

**BHAM MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 14, 2009  
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY  
EAST LANSING MICHIGAN**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ray Warner  
Heidi Gautz  
Rick St. Onge  
Lisa Watts  
Nancy Rich  
Bill Cox  
Kaitlynn Watts  
John Hull  
Deb Dudzinski

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Paul Ferris  
Chris Holbin  
Mike Gallegos  
Bev McCollum  
Betty Crowell

**GUESTS:**

Robert Cox  
Linda Hull  
Kyira St. Onge

Ray called the meeting to order at 10:54 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Rick said that the following addition should be made to the minutes: Deb should be on the Sponsor Committee along with Lisa. John made a motion to approve the January, 2009 minutes; Bill supported. The minutes were approved as submitted.

**LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was no public comment.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Ray said that he has received feedback from several people commenting about how nice the banquet was. They loved the venue and the food.

**VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Rick said he got a letter from Shiawassee updating the camping fees, etc. along with campground rules. He gave the information to Nancy to post on the website. He also received a letter from the 4-H clubs that run the concessions.

Rick doesn't have access to his weekend show budget at this time. **Rick will submit the budget for approval at the March, 2009 meeting.**

Bev has submitted budgets for judges and drug testing.

**Bev and Rick are getting quotes from other vet services for the drug testing.**

Heidi and Rick have been working on job descriptions for the show staff.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Postcards were distributed that we are going to send out to 2007 members.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Heidi submitted a treasurer's report. John made a motion to place the treasurer's report on the record. Deb supported. Motion carried. Deb made a motion to pay the bills as presented (PO BOX: \$20; PRINTING REIMBURSEMENT TO LISA WATTS \$16.33; HORSE SHOW FOR WINDOWS SUPPORT \$150). Bill supported and the motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

WEBSITE: Nancy said she had spoken with Dan about the website. Our photo gallery is not working. Dan has been on vacation. Rick talked about tracking the hits with more details. **Nancy is following up with him.**

WEEKEND SHOWS: **Rick said that he is working on it.**

AWARDS: Deb submitted her budget. Bill made a motion to approve the \$2,300 for the weekend highpoint awards. John supported. Motion carried. **Deb will obtain more quotes for the year end saddles.** Nancy is wondering about charging non-members to advertise in our website. The board agreed that advertising on the classified section of the web page will be assessed at \$35 for 3 months for non-members (or \$35 membership fee—unlimited advertising).

PUBLICITY: Rick said that each **submitted budget will contain their individual advertising expenses.** Rick will be the point person for Horse Circuit News. **Rick will be the chair person for Publicity.**

SPONSORSHIP: Deb has some ideas to generate sponsorship money and some ideas to amend the sponsorship form. **Deb will take that to committee for review and a recommendation to the board.**

BANQUET: Heidi reported that we are locked in for February 5, 6 and 7, 2010. Ray said he got a letter from the Sheridan Inn thanking us for using their facility. They also reserved a room for our Sunday meeting at no extra charge. BHAM lost \$1,500 which is the cost of the big banquet room. The Sheraton has reserved 20 rooms for us for next year.

JR BHAM: Heidi said Kris Teelander said the kids had a wonderful time. Nancy said the event went great. Kaitlynn and Susan also worked hard on this. The kids behaved wonderfully. The Sheraton reserved 10 rooms for JR BHAM.

CONGRESS: The showbill was reviewed and amended as follows:

All NSBA classes were dropped from the showbill. Thursday classes will start at 5:00 p.m.

AC open trail class and AC open novice rider walk trot trail will be added.

The start time for Friday will begin at 7 a.m.

Lunch break will be before Dun Factor

Dun Factor will be moved to after grand and reserve mares.

Three ABRA Performance Halter all ages classes will be added to each division after 4 years and older.

The amateur halter division will be split to 2 and under and 3 and over.

The class numbering system will be simplified.

Yearling long line slot classes will be dropped.

The futurity order will be switched around for a better flow.

The show bill and entries will be clarified for get of sire and get of dam classes.

Saturday classes will begin at 7a.m.

A sweepstakes showmanship class was added first in the showmanship class series.

Versatility will include barrels this year.

Lunch will follow peewee showmanship.

English sweepstakes will be added after peewee showmanship.

Sunday classes will begin at 7:00 a.m.

Lunch on Sunday will follow the AC Youth Western Horsemanship 13/U

Saturday and Sunday riding times will exclude longe lines.

Bill suggested a parade of stallions for an entry fee. The announcer could be provided with the stallion owner's blurb and music for a \$50 or \$100. **This idea will be kicked over to Betty to review.**

Late fees will be strictly enforced after postmarks of September 1, 2009. Entries received after the August Show **must** be postmarked.

Stall fees will not be returned under any circumstances.

Copies of ROM's must be submitted at Congress to participate in the Performance Halter classes and that will be noted on the entry form.

**Nancy will submit a request for bids for congress show secretary on the BHAM website with a deadline of April 1, 2009. Heidi will get Nancy the language to post.**

NEW BUSINESS: Lisa distributed a list of proposed ground rules to have our meetings. **Members are asked to read over the information distributed and bring ideas back to discuss at the next meeting. Members that were absent will receive a copy for review at the March meeting.**

OLD BUSINESS: **Heidi is revising the forms and Betty will print them for Congress.** Jan Gates had the shelving units that we borrowed last year. We would need 6 to 10 shelving units if we want to display our material on them. **Ray will see if we can borrow the shelves from Jan. Anyone who**

**wants to work at the Stallion Expo at MSU should email Heidi. Those slots will be confirmed at the next meeting.**

Ray talked to Judy about the laptop. It has not been returned. **Ray will request that Judy return the laptop to BHAM by February 28, 2009.**

Ray did not desire to revisit the tabled item in connection with roll call voting and reflecting those votes in the posted minutes.

**Heidi will submit overage bill to BHAM if her cell phone charges are over 1500 minutes March through November.** It may be cheaper for BHAM to boost the minutes to 2100 minutes for March through November.

Kaitlynn retracted her motion from last month regarding the wireless cards/phone bills.

Rick would like to make a motion for BHAM to reimburse the Show Secretary's and Board Secretary's wireless card expenses from March through November to be reimbursed on a monthly basis. Bill supported the motion. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Rick has been checking on the BHAM insurance policy from May to May. Rick was moving our dates to Shiawassee for the purpose of obtaining our insurance for the year. There was discussion in this regard. **Rick is comparing quotes with different insurance companies.**

Rick said Price's trailers wants to know if they can set up trailers as a vendor and if there is a charge for this. **Rick is going to clarify the vendor fee with Gary at Shiawassee.**

Rick said he is wondering about the accounting line item by line item. **Heidi will provide a detailed sheet showing which line items have what balances.**

Heidi received a letter from the IRS about our 501C3 status. If we are denied we would not be considered a charitable contributions entity.

ADJOURNMENT: John made a motion to adjourn; Deb supported and the meeting was adjourned at 3:09 p.m.

**The next meeting will be determined.**