

## BOD Meeting October 28, 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.**

### Legislative report:

- Jolene discussed what loans/grants the MHF can apply to after the next stimulus package is released.
- There is another program called Federal Care Package that Jolene discussed.
- There may be a bill coming up again regarding horseshoes again and another one regarding steel wheels on wagons/buggies.
- Governor's chief of staff met with Jolene. The governor controls the capital- he is saying no hearings in capital in July; the effect of this decision is yet to be determined.

### Audit Presentation:

- Lauren Price from Huberty and Associates presented the findings of the financial review.
  - A new section to the review is called Risk and Uncertainties which addresses the Coronavirus and mitigation tactics taken.

### Minutes from September 23:

- There is one small correction on the minutes for September.
- Motion made by Gail Seasor to approve the September 23 minutes as amended, seconded by Ron Miller. Passed.

### Treasurer's Report:

- Ron met with One Community bank to set up the CDARS program. They are working on setting up the CD's and right now the interest is very low (.7%). There are several CD's set up that will come due next May and June and can help us take care of our financial obligations if the MHF is not held. Blackhawk Credit Union CD comes due Nov 11<sup>th</sup>. Ron will be moving that money to the CDARS program.
- Ron met with the person who does our quarterly reports. There is an employee retention credit; if we retained our employees for second and third quarters in 2020, we can get a credit with the federal government. We could receive the amount of \$29,056.00 if we invest \$2000 into this program. Ron is working with this person to get this credit for us.
- Melissa Ruthe moves to accept the treasurer's report as presented; seconded by Anne Murphy. Passed.
- The WHCEF financial report was sent to all directors as an amendment to the meeting packet.

### Midwest Horse Fair Report:

- There is a handout in the meeting packet with MHF info.
- Megan attended a webinar on obtaining grants. She found a person in the small business department to help her. She will apply for some grants in November when there is more money in the funds as some of the programs are depleted.
- Alliant Energy Center (AEC) has announced that all events at the facility are cancelled through March 2021.
- Megan has a meeting in early March with AEC and WI Public Health to discuss the possibility of holding the MHF in April 2021.
- The longer the MHF continues to plan to host the event, the more costs are involved. If the MHF is cancelled, the refunds are over \$400,000.00 as of today; these are carry-overs from 2020 and/or new vendors and sponsors. Hard decisions will need to be made in the near future about the MHF as the more we plan and move forward, the higher the expenses get.

## Old Business

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

- The proposal is to eliminate the 2-year term limit for the Budget & Finance committee and the vacancy sentence. The reasoning for this change is that most term limits have been eliminated on all other committees.

## New Business

### WSHCEF Winter Day at Springbrook Update- Jim Harris:

- The decision has been made, for several reasons, to not hold the event in February 2021.

**District Use of WHC Mailing Lists, Email and Postal Info Discussion:**

- The WHC policy has been to not give the lists to anyone or any organizations.
- There is a request from District 1 for an Equine of the Year- there is no active members in the District 1. The person with the equine has reached out on how to nominate the horse since there is no active district. There is still time to nominate the horse as the deadline is 12/1/20. Nancy presented this idea: If one nomination arrives from District 1, it will go to the award committee. If more than one nomination comes in, the EBOD will decide which equine will move forward. There was no decision or motion made on Nancy's suggestion; therefore, this process will not be executed.
- A discussion was held on what the rules are to nominate an equine and if someone in District 1 can nominate without having a functioning district. Should an exception be made in this case or not? If the rules are not working well, change them. Katie Bachhuber volunteered to contact people in District 1 and try to get them organized; Darla has a key person in District 1 that she has been communicating with. Darla will get the information to Katie. The district still has time to get some organization going which will allow the current nomination process to take place which requires the nomination to come through the district.

**Other:**

- Ride WI! Trail Ride/Drive Program Hours Logs Due- 1/31/21
- Scholarship Submission Deadline- 2/15/20
- Equine of the Year Award Nomination Deadline- 12/1/20
- All Other Annual Award Nomination Deadline- 1/10/21
- Annual Awards Committee- Director of the Year Nomination Form Included in meeting packet.

**Future Meeting Dates:**

- No meeting in November and December
- January 27, 2021

Motion made by Scott Steers and seconded by Ron Miller to adjourn at 8:12 pm.

Respectively submitted,

Jill Feller  
WHC Secretary