

**BHAM MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 8, 2010  
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY  
EAST LANSING, MICHIGAN**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Heidi Gautz  
Rick St. Onge  
Linda Hull  
Lisa Watts  
Bev McCollum  
John Hull  
Tami Thornton  
Kaitlynn Watts

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Betty Crowell  
Nancy Rich  
Pam Wells

GUESTS:

Tony Thornton  
Kendra St. Onge

Rick called the meeting to order at 10:23 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Heidi made a motion to approve the June, 2010 minutes as emailed to the board; Tami supported. The minutes were approved.

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Lisa read the report that Betty had prepared. Betty's report reminded **all board members to update the committee responsibilities at the back of the rulebook and get the changes to Lisa ASAP as we anticipate printing a new version after the annual meeting.**

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Rick said the 4<sup>th</sup> of July show was a huge success—close to 1,200 entries. Michigan was very well represented at the ABRA world show. A breakfast was offered with all Michigan products. BHAM members provided a sloppy joe dinner. BHAM sponsored a western class 14-18. The Palomino world show will be held at the same time as the ABRA world show next year.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: No report.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The report is not available at this time.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ETHICS: No report.

AWARDS: Tami reported that the August show is ready to go. Last year, Betty handled futurity awards. The coolers were well-received. Rick made a motion to go with a tan/black cooler for 1<sup>st</sup> place and ringside grooming totes for 2<sup>nd</sup> place at Congress. John supported the motion and it passed.

JUNIOR BHAM: Kaitlynn reported that Nancy has opened the Jr. BHAM account at a local bank near Nancy that has free checking. Katy Rich is our ABRA representative. **The quilt will be ready to be displayed and raffled off at congress (or BHAM Banquet—need clarification from Nancy/Kaity on this??). Kaity thought it might be nice to invite past ABRA and BHAM representatives in the arena at Congress.**

JUDGES: No report. **Lisa will contact the congress judges to obtain the bios and photos.** Bev thought they were on file already.

DRUG TESTING: No report.

POINTS: Heidi report that they are coming along and are tabulated.

BHAM REPRESENTATIVE: See above.

BULLET: Rick said Nancy is doing a great job with the Bullet.

BANQUET: In progress.

LTA: Bev is in receipt of some nominations.

SPONSORSHIP: **Heidi is working on some jewelry prizes. John is working on Millbrooks. Everyone on the board should be working on sponsorships. Lisa will contact Sundance again.**

SSS/FUTURITY: Betty has sent out letters to all the unsold stallion owners and one has been purchased back. **Nancy will mark TheEminentConclusion as SOLD on the website.** Rick has the judge selection narrowed down to a couple of judges.

WEEKEND SHOWS: Heidi said that the results for the July show have been sent to ABRA. Heidi said we had one exhibitor at the July show who is suspended at the ABRA level. A member who is on a cash-only basis had a check accepted and receipted in at the July show. He will pay cash at the August show. Heidi said stalls are sold at capacity. Rick brought the issue

on behalf of judges who were not pleased with their contracted rate of pay at the July show. No action was taken.

MEMBERSHIP: Lisa reported that membership numbers are good.

CONGRESS: Rick reported Kern Road Vet is our on-call vet. The photographer will be Tim Finnegen. Judges, awards, facility, and office staff are taken care of. **Rick will call Ken McClellan to finalize announcing details. Rick is hiring the remainder of the staff. Rick is checking on prices for the dinner Thursday night and Saturday night. Rick will check on sponsoring for the meals. Lisa suggested a trainer-sponsored dinner—Rick will check and see if this is feasible.**

TRAIL: No report.

RULES: Rick made a motion to accept the general membership rules as presented with changes. Bev supported the motion and the motion passed. Rick made a motion to accept the Rules Committee's recommendation and to present the proposed changes to Bylaws to the membership as amended for approval. Tami supported. The motion passed.

PUBLICITY: The ad has gone to Horse Circuit News for Congress.

WEBSITE: No report.

NOMINATIONS: John reported that Spencer Griegel and Tony Thornton are willing to run for director positions. Jill Kurskinsky may be willing to run for Secretary. John, Kaitlynn, and Linda are up for reelection. Kaitlynn is not rerunning. **John will finalize the nominations at the September meeting.** There are 5 open boards of director slots.

NEW BUSINESS: Rick was approached by Kelly French inquiring whether we would use her publication as BHAM's official publication. The board took no action.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be Sunday, August 29, at 10:00 a.m. at the MSU pavilion in East Lansing.

ADJOURNMENT: John made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Heidi supported the motion and the motion passed. The meeting ended at 1:33 pm.