

BOD Meeting August 28, 2024

Call to order by **Vice President Katie Bachhuber at 7:00 pm.**

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

Minutes from June 26, 2024:

- Motion made by Floyd to approve the June 26 minutes, seconded by Rae. Passed.

Treasurer's Report:

- Cricket explained the changes she made on the Balance Sheet; the changes were made to help clarify some areas. Cricket is working with N4N with additional changes of how assets are reported; we may see these changes in future balance sheets.
- Cricket is working on a new way to track the district funds to provide more clarity.
- The financial report also includes a budget vs actual report for directors to review.
- Linda motions to accept the financial report as presented; seconded by Scott. Passed.
- The WSHCEF financial report was in the meeting packet. No new information was provided.

Legislative report:

- Jolene reports that Heather from the State Vet office will be attending our September meeting. She will speak to WHC for 20-30 minutes. She will share information on EEE and WNV cases in WI.
- Our legislature group is in campaign mode so there isn't a lot of anything else happening.

Midwest Horse Fair Report:

- A report was included in the meeting packet. Jill pointed out that the volunteer applications will open on September 27 and encourages directors to communicate that date to their groups.

Committee Reports:

- Annual Awards- Pat Stevenson: No updates
- Budget & Finance- Nancy Edwards: No updates
- Bylaws- Dana Sechler: suggested changes are in the packet.
- Districts- Katie Bachhuber: There were some bylaw changes submitted.
- Judges Program & Seminar- Dana Neary-Panella: No updates
- Member Services- Mike Kroll: No updates
- Policy & Procedures: No updates
- Public Relations- Bonnie Shepherd: the 4H state show in West Allis will be coming up on 9/14. A volunteer signup sheet was on the table to sign up.
- Scholarship- Linda Ernsberger: There were a few minor changes with the scholarship documents. The updated documents are on the WHC website.
- Sponsorship- Cricket Jewett: Due date is 9/30 for applications. This committee needs more people to be involved and a new chair would be appreciated. Cricket is now the treasurer and there needs to be a clearer line of requesting funds for sponsorships and who sends the money out to the organization.
- Technology- Dana Sechler: Darla updated on where the website update is at. Late Oct is the target date to get the new site implemented.
- Trails- Floyd Finney & Cricket Jewett: No updates

Long-range Planning (LRP) Reports:

- Determine the Needs of the Equine Industry- Anne Murphy: No update; Anne was unable to attend the meeting.
- Round Up: Bonnie Shepherd: Bonnie heard there are several people who have nearly filled up their boards with stickers.
- Youth Initiative Discussion- Darla mailed out letters and did an email blast to the group of youth who are already members. Darla will create new membership cards that youth can use for perks at certain stores.
- Reevaluate District Functions- Katie Bachhuber: A quarterly report from each district will be given in the September meeting. The districts are only meeting quarterly in place of monthly.
- CPA Update- Nancy Edwards: No update
- Long-Range Strategic Planning Process Status: next update in October

Old Business

Proposed Bylaw Submission First Review & Discussion:

- There was no discussion on any of the bylaw suggested changes.
- The voting for the bylaws will be sent out by Darla this week.

Recap of Coalition of State Horse Council's June Meeting: Nancy Edwards:

- This report was given at the June meeting; there is nothing new to report.

New Business

Bonus Bucks Program Discussion:

- This program is to help Level III organizations promote equine competition that they are running by providing some financial assistance to go towards awards or added money to reduce the organizational costs. To qualify for Bonus Bucks, the director of the organization needs to attend half of WHC meetings in person. Bonnie wants to know if attending a meeting with Zoom will qualify. There is also confusion if this program runs fiscal year or calendar year. A discussion followed on how meeting attendance will be accepted (in person vs. electronic), how many is 'half' (4 or 5 since there are usually 9 meetings/year) and also how attendance at meetings is tracked (fiscal vs. calendar year). Darla explained that she uses the fiscal year for tracking attendance (July 1- June 30).
- The Bonus Bucks document will be updated to say "director of the organization must attend a minimum of four WHC meetings within the WHC fiscal year (this will clarify both the timing of tracking, and the number of meetings needed to satisfy this clause).
 - Bonnie motions to change the in-person meeting attendance clause to also include attendance via electronic means for Bonus Bucks program; Linda seconded the motion. Pass. The Bonus Bucks document will be updated accordingly.

Other:

- There is an opening on the EBOD for a Director-at-Large to replace Cricket who moved into the Treasurer position. Ron Miller nominated himself for the position.
 - Floyd moves that nominations be closed. By unanimous decision, Ron Miller is the new Director at Large on the EBOD.

Reminder of Deadlines:

- Villa Louis Carriage Classic- Sept 6-8
- WHC Sponsorship Application Deadline- September 30

Future Meeting Dates:

- September 25
- October 23
- November 2024- NO MEETING
- December 2024- NO MEETING

Motion made by Scott and seconded by Floyd to adjourn at 7:48 pm.

Respectively submitted,

Jill Feller
WHC Secretary