

BOD Meeting March 24, 2021

Call to order by **President Nancy Edwards at 7:02 pm.**

President's message: Silence phones and speak loudly 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.

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

Legislative report:

- American Relief package may have funds available for the MHF- Jolene is working with Pat and Megan to fill paperwork to receive up to \$800,000 in lost earnings from MHF cancellations in 2020 and 2021. We may get all, some or none of the money as there is no guarantee how the money designated for this package will be distributed.

Minutes from February 24, 2021:

- Motion made by Ron Miller to approve the February 24 minutes, seconded by Floyd Finney. Passed.

Treasurer's Report:

- Full reports of finances are in the meeting packet; Ron has nothing more to discuss.
- Scott moves to accept finance reports as presented; Floyd Finney seconded. Passed
- Dianne Sackett reported on the financial status of the Equine Foundation (EF); there has been no action with the funds from the last meeting. Friends from Governor Dodge is requesting the money for the campground (\$59,000) that has been in the EF account since being bequeathed from an estate settlement. Dianne will be handing the check over to Gail Seator who is representing Friends of Governor Dodge organization.

Midwest Horse Fair Report:

- There is a report in the meeting packet; Pat has nothing more to report.

Old Business

Elections:

- All positions have enough candidates for each positions.
 - President- Nancy Edwards
 - Secretary- Jill Feller
 - At Large Member- Katie Bachhuber
 - Midwest Horse Fair- Pat Miller, Jim Harris (need 2)
 - Budget & Finance- Renee Hendrickson, Wayne Osterhaus, James Slovik (need 3)
 - Equine Foundation- Katie Bachhuber, Lori Helmer, Janice Pieper, Dianne Sackett (need 4)
- Bonnie motions to approve the uncontested ballots and elect all candidates in one vote; seconded by Cricket Jewett. Passed.
- Motion made by Ron Miller, seconded by Anne Murphey to destroy the ballots. Passed.

Proposed Bylaw Voting Results:

- The bylaw eliminating term limits with the Budget and Finance committee has passed.

New Business

Mini Horse Fairs Fall 2021:

- Joe Parr would like clinics to be held on weekends around the state at county fairgrounds as a substitute for not having the MHF for the past two years. Joe would like the MHF to be heavily involved with the planning of these events. Joe did not present any costs with this proposed idea. A discussion followed. A suggestion made was this would be a good idea for the districts to organize these types of events. Each of the districts represented at the meeting discussed their scheduled events for 2021:
 - District 3 will be represented at the Washington County tack sale on April 25th. Bonnie will be setting up the WHC booth at this event.
 - District 1 will be doing an obstacle course event and an overnight trail ride in 2021.
 - District 2 has two clinics planned; no dates or locations were discussed.
- Nancy reminded all districts to post their events in the WHC newsletter and on the WHC website.

Alternate Funding Ideas:

- A discussion was held on alternate sources of income for the WHC.
 - To sell license plate a bill would have to be passed by the state.
 - To get money from all feed being sold we would need to pass a bill also; it is a complicated process.
- Nancy is calling the American Horse Council and will ask if they have any ideas that other state horse councils are doing as fund raiser.
- One idea was to host a horse auction and banquet. Sell the horses at auction for a commission. A banquet with a tack auction would be another idea.

Budget Deadline Info- April 8th

- Budget requests are only required if the committee is self-sustaining.

Other:

- Interesting fact: Only 2% of vet students go into equine medicine.
- MN horse fair will be held in July
- IA's horse fair is next weekend- March 26

Future Meeting Dates:

- April- none
- May 26
- June 23
- July 28
- August 25
- September 22
- October 27

Motion made by Floyd Finney and seconded by Scott Steers to adjourn at 7:48 pm.

Respectively submitted,

Jill Feller
WHC Secretary