

**BHAM MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 21, 2010
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
EAST LANSING MICHIGAN**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mike Gallegos
Tami Thornton

GUESTS:

Linda Hull

Betty called the meeting to order at 10:21 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: John made a motion to approve the February, 2010 minutes; Pam supported. The minutes were approved as submitted.

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Betty said we had a great turn out at the stallion expo. She thanked everyone who was there to help work the booth. She said showbills were going like hotcakes. Registration forms for ABRA were also flying off the shelves as well as the spiral bound notebooks left over from banquet.

Bev wondered if anyone had requested brochures from ABRA in support of the Expo.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Rick said that he had contacted several insurance companies for a quote for show insurance. **He requested an exhibitor release form from Heidi.**

Rick will apply at Gordon Foods for BHAM to enjoy a preferred customer discount of 5% discount.

Rick is in receipt of the proposed menu for the concession stand at Shiawassee.

52 stalls are presold to date.

Rick said that IBHA is allowing non-chartered clubs to host IBHA shows for IBHA points. John made a motion that **Rick contact Clyde Fletcher inviting him to join us at the July 4 shows.** Pam supported the motion. The motion passed.

Rick said that he has received a request that our shows be posted live on the internet. The expense would be the host site of \$23. The cameras are \$65 each and 2 would be needed. Any laptop would work to run the cameras. Pam made a motion that **Rick look into the total cost of live streaming the show**. Bev supported. The motion passed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

TREASURER'S REPORT: Nancy said the \$975 payment is for building our website. This is our 3rd year of 5 years to pay on the bill. The bill for \$240 is for the hosting the website.

Heidi distributed a Profit and Loss Statement.

We are in receipt of a statement from Lawrence Tiejema, PC in the amount of \$720 for review of financial statements and preparation of Form 990 federal tax return.

Pam made a motion to allow **Heidi to purchase *Quick Books for Dummies***. Rick supported the motion and the motion passed.

Heidi is in receipt of a bill from Kathy Trask (FunWare) \$150.

Lisa made a motion to for **Heidi to pay the bills**. Betty supported the motion and the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Betty was check into less expensive accommodations for Banquet. The hall in Ionia is \$500 to rent. They have their own caterers. There are no hotel rooms with the hall. There are only 2 or 3 hotels in the area. There may be no swimming pool.

The buckle has been ordered for Susan Avery.

Heidi contacted the Michigan Paint Horse Club – the no person who wrote the *no account* check is banned from this club as well.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

DRUG TESTING: **Bev will still get a quote from Clinton Veterinary Service for drug testing.**

BANQUET: Bev moved that we stay at the Lexington Hotel and host the annual banquet on January 29, 2011; Rick supported. The motion was approved.

WEEKEND SHOW COMMITTEE: Heidi submitted minutes from the committee meeting. Rick submitted a proposed show cost sheet with estimates (balance sheet). **Rick will update the sheets as hard figures come in.**

Heidi made a motion to add barrels and poles Friday Night and Saturday nights at the 4th of July show for the same class fees as follows: ABRA/All Color, Amateur, ABRA open horse, ABRA youth, All Color adult, all color youth, All Color peewee for points (no year end) and ribbons only unless sponsors are found. Kaity supported. Bev opposed. Motion passed.

ETHICS: The new ethics statement was not available for signature. **Betty will email Mike and have request him to have the ethics statements available in the show office for the 2010 board members to sign.**

AWARDS: Tami sent in a proposed awards budget. The proposed budget is \$450 less than last year. Lisa made a motion to accept the budget as presented. Kaitlynn supported the motion and the motion passed. Janet Roberts and Lisa Castle have volunteered to help with year end awards.

JUDGES: Heidi is booking rooms. **Bev will request Paul to have Doug Lasota rent a car at the econo rate (upgrade is his expense) to and from Detroit.**

Lisa made a motion to allow **the executive committee to choose the vet from the quotes Bev presents.** Heidi supported and the motion passed.

STALLION SERVICE SALE: Betty reported that she had four stallions sold: Krymsun in Gold, Vans Bandito Gold, The Classy Kid and RSVP Required. There are five rebreeds from last year.

MEMBERSHIP: Betty reported that she does not intend to replace Deb. Lisa said memberships are coming in and we are near 65 or so. Many more are expected—especially at the first show.

CONGRESS: No Report.

FUTURITY: No report.

SPONSORSHIP: Rick gave us a contact for awards for a discount—The Tack Shack. **Pam accepted the card and will give it to Tami.**

RULES: **John is saying there are 3 rules to be revised. John will be working on dividing the book into 3 sections: Bylaws; Rules; and Procedures.**

PUBLICITY—No report.

BULLET: No report. **Doug Corwin and Bob Nagy need the *Bullet* mailed to them.**

JR BHAM: Nancy reported that they are getting ready to start show season. **Nancy will work with Rick on the cookout plans. The pattern books will be sold out of the office. Heidi will make up the books and Betty will bind them.**

REPRESENTATIVE: Kaity reported that Katie Rich did a fantastic job. Part of the proceeds collected from Stallion Expo will go to JR BHAM and relief for Haiti.

NEW BUSINESS:

Our photography, Tim Finnegan, has our congress contract through 2010.

Tawyna Shephard will be on site as our photographer April, May and at our July show.

Shiawassee has charged \$50 for vendors in the past.

Betty had received an email from Jan Gates. The *Horses of Michigan Magazine* March, 2010 published a photo that was incorrect. Both the text and the photo incorrectly represented the horse and its winnings. **This matter has been given to the Ethics Committee for further review.**

OLD BUSINESS:

Bev asked if we were going to replace Deb D who resigned. Betty stated that at this time she did not think it was necessary. John is already working on getting names for the ballot coming up and Deb would have been one of the names up for re-election. Betty was pleased with how the board was working together and with Lisa Castle and Janet Roberts offering to help with awards she felt that we could make it with our present board until the new board is elected in the fall.

Rick talked about combining the annual meeting with the banquet. That item was tabled.

Nancy didn't have an opportunity to check on the online meetings. The item was tabled.

The Congress dates on the contract were corrected with MSU.

ADJOURNMENT: John made a motion to adjourn; Pam supported and the meeting was adjourned at 2:16 p.m.

The next meeting will be on Sunday, May 2, 2010 @ 12:00 a.m. in Owosso. Heidi will make that arrangement with Linda.