

**BHAM MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 2, 2009
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
EAST LANSING, MICHIGAN**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Betty Crowell
Lisa Watts
Kaitlynn Watts
John Hull
Betty Crowell
Paul Ferris
Rick St. Onge
Heidi Gautz
Mike Gallegos
Deb Dudzinski
Nancy Rich

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ray Warner
Bev McCollum

GUESTS:

Linda Hull
Carol Kasper

Rick called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Paul made a motion to approve the June, 2009 minutes with corrections; Betty supported. The motion passed.

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT: Brittney Wells' horse, Classy Dun Doll, passed away. Betty sent the DeVooght family a card thanking them for the meat donation for the July show.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Rick said that Ray told him that BHAM was well represented at the world show.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Rick said we made \$2,000 on the June show; on the July show we made \$3,600 and had 1143 entries. 40% of the entries were buckskin. Rick made an application to have a palomino show with our 2010 July show. Rick indicated that this had not been approved by the board but that he made the application reserving BHAM's right to exercise this option if we chose to do so.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Lisa passed around the Attendance Sheet for everyone to sign. **Lisa will send a card to Brittney. Nancy will put something on the website for Classy Dun Doll.**

The Board went into closed session at 10:23 a.m. The Board resumed open session at 10:50.

Lisa said we were in receipt of correspondence from Ms. Joyce Garrison thanking us for the thoughtful gift for her garden.

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.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Heidi distributed a treasurer's report. Deb made a motion to place the report on the record. Betty supported the motion and the motion passed. Quick Books is loaded and more detailed reports should be coming in September.

OLD BUSINESS:

Rick has followed up with JJ Jingleheimer. JJ Jingleheimer couldn't find Shannon's Order from 2007. **Lisa will draft a letter for Ray's signature advising Shannon that we cannot accommodate her.**

Deb had ordered Tracy Gibson Tucker's futurity ribbon and Ray has it.

Nancy said we would be happy to link to ShoMe once we are linked to ShoMe's website.

Rick came in way under budget for the world show dinner.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AWARDS: No report.

JR BHAM: There was discussion about doing a Calcutta auction with Jr. BHAM as a fundraiser. **Kaitlynn will get an added prize for the come-as-you-are-hands-free showmanship class for Friday night after futurity.**

Kaitlynn said the board interview went well with our Jr. BHAM representative. Katie rich is running for our representative for 2010. **Kaitlynn said the contest is still underway.**

Nancy mentioned that Jr. BHAM Committee will be working on year-end awards.

Nancy said the JR BHAM costume classes will happen Saturday and Sunday during lunch at the August show.

Nancy said a 50/50 raffle is also a possibility for the August show.

SSS/FUTURITY: Betty reported that she has two 2010 contracts so far. Letters have gone out to stallion owners. Breeding numbers are down with the economic recession.

Rick had a long discussion with Ray regarding showcasing futurity. The Congress budget will include a line item for futurity for income and expenses.

WEEKEND SHOWS: Saturday night dinners have been awesome at the Shiawassee County facility.

JUDGES/DRUG TESTING: No report.

POINTS: Heidi said points are current.

BULLET: Nancy is working on the *Bullet*. **Lisa will work on an article for the next edition.**

BANQUET: Lisa wondered if we could do something other than an auction. Deb suggested a raffle with tickets/fishbowls. The board responded favorably to this idea.

LTA: No report.

SPONSORSHIP: ALL BOARD MEMBERS NEED TO WORK TO GET SPONSORSHIPS.

CONGRESS: Rick presented a proposed budget. Heidi made a motion to accept the budget. Deb supported the motion. Motion passed.

Paul made a motion to have embroidered coolers for first place. Kaitlynn supported the motion. The motion passed.

Kaitlynn made a motion to have 2nd place to be a bag or a platter—whichever is least expensive. John supported the motion. The motion passed.

Heidi will work on a director's chair for Congress Weekend High Point and Reserve Congress Weekend High Point.

Rick will work on a congress dinner. Rick would like Pizza on Thursday for trail.

Tim Finnegan is booked for Congress. Tim also anticipates being able to have an assistant at Congress to capture some action photos.

TRAIL: No report.

RULES: No report.

PUBLICITY: No report.

NOMINATIONS: Rick will rerun for a 2 year term. Heidi will rerun for a 1 year treasurer position. Lisa will rerun for a 1 year Secretary position. Paul is not rerunning. Nancy is rerunning for 2 years. Ray is not rerunning. Mike is rerunning for 2 year position. We also have 2 vacant two-year positions.

NEW BUSINESS: Nancy was concerned about printing the pattern books timely. Heidi had a proposal for next year—**the show committee will choose 15 or 20 patterns for 2010. The office staff will randomly select the patterns for the show each show day.** No patterns will be reused in the same show season. The pattern books will sell for \$10 at the first show and the price will be dropped \$2 at each show thereafter.

ADJOURNMENT: John made a motion to adjourn; Heidi supported and the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Sunday, September 13, 2009 at 10:00 at Main Street Café in St. Johns.