

## BOD Meeting September 25, 2024

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

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

**Guest Speaker:** Heather Roney, DVM, Veterinary Program Manager- Division of Animal Health Wisconsin of Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DAHCP).

- Dr. Roney gave a brief bio of herself and then talked about equine diseases in WI in 2024.
  - There was an outbreak of EHM is caused by EHV-1 in late winter, early fall with eight cases.
  - There have been eight West Nile Virus and one case of EEE. Most cases seen are in unvaccinated horses.

### Minutes from August 28, 2024:

- Motion made by Rae to approve the August 28 minutes, seconded by Gail. Passed.

### Treasurer's Report:

- Cricket sent the financial report via email today for review. Cricket gave an update on how the reports are being changed for easier reading and understanding; she is working with N4N on these changes.
- Dana motions to accept the financial report as presented; seconded by Floyd. Passed.
- The WSHCEF financial report was in the meeting packet. February 8, 2025, will be Winterfest at Springbrook in Burnett.

### Legislative report:

- Ag Day will be held on March 26, 2025; *the date of January 31, 2025 was reported during the meeting but was later corrected via email from Darla.*
- Jolene encourages all directors to talk with their legislators when they meet them and tell them about the WHC.
- Dana discussed a member's concern about the veterinarian shortage and if legislation could be written to attract and keep veterinarians in WI. Jolene said that veterinarians' association will need to draft any proposals and WHC could support the bill, but the bill would not be authored by WHC.

### 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.
- Clinicians will begin being announced in October, watch the website for more information.

### Committee Reports:

- Annual Awards- Pat Stevenson: Nothing new to report.
- Budget & Finance- Nancy Edwards: Nothing new to report.
- Bylaws- Dana Sechler: Voting results: 18 directors voted; all proposed bylaw changes were passed.
- Districts- Katie Bachhuber: Katie will contact the districts to communicate the bylaw changes. Some districts have not reported anything for 2024.
- Judges Program & Seminar- Dana Neary-Panella: Nothing new to report.
- Member Services- Mike Kroll: Membership fees will remain at 2024 price for 2025.
- Policy & Procedures: Nothing new to report.
- Public Relations- Bonnie Shepherd: WIHA show is in late October at Alliant Energy Center; a volunteer signup sheet was on the table for this and other future events.
- WSHCEF Scholarship- Linda Ernsberger: The 2025 scholarship documents are on the WHC website. Linda handed out flyers to the directors to post to help promote the EF scholarships.
- Sponsorship- Cricket Jewett: Due date is 9/30 for applications. The committee will meet in October and the results of sponsorship recipients will be in the October meeting packet.
- Technology- Dana Sechler: the website redesign is underway. The website design that was reviewed by Dana was very impressive.
- Trails- Floyd Finney & Cricket Jewett: the 2025 trail school location is not yet determined. The trails committee will be a sponsor at the International Trails Summit to be held in April 2025 in Madison.
  - Jill explained the proposal for Best of America by Horseback that the trails committee approved. The trails committee is seeking support for this event. This event will be televised for the BOABH series and the interview content will be on the WHC and their programs.
    - Linda motions to support the BABHB proposal; seconded by Nancy. Passed.

### Long-range Planning (LRP) Reports:

- Determine the Needs of the Equine Industry- Anne Murphy: Nothing new to report.
- Round Up: Bonnie Shepherd: three full maps have been turned in.
- Youth Initiative Discussion- Nothing new to report.

- Reevaluate District Functions- Katie Bachhuber: see above comment.
- Long-Range Strategic Planning Process Status: next update in October.

#### **Old Business**

#### **New Business**

**Other:** None

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

- WHC Sponsorship Application Deadline- September 30

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

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

Motion made by Rae and seconded by Floyd to adjourn at 8:09 pm.

Respectively submitted,

Jill Feller  
WHC Secretary