A full written report will be in the January meeting packet.

- Nancy gave a report on the attendees visit to Harmony Ranch which is a rehab facility for mistreated and abandoned horses.
- Lee discussed the use of encrypted checks that organizations can use to prevent theft and forgery. Ron announced that WHC already uses the encrypted checks.

WSHCEF Winter Day at Springbrook:

- February 8th is the date of the Winter Day at Springbrook. Sleighs and sled dogs will be there. Snowshoeing and stick horse races will be available also along with an indoor photography contest.

Other:

- **Horse Rescue event at the Alliant Center:**
 - Lila attended the event and said it was well attended. The event featured rescued horses and trainers working on them to train and rehome them.
- **Mary Jane Irvine:**
 - Cal mentioned that Mary Jane is still a horse owner but she no longer is a Board member.
- **Wisconsin Ag Day at the Capitol 2020:**
 - The event will be held on February 4, 2020 from 10:45- 3:00 pm
- **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
- **Annual Awards Committee:**
 - Director of the Year nomination form included in packet
 - Equine of the Year award nomination deadline-12/1/19
 - All other annual award nomination deadline- 1/10/20

Future Meeting Dates:

- November & December- no meeting
- January 22, 2020

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

Respectively submitted,

Jill Feller
WHC Secretary