

**BHAM MEETING MINUTES**  
**MAY 3, 2009**  
**RICK ST. ONGE'S MOM'S HOUSE**  
**HOWELL, MICHIGAN**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Betty Crowell  
Paul Ferris

**GUESTS:**

Linda Hull  
Katie Rich

Ray called the meeting to order at 10:22 a.m.

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

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

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Ray said the first show went great—the numbers were tremendous as far as the bottom line.

**VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Rick said the first show went well.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Lisa received the following correspondence from Betty before she left on her trip:

Would like to say what a great show we had!! I was a little disappointed that not all the board members decided to participate in the Sat night supper and went into town to eat. Dinner was a big hit! People who were still in Trail Class came out to ask if we were still going to be serving food after trial because they had purchased tickets. I told them that I would be there until everyone was served. So we served from 6:30pm to 9:30pm.

Also I heard that the lady Ray was talking about at the meeting- left because the people she was suppose to stall with did not come and they had her hay (so she told the office) and not because of going from the indoor to the outdoor arena which was implied at the early morning Sunday meeting.

Lisa requested committee chairs to let her know of any upcoming committee meetings so reminders could be listed in the minutes.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Heidi distributed a treasurer's report. The CD has been cashed and that amount is reflected in the total deposits for April. **Nancy will get Heidi a copy of Quick Books.** Bev made a motion to place the treasurer's report on the record. Kaitlynn supported the motion and it passed. Deb presented a bill for reimbursement of \$41.93 in miscellaneous expenses that stemmed from the 2008 season (with the exception of approximately \$8 for the 2009 show budget). Bev made a motion to reimburse Deb and John supported the motion. The motion passed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Heidi is taking a look at banking fees that we are incurring and will be working with 5/3 bank on those issues.**

John made a motion to reimburse Bev \$341 for judge's airline tickets. Heidi supported the motion and the motion passed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**SSS/FUTURITY:** Betty emailed the following report:

I will not be at the meeting but we have only 4 stallions sold for next year. I am hoping that before June 1<sup>st</sup> that we can sell some more stallions to mare owners. And then hopefully a lot of the stallion owners will purchase their stallions. I have ads in HCN and Saddle Up. These will be the last ads for SSS. I also have a check for Heidi for the 4<sup>th</sup> stallion.

Rick said that Betty will have information about futurity in the June issue of *Horse Circuit News*. Rick needs approval to purchase an additional ½ page ad for the July show. Rick is thinking an additional \$100 for the 3 day show would get the extra ½ page. Lisa made a motion to allow an extra \$100 to be charged to the stallion service sale budget. Kaitlynn approved the motion and it carried.

**WEEKEND SHOWS:** Rick distributed a proposed weekend show budget. **Nancy and Rick will work on a budget in Quick Books.** Rick distributed a balance sheet from the last show which reflected income and expenses directly related to the show.

Rick said that our show insurance is due May 5. The budget is \$843. Rick gave the information to Heidi.

We had 488 entries for Saturday and 448 for entries on Sunday.

**Rick is wondering if we could include information on the Saturday evening meal on the website. Rick said he will have meal tickets at the next show. Nancy said Jr. BHAM would be willing to sell tickets.** Rick said to use the Dina/Rick email contact for him.

Rick said that it was brought to his attention that some exhibitors may be leaving early on Sunday and canceling their trail classes to pull out earlier. He wondered if we should move trail class up on the show bill. After much discussion it doesn't seem feasible to do move the trail classes because of tack changes, etc. **Moving trail to an earlier spot on the show bill could be considered for 2010 shows, however.**

There were complaints about the cleanliness of restrooms and shower doors not latching. **Rick has made some calls to Shiawassee.**

**All late entries are first in the order of go.**

Nancy suggested that we take the language of "indoor arena" off the showbill. Lisa made the motion that we **take "indoor arena" off the show bill (including the website version).** Kaitlynn supported the motion and the motion passed.

Rick received some complaints that too many pee wees were disqualified in the trail class. Rick spoke with the judges on Sunday and attempted to clarify what's expected with the pee wees.

Rick received complaints about the coupon table. **Rick will work on making sure this is appropriately staffed. Rick would like exhibitors to have the ability to use coupons at the concession stand. Rick will follow up on this.**

Rick said JR. BHAM could work with the 4-H club on the dinner together for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July show. Nancy was concerned about getting the kids to serve the meal when they are showing lots of classes. The dinner would occur on Friday. (We show Friday, Saturday and Sunday). There will be two dinners, one Friday night and one Saturday night. **Rick will facilitate a meeting with Nancy and the 4-H show.**

June's Saturday night dinner will be a potluck—BHAM will provide hot dogs and hamburgers. The rest of the meal will be potluck. Any profit realized will be split 60/futurity and 40/Jr. BHAM.

**Rick is working on the possibility of raffling off a donated television or having one given away as a door prize in connection with the purchase of a dinner ticket.**

The computer that crashed is partly under warranty. Devon said we could have a hard drive for \$60 plus his time--\$200 (including the \$60). Nancy would have a loaner if we need it. Lenovo would take 3 to 4 weeks to fix. **Heidi will ship the computer to Nancy to be fixed.**

**No personal fireworks will be allowed on the fairgrounds over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend show and that will be posted on the website.**

**Rick will request that Pam make two signs—both saying "no dogs past this point".**

JR BHAM: Has a fundraiser planned for May.

NEW BUSINESS:

John made a motion to set aside \$5,000 in a certificate of deposit to mature in six months. Bev supported the motion. The motion passed.

Heidi wondered if the board had any suggestions for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place awards for congress. Bev liked the statues. Embroidered coolers were also suggested.

ADJOURNMENT: John made a motion to adjourn; Heidi supported the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 1:39 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: SUNDAY JUNE 28, 2009 @ A LOCATION AND TIME TO BE DETERMINED.