

## BOD Meeting June 24, 2020

Call to order by **President Nancy Edwards at 7:09 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 February 26:

- Motion made to approve February 26 minutes by Ron Miller, seconded by Gail Seator. Passed.

### Treasurer's Report:

- Financial report was in the meeting packet. The fiscal year ends on Tuesday, June 30<sup>th</sup>; all outstanding expenses need to be received by Ron on or before that day.
- Motion by Scott Steers to accept the financial report as presented; seconded by Anne Murphy. Passed.
- The Equine Foundation financial report is in the meeting packet for all to review.

### Legislative report:

- **2021 Legislator of the Year Award Discussion Regarding Senator Andre Jacque:**
  - The annual awards for the WHC are completed for 2020 and a new award will need to wait until 2021. Jolene would like the award to Senator Jacque to be presented this year as it would allow Senator Jacque to use the award for his re-election campaign. A certificate of recognition may be possible and was discussed. Darla can print up a certificate of recognition, have it signed and have a board member present it to him.
  - Motion made by Gail Seator to present a Certificate of Recognition to Senator Andrea Jacque for authoring bill SB139 which is the bill addressing sexual activities with equines. Motion is seconded by Melissa Rueth. Passed.
  - Jolene will try to coordinate a meeting with someone from the board who lives up north and Senator Jacque to present the award to him in person. Darla will assist Jolene in coordinating the meeting and presentation.
- **Other:**
  - Before the pandemic started, there were 148 bills to go to senate; there is no time when any will be moved forward so many bills will have no activity on them for a length of time.

### Midwest Horse Fair Report:

- As of right now, the MHF will not need any more money from WHC to make it through the year. Vendors still have until January 1 to cancel their reservation and request their money back for the 2021 event. If several vendors request return of their money, MHF may need to request additional funds at that time.

### Budget Committee Discussion:

- Nancy would like to schedule a Budget & Finance committee meeting within the next few weeks to allow the information to be sent out to the board for review with a discussion and vote at the August meeting. The alternative option would be to have B&F meeting in July, present the information in August and vote in September. Ron suggested the second option would be feasible with the vote being done in September.
- Motion made by Lee Sacket to authorize Ron Miller to continue to pay the monthly expenses until the next budget is finalized; seconded by Melissa Rueth. Passed.

## Old Business

### WHC Proposed Bylaw Voting Results:

- The proposed bylaws both passed.
  - The At-Large Director term will be two years.
  - Equine Foundation term will be two years.

### Election Results:

- **Vice President:** Anne Murphy
- **At-Large Member on Executive Board:** Gail Seator
- **MHF:** Cindi Hoffman & Scott Steers
- **Budget & Finance Committee:** Karen Kroll & Gail Seator
- **WSHC Equine Foundation:** Jan Pieper, Wayne Osterhaus, Katie Bachhuber

### Open Director At-Large Position on EBOD:

- Anne was a Director-at-large on the EBOD and with her moving to the VP position there is an opening to finish out Anne's term on the EBOD. We will take nominations tonight at the meeting (none were offered) and Darla will send the nomination form to directors who would like to fill out this term; voting will then be done via Survey Monkey.

### New Business

#### Audit:

- A question was asked if a financial audit was necessary every year. Ron talked to the auditors and has received several options for us since non-profits are **not required** to have an annual audit. We could step down from a full audit to a review. An audit provides a written assurance of controls, comparisons, prior to current year and balancing of budgets. With review, limited assurances are provided. The cost of the review would be several thousand dollars less than an audit (\$11000 vs \$6000- estimated costs).
- Another option would be to hold off until late in the year (November or December when we have a better picture of the MHF financial needs) to do the field work for the financial audit. Waiting until later in the year may be more beneficial by giving us time to get a clearer picture of our financial situation.
- Is the cost of an audit worth the benefit of having one? Does WHC and MHF get enough out of the cost spent? A discussion followed with the thought on moving to a review or alternate a review one year and an audit the next year.
- Motion made by Joe Parr to table this discussion until the next meeting to allow board members to better understand it before making any decisions; seconded by Floyd. Failed to pass (14 no- 11 yes with roll call vote)
- Karen motions to have a review conducted as proposed by the auditors instead of a full audit; seconded by Bonnie. Passed.

#### Other:

- July Meeting Discussion: there is no meeting needed at this time and traditionally we have been cancelling the meeting. Melissa Rueth motions that there not be a July BOD meeting; seconded by Ron Miller. Passed.

#### Future Meeting Dates:

- August 26
- September 23
- October 28

Motion made by Scott Steers and seconded by Gail Seasor to adjourn at 8:21 pm.

Respectively submitted,

Jill Feller  
WHC Secretary