

BOD Meeting May 22, 2024

Call to order by **President Anne Murphy at 7:00 pm.**

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

Guest Speaker: Mary Hanneman from the Wisconsin Dressage & Combined Training Association (WDCTA) presented a Laura Graves Symposium Presentation. The WDCTA received a sponsorship grant from WHC which allowed them to hold this event. Mary explained the event and how the WHC was recognized by their organization for the grant money.

Minutes from March 27, 2024:

- Motion made by Nancy to approve the March 27 minutes, seconded by Floyd. Passed.

Treasurer's Report:

- The financial report was sent to the directors after the meeting packet was sent out.
- Floyd motions to accept the treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Nancy. Passed.
- WSHCEF financial report was in the meeting packet.

Budget:

- Nancy handed out the proposed budget for 2024-2025. There was an outline of the proposed income and expenses to review. No new money is proposed for the districts within the budget as each district still has money left over from the previous year. If any district needs additional money during the 20-25 fiscal year, that district can contact the B&F committee to request additional funds. For directors who did not attend the meeting in person, the B&F committee will mail the documents to them this week.
- Directors should review the documents as they will be discussed and approved in the June meeting.

Legislative report:

- Jolene explained how two bills that were previously talked about at meetings were combined into one bill.
 - One of the bills was one from the bear hunters who wanted a bill that would prevent local governments from overriding state statutes on limiting the number of animals that a person can own and/or breed.
 - The second bill was from the Farm Bureau which was also meant to prevent local governments from limiting the amount of animals/livestock that a person can own.
 - The two bills were combined with wording of 'animals' in it which makes it a broader reaching bill. No specific animal is listed in the bill so any and all animals would be covered by this bill.
 - The bill passed but was vetoed by the governor who wants the local governments to have more control over their areas.
- Jolene said that there is a lot of campaigning going on now. If any director attends any campaigning event, she encourages us to introduce ourselves to the candidate and talk briefly about the WHC. Introductions such as this, help Jolene in the future if she has to talk with these individuals; they will remember meeting WHC members.
- Jolene will be inviting the State Veterinarian to come to our September meeting for a presentation.

Midwest Horse Fair Report:

- A report was included in the meeting packet. The fair was a success. Final numbers for the budget are not available as there are still some outstanding bills and ticket sales information that should be submitted soon.

Committee Reports:

- Annual Awards- Pat Stevenson; Darla updated the nomination forms for 2025 and posted them on the website.
- Budget & Finance- Nancy Edwards; nothing new- budget information is listed in the minutes above.
- Bylaws- Dana Sechler: nothing new now, but some clarifications on processes may be forthcoming in the next few months for the fall bylaw update deadline.
- Districts- Katie Bachhuber; was not present at the meeting.
- Judges Program & Seminar- Dana Neary-Panella; Darla reports that all information has been updated and is on the website.
- Member Services- Mike Kroll: we had 29 new level one members sign up at the MHF booth.
- Policy & Procedures: no meeting is scheduled at this time.
- Public Relations- Bonnie Shepherd: a big thank you to all volunteers who helped at the WHC booth during the MHF. Some new ideas will be discussed at a future meeting for how to improve our PR at our booth. Several events are listed later down in the minutes which will all need volunteers to help with the WHC booth.
- Scholarship- Linda Ernsberger: was not present at the meeting.
- Sponsorship- Cricket Jewett: a full report of what money was provided to what groups is included in the meeting packet.
- Technology- Dana Sechler: nothing new.
- Trails- Floyd Finney & Cricket Jewett: the trail class is full with 16 people. There is one person already signed up for the 2025 trial school.

Long-range Planning (LRP) Reports:

- Determine the Needs of the Equine Industry- Anne Murphy: Nothing new to report.
 - Roundup Program- Bonnie Shepherd: the program is up and running.
- Youth Initiative Discussion- Anne Murphy: the count of youth memberships is over 70! Dan Gruenwald hosted a ranch class for the youth.
- Reevaluate District Functions- Katie Bachhuber: was not present at the meeting.
- CPA Update- Nancy Edwards: nothing new.
- Redesign WHC Logo- Logan Sechler: nothing new.
- Long-Range Strategic Planning Process Status: another session will be held in fall.

Old Business

Update on Reworked Code of Conduct: (Nancy Edwards, Dana Sechler, Heather Kuenzi):

- No work has been done on the code of conduct since the March meeting.

New Business

Other:

- None
- **Reminder of Deadlines:**
 - WHC Trail Design School- June 9-12
 - Midwest Carriage Festival- June 14-16
 - WI Farm Technology Days- August 13-15
 - Villa Louis Carriage Classic- Sept 6-8
 - WHC Sponsorship Application Deadline- September 30

Future Meeting Dates:

- June 26, 2024
- July 24, 2024
- August 28, 2024
- September 25, 2024
- October 23, 2024
- November 2024- NO MEETING
- December 2024- NO MEETING

Motion made by Scott and seconded by Gail to adjourn at 8:04 pm.

Respectively submitted,

Jill Feller
WHC Secretary