

**BOD Meeting June 25, 2025
Monthly meeting**

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

Roll call with an introduction of each director: **An attendance chart is attached to these minutes.**

Minutes from May 28, 2025:

- Motion made by Floyd to approve the May minutes, seconded by Jan. Passed.

Treasurer's Report:

- The financial report is in the meeting packet. On the budget vs actual report, there is some rearranging to make the report clearer to read and understand.
- Last month a comment was made about not sharing the financials with some organizations. Cricket talked to N4N and they confirmed that the finances for WHC can be found by 'googling it'.
- Dana motions to accept the financial report as presented; seconded by Floyd. Passed.
- The WSHCEF's treasure report is in the packet.

Legislative report:

- Jolene explained some of the delays in the WI state budget. The delays include childcare and money for ag roads. If the budget is not approved next week, the state keeps running with the current budget.

Midwest Horse Fair Report:

- A report was included in the meeting packet.
- Some information will be released in July about the 2026 events. The 2026 MHF is our 45th anniversary.

Committee Reports:

- Annual Awards- Pat Stevenson. Nothing
- Budget & Finance- Nancy Edwards: budget approval is tonight
- Bylaws- Dana Sechler: Nothing
- Districts- Katie Bachhuber: Nancy and Katie met and discussed some options for finances for the districts. A flow chart is being created that will explain how the districts fit into the process.
- Judges Program & Seminar- Dan Gruenwald: working on moving forward on providing opportunities to judges.
- Member Services- Anne Murphy: Nothing. Mike Kroll has resigned from district 4 and from the WHC as he has relocated.
- Policy & Procedures: Anne Murphy: Moving slowly
- Public Relations- Bonnie Shepherd: there is a list of events in the meeting packet where WHC could be represented. Anyone wishing to attend any of these events can pick up some supplies at the office to use.
- WSHCEF Scholarship- Linda Ernsberger: nothing to report.
- Sponsorship- Cricket Jewett: Nothing
- Technology- Dana Sechler: nothing new.
- Trails- Floyd Finney & Cricket Jewett: The trail school is starting to plan for next year.

Long-range Planning (LRP) Reports:

- Determine the Needs of the Equine Industry- Anne Murphy: Nothing new.
- Round Up: Bonnie Shepherd: The new program is up and running.
- Youth Initiative Discussion- Anne Murphy:
- Reevaluate District Functions- Katie Bachhuber: revisit in October.
- Long-Range Strategic Planning Process Status: Dana Sechler: revisit in October.

Old Business

Final Review & Approve Budget for 2025-2026:

- Membership, BOD- Director Incentives- this is new to the budget. The idea is to give some incentives to BOD who do extra work or attend events. More of the process needs to be developed to determine the criteria needed to earn an incentive.

- As of July 1st, each district keeps their money plus get another \$2000 for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. Districts can use this money as they deem necessary. The districts can ask for more money if needed. At the end of 2025-2026 fiscal year, the district accounts will convert back to \$2000.
 - Katie and Nancy created some forms that districts will use to request additional funds if needed if they exhaust all of their money during the fiscal year. The forms and process will be sent to the district committee to review, make changes to and approve. The new forms will be presented at a future meeting for the BOD to review.
 - Since there are no changes for the next 12 months, forms and changes can be presented and approved before the budget is approved in June 2026.
 - Motion to accept budget as presented minus the Director Incentive line of \$5000 since there is no process developed is made by Scott Steers; Gail Seator seconds the motion. Passed.
 - Amended made to the motion to strike the verbiage at the end of the budget spreadsheet which says *"These funds can be used by the districts (are recorded on 5/8/25) until 6/30/25. At that time, all District accounts will be reset to \$2000 at the beginning of each subsequent Fiscal year"*; Gail approves the amendment to the motion. The amendment passes.

New Business

Liability Waiver Review:

- Directors are to review the document. It will be reviewed again at the next WHC meeting. The waiver is aimed at youth who are starting to participate in WHC events. A comment was made that both parents and/or legal guardians need to sign the document.

Other:

- Suggestions that were collected at the WHC booth at the MHF were sent to the MHF if they were comments/suggestions about the MHF.
- Jill asked if anyone was able to watch the Best of America By Horseback (BOABH) segments that were filmed at the MHF. She stated that at the end of the second BOABH segment there was a good overview of the WHC and where the money goes into trail, scholarships and sponsorships. Jill will see if she can obtain the DVDs of these segments to show at an upcoming meeting.
- Motion made by Nancy to not have a July BOD meeting; seconded by Linda. Passed.

Event Dates & Deadline Reminders:

- WI Farm Tech Days- 8/5-8/7
- WHC Proposed Bylaw Submission Deadline- 8/15
- Villa Louis Carriage Classic- 9/5-9/7
- WHC Sponsorship Application Submission Deadline- 9/30/25

Future Meeting Dates:

- July 23, 2025
- August 27, 2025
- September 24, 2025
- October 22, 2025
- November & December 2025- NO MEETING

The motion made by Scott and seconded by Floyd to adjourn at 8:12 pm.

Respectively submitted,
Jill Feller
WHC Secretary