

BOD Meeting September 25, 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.**

Minutes from August 28:

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

Treasurer's Report:

- Ron got the signing changes for the CD's at McFarland State Bank. The new signers are Nancy Edwards and Katie Bachhuber; past officers had been on the signing authority list.
- Ron presented a Liquidity Policy. This policy is required for non-profit organizations and was requested by our auditors. The last sentence of the proposed policy regarding the reserve fund states: *A majority vote by both the WHC Board and MHF Board is required to access the funds.*
 - The new wording will read: *A majority vote by both the WHC Executive Board, with input from Budget & Finance committee, and the MHF Board is required to access the funds.* This wording matches the proposal that was approved years prior regarding the reserve fund.
 - Ron Miller motions to approve the Liquidity Policy with the new wording; seconded by Mike Kroll. Passed.
- Scott Steer motions to accept the treasurer's report as presented; Floyd Finney seconded. Passed.
- There was no treasurer's report from the Equine Foundation (EF). The EF is having a meeting in the a few weeks; there will be a EF treasurer report at the October meeting.

Legislative report:

- LRB-3720/PI- Jolene had a preliminary draft bill put in the meeting packet for the board members to read, consider and discuss. The bill is to Registration of Animal-Drawn Vehicles.
 - A discussion was held that covered- what is a recreational vehicle? Would the equine road rights statute be in jeopardy if this happens? This bill seems to be targeting the Amish.
 - Motion made by Floyd Finney to vote no on the proposed bill; Ron Miller seconded. Passed.
- Jolene said the sexual assault bill regarding animals is moving forward. Jolene will give more details at the October meeting.

Midwest Horse Fair Report:

- There is a document in the meeting packet that outlines the updates of the Midwest Horse Fair.
- The conference call with Ms. Reese that was scheduled for September has been postponed to January.
- A question was asked if the EMT service issue that presented itself at the last MHF was resolved. Pat said the MHF worked with Alliant Energy Center (who hires the EMT staff) and the issue has been resolved.

Old Business

Membership Discussion:

- Mike Kroll led the discussion on memberships. At the August meeting, we discussed a senior membership and young adult membership. There was no motion to have a Senior or Young Adult membership; no further action was taken. We do not have a stand-alone youth membership at the present time and there are no youth programs associated with a WHC membership. Mike feels that if we want to support youth, the WHC should support the youth programs such as 4-H, WIAA, etc. instead of creating a Youth membership.
- Dan Grunewald discussed a program with the WIAA rodeo. \$5.00/membership goes toward scholarships for those youth. The scholarship program is available to students in WIAA regardless of what major the students are going into.
- Ron Miller discussed an idea of giving money to the already developed youth programs such as 4-H, WIAA Rodeo, etc. to put toward their already developed programs. The money would be gifted and WHC would be recognized as the giver to those programs.
- Discussion on how to promote the WHC during the MHF followed the membership discussion.

- There will be no changes in memberships for now.

New Business

Public Relations Recap:

- Update on Shepard Fest & WI 4-H Show:
 - Lori Helmer summarized Shepard Fest. There was a lot of non-horse people at the event. Anne Murphy said there were some horse people that were around the large animal demonstrations.
 - Nancy talked to two people at the WI 4-H Show on Sunday.
 - Colorama in the Clintonville area will be held Oct 5th. PR will have a table at the event. There are usually 800-1000 horses at this event.

Other:

- **Proposed Bylaw Forum Submission Deadline Reminder: Oct 1:**
 - Reminder to get these in before the deadline
- **Wisconsin Ag Day at the Capitol 2020:**
 - 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:

- October 23, 2019
- November & December- no meeting

Motion made by Scott Steer and seconded by Gail Seator to adjourn.

Respectively submitted,

Jill Feller
WHC Secretary