

BHAM MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 28, 2009
MAIN STREET CAFE
ST. JOHNS, MICHIGAN

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ray Warner
Betty Crowell
Lisa Watts
Kaitlynn Watts
John Hull
Bev McCollum
Betty Crowell
Mike Gallegos
Paul Ferris
Rick St. Onge
Heidi Gautz

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Nancy Rich
Deb Dudzinski

GUESTS:

Linda Hull

Ray called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Betty made a motion to approve the May, 2009 minutes; Bev supported. The motion passed.

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT: Linda said she appreciated showing outdoors.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Ray said the shows ran smoothly and the numbers were good. Ray commended the board for doing a great job.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Rick said he believed the shows are going well. He would like to increase the numbers. He is projecting a membership drive for the 2010 season—BHAM Buddies. Rick thought **the board might be willing to explore extending a discount on show fees to members bringing in new members.**

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Lisa passed around the Attendance Sheet for everyone to sign.

Lisa called everyone's attention to meeting courtesies.

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 also mentioned that the judges have been very complementary about our shows—they are run efficiently and smoothly.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Heidi distributed a treasurer's report. Betty made a motion to place the report on the record. Paul supported the motion and the motion passed.

Heidi reported that we have been given a break from 5/3 for any fees. We have no minimum balance requirement.

Heidi purchased a 6 month CD in the amount of \$5,000.

Ray said **Nancy needs 2009 information from Heidi to complete the set up of Quick Books.**

Betty made a motion to pay \$375 bill for computer support to Lindemann & Fox. John supported the motion and it passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

No personal fireworks will be allowed and that information will be posted on the website. The offender will be evicted per Shiawassee County Fairground rules.

Rick reported that raffling off a television probably won't be feasible. A GPS device, however, is more feasible.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

AWARDS: Deb is getting prices on bronzes for Congress. We are short ribbons and **Deb needs to make a purchase to cover ribbons.** John made a motion to approve \$1000.00 for the purchase of ribbons for weekend shows. Kaitlynn supported the motion and the motion awards. Bev opposed the motion.

Ray received an email from Shannon Marg. She wanted a new chair back from her director's chair. **Rick will call JJ Jingleheimer in this regard. Ray is hoping to deliver it to her at the world show.**

Deb will order a replacement futurity ribbon for Tracy Gibson Tucker.

JR BHAM: The champagne ride was fun. More fun classes are planned for July. There may be another "rock" party.

Kaitlynn said we have two reps running—Katie Rich and Nichole Brandimore.

Kaitlynn said the cling-ons with the BHAM logo sold well.

Susan is unable to attend the world show. April Estrada will be attend from BHAM and will compete in the world show for the representative. Casey DeVooght will also be competing at the world show for youth representative. The Board is thrilled to see both girls competing.

JUDGES/DRUG TESTING: Bev said drug testing was conducted at the last show and no issues have arisen to date.

POINTS: Heidi reported that the points are done.

BULLET: No report.

BANQUET: No report.

LTA: Bev has received no new names for consideration. **She will be working with Sharon Pratt on the Lifetime Achievement Award.**

SPONSORSHIP: No report.

SSS/FUTURITY: Betty reported that we have 5 stallions sold. One mare is not in foal. (There will be a rebreed.) Letters will go out to the stallion owners who did not sell their breeding to buy it back at \$275. The deadline is October 1—declaring the mare as well. The 2010 breeding contracts will go out shortly.

Betty has gotten her computer back and will be working on futurity slots.

Rick said we need to approve the futurity budget. Rick said he needs roughly \$3,000 this year. **All Board members should be looking for sponsors.**

WEEKEND SHOWS: Rick stated the men's restroom was somewhat better. Rick said there were no complaints about shower doors at the last show.

Nancy and Rick will work on a budget in Quick Books.

Rick will request that Pam make two signs—no dogs past this point.

JR BHAM: Has a fundraiser planned for May.

Rick said the 50/50 went well.

Rick suggested raffle tickets for a GPS.

Bev will take care of coupons/ribbons at the stall office.

Heidi reported that we have sold 120 stalls to date for the July show.

CONGRESS: Ray spoke with Ken McClellan said the figure last year would be fine plus a green coat with BHAM logo/Congress. Rick stated the budget should be about the same as last year's budget.

TRAIL: Several of the judges have commented that our trail patterns are very complex.

RULES: No report.

PUBLICITY: Lisa received a solicitation from a member saying that she is interested in doing advertisements for us. This information was given to Rick.

Erica Utz wanted to send Shome information to our memberships. The board took no action.

Erica Utz also requested a link to our website. Bev moved that we offer website links to other ABRA affiliated entities where reciprocity is included. Rick supported the motion. The motion passed.

Nancy will add Shome to our website links.

NOMINATIONS: Up for reelection for two-year terms are Rick, Paul, Mike, Bev, Chris, Bill, and Ray. Ray is not rerunning. Up for reelection for one-year terms are Lisa and Heidi.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bev said Deb had mentioned supplying ABRA with an item for the youth auction at the world show in Tulsa. Rick made a motion that **if Deb doesn't come up with an auction item to allocate \$100 to Bev to purchase Michigan-made products at the world show youth auction.** Paul supported the motion and the motion passed.

Rick wondered about advertising in the world show publication for \$100. The ad would be reflecting congress information. Heidi said there are no ads sold to date at the world show level. The board took no action.

Rick and Ray wondered about providing dinner at the world show as we have done in the past. **Ray said he would help prepare and serve the exhibitor's dinner.**

Paul made a motion to allocate \$400 to **Rick St. Onge to supply dinner supplies for the world show.** Mike supported the motion. The motion passed. Heidi dissented.

Lisa will ask Nancy about upgrading Word on her laptop.

Ray reported that Bill Cox has resigned from the board.

ADJOURNMENT: Heidi made a motion to adjourn; Bev supported and the meeting was adjourned at 3:39 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Sunday August 2, 2009 @ 10:00 at MSU.