

## BOD Meeting October 26, 2022

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

**President's message:** Silence phones and speak loudly and clearly 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.

**To avoid over talking between the phone, Zoom and the floor, we will follow the following protocol for meetings going forward:**

- Office people get first opportunity to ask questions or make comments
- Phone callers- second opportunity
- Zoom participants- third opportunity

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

### **Minutes from September 28, 2022:**

- Motion made by Lori Helmer to approve the September 28 minutes, seconded by Anne Murphy. Passed.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

- The financial review is not ready yet. Ron is not getting a lot of communication from the auditors and will follow up with them. The review should be done by the January meeting.
- Gail Seator motions to accept the treasurer's report as presented in the packet, seconded by Dana Schuler. Passed
- WSHCEF financial report has not changed since the September meeting which was in the meeting packet in September.

### **Legislative report:**

- The election campaigns are in full swing so there is nothing new in upcoming bills. A new governor will create changes within the DNR and other areas of the state agencies and may create some delays in processes already in place.

### **Midwest Horse Fair Report:**

- A report was included in the meeting packet.
- There was a meeting held recently with the Alliant Energy Center to meet their new Executive Director, discuss the footing and the upcoming 2023 MHF.

### **PR Committee Update:**

- There is a Farm Technology Days committee report in the meeting packet.
- There is a WHC booth at the Alliant Center this weekend on Friday and Sunday. If anyone wants to help at the booth, contact Bonnie.

### **Long-range Planning (LRP) Update:**

- Nancy announced that the LRP committee has hired Dana as the consultant.
- All directors will have the option to attend the meetings.
  - Whoever wants to be involved needs to be at the first meeting and can drop out later if they do not want to stay with the commitment.
  - The preference is to have the LRP committee meet in person. If in-person is not possible, Zoom will be set up for directors for the meeting but the conference call will not be used for LRP meetings.
- The committee would like to get two meetings scheduled in November, if possible, to begin the process. The first meeting will be on November 16<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm at the WHC office in Columbus. Any director who would like to participate in this process is encouraged to attend the meeting in person.
- The meetings will be approximately 2-3 hours long.

### **Technology Committee Presentation:**

- The committee had a demonstration of a smart board. It equivalent to a 70" tv with a camera. A PowerPoint can be shown on the screen. The cost is \$3695 for the cart, board and software. This cost includes the set up and training on the system.
- This system would be an asset for a lot of committees and meetings.
- The technology committee has a budget of \$2000 approved. Nancy would like to have this budget increased to \$7000 to cover the costs of these purchases with the additional \$5000 coming from the money left over from the 21-22 budget.
- The committee is also looking at replacing the phone in the office. MHF has an estimate to move their phone system to an IP system and the WHC could get on this plan which may be a better and less expensive plan.
- Darla is also in need of a new laptop computer at approximately \$1400.
- Motion made by Dana Scheler to have \$6000 put into the IT budget from the overage from the 21-22 budget; seconded by Lee Sackett. Passed.

### **Old Business**

#### **Proposed Bylaw Change Submission- First Review:**

- The submission form is included in the meeting packet.
- There is a copy of the bylaws in the packet that is color coded by the bylaw committee. The legend is red font= new bylaw while green font= existing bylaw but moved to a more appropriate place; there was also some word smithing done throughout the document. WHC has been replaced with Wisconsin State Horse Council.
- Time was spent talking through all the changes presented in the bylaws by the committee. The bylaws will be reviewed again in the January meeting. No further action was required to be taken at this time.

### **New Business**

#### **WSHCEF Winter Day at Springbrook (2-11-23) Update:**

- Events for that day are posted on the "SAVE THE DATE" on the WHC website. Some events are weather dependent such as sleigh rides which could turn into wagon rides if there is not enough snow.
- Anyone wishing to volunteer on February 11<sup>th</sup> should contact Jim Harris.

#### **Budget and Finance Committee Vacancy Nominations & Voting:**

- There is an opening on the B&F committee due to the loss of Karen Kroll. The committee does not meet until May to begin the budget. A discussion was held if the opening should be filled immediately or wait until the annual election in March with the person elected taking office as of May 1, 2023. The decision was made to wait until March to fill the open position.

#### **Other:**

- Nancy had a Zoom meeting last week with the Coalition of Horse Councils. Her report will be given in January due to the length of this meeting.

#### **Reminder of Deadlines:**

- Equine of the Year Award Nomination Deadline- 12/1/22
- All other Annual Award Nomination Deadlines- 1/10/23
- Ride WI! Trail Ride/Drive Program Hour Logs Due- 1/31/23
- Trail Grant Submission Deadline- 2/1/23
- Scholarship Submission Deadline- 2/15/23
- Sponsorship Program Submission Deadline- 2/28/23

#### **Future Meeting Dates:**

- November & December- no meetings
- January 25, 2023

Motion made by Gail and seconded by Dana to adjourn at 9:07 pm.

Respectively submitted,

Jill Feller  
WHC Secretary