

BHAM MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 25, 2009
SHERATON INN
LANSING MICHIGAN

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ray Warner
Heidi Gautz
Rick St. Onge
Lisa Watts
Betty Crowell
Bev McCollum
Nancy Rich
Bill Cox
Kaitlynn Watts
John Hull
Mike Gallegos

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Paul Ferris
Deb Dudzinski
Chris Holbin

GUESTS:

Susan Avery
Jane Avery
Linda Hull

Ray called the meeting to order at 10:18 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Rick made a motion to approve the December, 2008 minutes; Mike supported. The minutes were approved as submitted.

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Ray said that we will assign committees to board members today.

Ray said the he wanted to have a roll call vote on financials but have the individual votes published in the website minutes. Kaitlynn said that it would appear that the board was divided in decision making and she thought it was important that the board function as a whole. Bev agreed with Ray and Lisa disagreed and said that she thought the minutes should be published as taken. **The matter will be tabled.**

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Rick thanked everyone that showed up for the banquet last night. The banquet was outstanding. The programs were awesome. The sleepover was great and the kids enjoyed it. Rick thanked Heidi, Deb, Betty, Nancy and Kaitlynn for their hard work.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Lisa reported that it was a great idea to have the membership forms in the program.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Heidi submitted a treasurer’s report. Betty made a motion to place the treasurer’s report on the record. Kaitlynn supported. Motion carried. The silent auction netted \$1,915.00 for Jr. BHAM. The audit is being performed and the results are expected in mid-February.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:

PUBLICITY	PAUL
STALLION SERVICE SALE	BETTY
BHAM REP	KAITLYNN
POINTS	HEIDI
BULLET/WEBSITE	NANCY, JENNA GALLEGOS
FUTURITY	RICK, BETTY
WEEKEND SHOWS/JUDGES	RICK (OUTSIDE SHOW PEN); MIKE (INSIDE SHOW PEN)
AWARDS	DEB
NOMINATIONS	JOHN
LIFETIME ACHEIVEMENT AWARD	BEV
BANQUET	HEIDI, BETTY
SPONSORSHIP	LISA
RULES	PAUL
JR BHAM	NANCY, KAITLYNN
TRAIL	DEB
WEBSITE	NANCY
ETHICS	BILL
SLOT CLASSES	CHRIS

Committee budgets need to be submitted by the next board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Another group wants to start a new ABRA club. Since ShoMe is subleasing an ABRA affiliated show at MSU (subleasing our dates from us) the other group would be precluded from beginning another ABRA club in Michigan. Ray has sub leased our show dates at MSU to ShoMe & Ericka Utz, who have applied with the ABRA to offer ABRA-approved classes.

Ericka called Heidi requesting her to oversee the ABRA paperwork to Georgi in exchange for free classes at Ericka’s show. The board thought that this was between Heidi and Ericka and the board members felt that Heidi was not going as a representative of BHAM, but as an individual exhibitor.

Heidi and Paul are working on Stallion Expo. Our table is secured. **Paul will start calling folks to set them up for time slots.** Kaitlynn stated that she would like to volunteer to help Susan; Ray said he is off on Fridays right now; Lisa also mentioned that she is off on Fridays. **Stallion Expo will be held March 13, 14, and 15.**

Lisa reported that only 2008 memberships were submitted to Horse Circuit News. There were several 2007 member names that were not submitted since each costs us \$5 to have put on their circulation list. Nancy made a motion not to submit 2007 names or older for Horse Circuit News subscriptions. Kaitlynn supported the motion. Motion passed. **It was suggested that postcards be sent inviting 2007 members to renew their memberships with BHAM.**

OLD BUSINESS: Rick stated that we tabled the cell phones and internet cards at the last meeting. Rick wanted to revisit the issue. Deb has secured quotes for different packages but she is not available at this meeting. The show secretary and secretary jobs have been split and unintended consequences include doubling expenses in some areas. Rick stated that individuals shouldn't have to fund the Board Secretary and Show Secretary positions. Rick stated that we need to come up with internet cards and cell phones for the secretaries' use. Certain aspects of BHAM do need to be run as a business and this is an example. Bev stated that the providing cell phones and internet cards is cost prohibitive. Ray said that BHAM needs to have its own phone number and that Lisa and Heidi both need to have cell phones to conduct BHAM business.

Kaitlynn made a motion to pay internet card for 12 months for the Show Secretary, 6 months of internet card for the Board Secretary and two cell phones—one for each secretary. Betty supported the motion. After discussion **the motion is tabled until the February meeting. Mike is going to bring quotes from Alltel Verizon. Deb was going to bring back other quotes.**

Heidi mentioned that BHAM needs to submit a request for bids for the Congress show secretary. **Nancy, Heidi and Lisa will work on this.**

Lisa will schedule meetings for February and March as follows: 1st choice at MSU and 2nd choice; April meeting at Shiawassee.

Lisa made the recommendation that committee meetings need to be utilized. The Board is not designed to discuss in detail on all issues. **Committee Chairs need to come prepared to make recommendations to the Board.**

Ray will call Judy to see about the return of our BHAM laptop. It was supposed to be returned in November, 2008. Bev preferred not to bring the computer back from the ABRA Board meeting in Reno.

ADJOURNMENT: Betty made a motion to adjourn; John supported and the meeting was adjourned at 12:46 p.m.

The next meeting will be determined.