

**BHAM MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 10, 2010
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
EAST LANSING, MICHIGAN**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Betty Crowell
Bev McCollum
Lisa Watts
John Hull
Rick St. Onge
Heidi Gautz
Nancy Rich
Pam Wells
Tammy Wells Thornton
Kaitlynn Watts

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Deb Dudzinski
Mike Gallegos

GUESTS:

Linda Hull
Tony Thornton
Ray Warner

Lisa called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Betty Crowell was nominated and elected unanimously as president of the Association. She will serve for a two-year term beginning January, 2010.

Linda Hull and Tony Thornton counted the ballots. Rick St. Onge was elected to the position of Vice President for a two-year term beginning January 2010.

Lisa Watts was elected as the Secretary of the Board and will serve a one-year term beginning January, 2010.

Heidi Gautz was elected as the Treasurer of the Board and will serve a one-year term beginning January, 2010.

Lisa made a motion to destroy the ballots. Bev supported the motion and the motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: John made a motion to approve the October, 2009 minutes with corrections; Kaitlynn supported. The motion passed.

Rick St. Onge passed around information we received from the Howell Chamber of Commerce about joining the chamber. **Nancy said she would take the information and look into it.**

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Betty thanked the board for their confidence. She is looking forward to the 2010 year and a great show season.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Rick said that folks will be very selective about where they spend their show dollars and we need to be mindful of that in the coming year. Rick reported that we spent over \$14,800 on judges (not including lodging). John made a motion that the weekend show committee and Bev (hiring judges) meet and discuss where we can cut expenses. Kaitlynn supported the motion and it passed.

Rick also reported that Shiawassee raised their camping fees to \$15 per night.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Lisa passed around the Attendance Sheet for everyone to sign. She also passed around a contact sheet for board members to update their contact information.

Lisa reminded committee chairs to let her know of any upcoming committee meetings so they can be listed in the minutes as a reminder for board members to put the meetings on their calendars.

Lisa will follow up and get the bad check information to the Shiawassee County Sheriff Department and file a formal complaint on behalf of BHAM. Any court appearances that may be required afterwards would be handled by the treasurer.

Ray had the contract signed for our August show from MSU and that was given to the Secretary to file.

Ray had also received our 3rd annual installment from our website provided for \$975.56. **Nancy will ask Joel about the photo gallery before the installment is paid.**

TREASURER'S REPORT: Heidi distributed a treasurer's report. She also reported that the books have been turned over to an accountant. Last year we paid \$1,500 and this year we are being charged \$600 or so.

Kaitlynn made a motion to pay a \$40 deposit to zap zone for the Jr. BHAM group. Bev supported it. The motion passed.

We will look for the line item accounting in February. Bev moved to pay the bills. Kaitlynn supported the motion. The motion passed.

Lisa made a motion to place the treasurer's report on the record. Kaitlynn supported the motion and the motion passed.

AWARDS: Heidi said that lots of folks wanted gift cards this year.

BANQUET: Heidi said she and Betty are working on this and it is coming together well. Jr. BHAM will run the silent auction.

Board members are reminded to bring items for the JR BHAM silent auction and the representative gift table.

BULLET: Nancy said the *Bullet* is ready to be emailed out.

CONGRESS:

DRUG TESTING: Bev would like accurate figures from last year so a budget can be developed for this year. The offender has requested a hearing before the board.

ETHICS: No report.

FUTURITY: No report.

JR BHAM: Kaitlynn reported that we are ready for the Jr. BHAM sleepover, Zap Zone and the auction. Jr. BHAM will also have an annual meeting as well. Kaitlynn and Nancy will let Heidi know how many rooms they may need. They may need a male chaperone as well.

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT: Bev reported she had three horses that were nominated. The board selected a horse for the award. Bev reported several choices for LTA for the person award. The board selected a person as well.

NOMINATIONS/SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR: The adult was selected at the last board meeting. The youth sportsperson of the year is still being voted on by Jr. BHAM.

POINTS:

REPRESENTATIVE CONTEST:

RULES: Bev stated that the rule books have been distributed to the board members and commented that Board members especially should be reading as well as the ABRA rule book.

SHOW COMMITTEE:

SPONSORSHIP/PUBLICCLITY:

STALLION SERVICE SALE: Betty has 8 stallions sold and 3 rebreeds for total eligible weanlings at the 2010 futurity. The stallion service sale for 2010 begins January 15, 2010.

TRAIL:

WEBSITE: **Nancy will look into a chat forum.**

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:

AWARDS: Director: Deb. Tammy and Pam will also serve.

BANQUET: Director: Heidi. Tammy, Pam and Kaitlynn will help.

BULLET: Director: Nancy.

CONGRESS: Director: Betty. Heidi, Pam, Tammy, Lisa, Bev and Rick will also serve.

DRUG TESTING: Director: Bev. Nancy agreed to help.

ETHICS: Mike will chair. John agreed to help.

FUTURITY: Rick will chair. Betty and Tammy agreed to serve.

JR BHAM: Director: Nancy. Kaitlynn will also serve.

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT: Director: Bev. John will also serve.

NOMINATIONS/SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR: Director: John. Lisa will also serve.

POINTS: Director: Heidi.

REPRESENTATIVE CONTEST: Director: Kaitlynn. Nancy will also serve.

RULES: Director: John. Lisa will also serve.

SHOW COMMITTEE: Chair: Pam. Rick and Heidi will also serve.

SPONSORSHIP/PUBLICITY: Director: Lisa. Kaitlynn will also serve.

STALLION SERVICE SALE: Director: Betty.

TRAIL: Director: Rick. Tony and Mike will also serve.

WEBSITE: Director: Nancy.

NEW BUSINESS: Rick received a recommendation to have next year's banquet in connection with the annual meeting. **The board will discuss this at February's meeting.**

No bids have been received by Lisa for office show management—the deadline is January 31, 2010.

Rick was approached by a person to see if there is any interest in hosting a gymkhana show at the 4th of July show at Shiawassee.

Rick wondered about on-line meetings. **Nancy will look into online meetings.**

2010 SHOWBILL: The board updated the showbill to reflect slight increases in fees as follows: ABRA Open Horse blanket fee to \$45; Trailer in fees to \$10/day; and Office fee to \$4/horse/day. The bad check fee will be increased to \$35.

The map will reference the Shiawassee County Fairgrounds. Any references to the indoor arena are stricken. Heidi made a motion to update the tentative showbill. Tammy supported the motion and it passed.

2010 BHAM PUBLICITY: Jay Wicker has been in contact with Rick St. Onge. Bev made a motion to stay with *Horse Circuit News* as BHAM's official publication if the fees are the same. Heidi supported the motion and the motion passed.

COMMITTEE BUDGETS: Committee chairs should have tentative list of expenses available for the February meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: John made a motion to adjourn. Kaitlynn supported the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: The appeal meeting will be at 9:00 and the regular board meeting will occur at 9:30 on February 7, 2010 at the Lexington Inn. **Lisa will send the appellant notice of the appeal meeting.**