

BOD Meeting May 23, 2018

Call to order by **President Nancy Edwards at 7:01 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 March 28:

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

Treasurer's Report:

- Ron has been working with TRICOR to switch our policy year from calendar year to fiscal year (July – June). TRICOR is also looking at a cost for an employee theft policy. The policy will cover up to \$100,000/year. If theft can be traced back a few years, the policy would pay up to \$100,000 for each year. Ron is also looking into a policy for director theft which is not a common policy; the policy would be a repayment of \$6000/year. Ron is a director not an employee; therefore any theft would only be paid back at \$6000/year. A brief discussion was held on the topic of making Ron an employee of WHC however, an employee with WHC cannot be a director and Ron would lose his voting privileges. There was no further discussion on this subject and no further action taken.
- Motion made by Gail Seator and seconded by Floyd Finney to accept the financial report as presented. Passed.
- Lila Lemanski presented the treasurer report from the Equine Foundation.

Legislative report:

- Jolene will send Darla an article to put into the Wisconsin Horse Council newsletter.
- To provide better communication to members throughout the year Jolene will send out a document showing the bill number, who sponsored the bill, an analysis of the bill and how WHC voted on the bill.
- The bill regarding spikes on shoes has failed. Jolene will be bringing some horse shoes to the next meeting that she was given from the Town Chairperson to show to the WHC; they want WHC to look at these shoes and see what is causing issues to the roads.
- Kathy Bernier is running for Senate now and if she gets elected the spike shoe bill will resurface as a senate bill.
- There are multiple positions for WHC to take on a bill:
 - for bill – support the bill
 - against bill- do not support it
 - other (no position on bill but want an amendment)- may support it if changes are made
 - neutral bill or question mark- we have questions on the bill but have not made our position noted yet

Midwest Horse Fair Report:

- There was a comprehensive report in the meeting packet for all directors to read.
- The final numbers are not in yet but it will be a profitable year for MHF.
- Pat praised Megan for the success of the MHF as she had multiple new employees to train while organizing and running the event.
- Next year's MHF theme is **40 years of legends.**

Old Business

Discuss Policy on Attending Meetings & Conventions:

- The policy was handed out to the meeting attendees to read through and discuss. A decision was made to discuss the policy at the June meeting since it was not included in the packet and directors did not have time to think it through.

New Business

Budget Review:

- Eloise led the discussion on the proposed budget and answered any questions that were asked. The final budget will be approved at the June meeting.
- Ron reminded the council that any surplus money coming from MHF has a designated target. The first \$15,000 goes into the reserve fund for the MHF to build the fund back up from taking money in years to pay for Taking the Reins.

PR Recap- Midwest Horse Fair:

- Bonnie Shepherd reminded everyone that we are all on the PR committee.
- There was a big new banner in the coliseum this past year at the MHF.
- The PR committee is looking for some quality pictures to put on a 'pull-up' banner which makes it easier to transport. They are looking for quality pictures from the various committees such as trails, equine foundation, sponsorship, etc. Send the pictures to Darla, Nancy or Bonnie.
- There are several banners that can be used to place at various events. Contact Bonnie if you want a banner to put up at an event.
- Gail Seator discussed an event in the end of July in Columbus as a fund raiser for 'Friends of Governor Dodge Equestrian' group. There is no cost to attend this event. There will be a **blues** band with food and drink to be sold. The Equine Foundation is working with the Friends of Governor Dodge Equestrian Group with this fund raiser.

Other:

- Nancy read a thank you letter from a scholarship recipient.
- Cal mentioned that the WI Clydesdale organization voted to join the WHC as a level 3 membership.
- Mike Kroll asked for members to the membership committee; as of now it is Mike and Nancy only. Ann Murphy volunteered.

Future Meeting Dates:

- June 27, 2018
- July 25, 2018
- September 26, 2018
- October 24, 2018
- No meeting in November or December

Motion made by Scott Steer, seconded by Floyd Finney to adjourn.

Respectively submitted,

Jill Feller
WHC Secretary