

BOD Meeting May 25, 2022

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 or on Zoom can hear. Directors on the phone and Zoom should mute their phones and computers to prevent background noise.

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

Minutes from March 23, 2022:

- Motion made by Dana Sechler to approve the March 23 minutes, seconded by Scott Steers. Passed.

Treasurer's Report:

- The finance report is in the director's meeting packet. Ron Miller was not able to make the meeting.
- Floyd Finney moves to accept the finance report presented in the meeting packet; seconded by Scott Steer. Passed

Legislative report:

- Jolene mentioned that she has talked to Dana (new chair) about the legislative committee. Nomination papers are due to be turned in by June 1st for the elections; there will be a lot of new people running this year for different positions. This could be significant as it could mean different bills being surfaced or older ones resurfacing with the newly elected people. Jolene had nothing more to report.

Midwest Horse Fair Report:

- There is a MHF handout with updates in the meeting packet with a summary of the 2022 fair. Pat was not present at the meeting so there was no more information.

WHC Youth Membership Opportunities:

- Anne Murphy presented an idea of allowing youth to have a free membership to the Wisconsin Horse Council if they are members of a level 3 organization. Anne reached out to several youth organizations to gauge the interest in this program and had positive reactions. Once the youth 'ages' out of the level 3 organization, they would no longer be eligible for a free membership. The proposal does not specify a minimum age of the youth.
- A discussion was held on what the expectation of this youth group would be. Would they join committees? Would they have their own board to discuss the equine industry in WI? No action was taken after the discussion in answer to this question other than expectations are yet to be determined.
- If this program is approved by the BOD, there would be a by-law update to include this youth membership and this membership would go into effect in 2023 after the by-law update (if it passes).
- Cricket motions that WHC moves forward with the Youth Program, Wayne seconds. Passed.

PR Committee Update:

- There is a PR report in the meeting packet with info from the Midwest Horse Fair. The PR committee would like to have some youth involved on their committee and if the youth membership becomes a reality, they would like to get some youth to act as ambassadors to other youth.
- The PR committee would like to attend youth events this year. Anyone with any youth events should contact Bonnie Shepard with the information and she will try to get a board member from WHC to attend the event.

Old Business

WHC Committees Update- Nancy Edwards:

- The chairs for each committee need to send an update of committee members to Darla.

New Business

Budget & Finance Committee Vacant Position Update (1-year term)- FILLED:

- Bonnie Shepard has been appointed by the EBOD. There were no more nominations from the floor at the meeting, so a vote was taken at the meeting to elect Bonnie Shepard to this one-year term. Passed.

Budget & Finance Committee Update- Proposed budget in packet for first review:

- The preliminary budget is in the meeting packet. The vote will be at the June meeting.
- The proposed budget does not show any listing of replacing money into the reserve fund for the MHF. Budget & Finance commented that they had a discussion at their meeting to use the 'extra' money (above the amount that MHF already provided to the B&F committee for budget purposes) that comes from the MHF after the books are finalized into that reserve fund as the start of rebuilding it. No further action or discussion on this topic.

New Idea of Long-Range Planning Discussion- Nancy Edwards:

- This would be a new committee with a member from each existing committee being represented. Mission, vision and purpose of this committee has not been defined at this time.
- Joe Parr suggested we look at bringing in an outside consultant to get the WHC on track with planning and organizing.
- An idea was made to have an open meeting with the horse industry professionals and brainstorm ideas and what they would like to see the WHC do.
- There was no further discussion on this topic.

Other:

- Nothing

Future Meeting Dates:

- June 22, 2022
- July 27, 2022
- August 24, 2022
- September 28, 2022
- October 26, 2022
- November & December- no meetings

Motion made by Scott Steers and seconded by Floyd Finney to adjourn at 8:11 pm.

Respectively submitted,

Jill Feller
WHC Secretary