

**BHAM MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 13, 2009
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
EAST LANSING, MICHIGAN**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Betty Crowell
Deb Dudzynski

GUESTS:

Linda Hull

Ray called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

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

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT: None

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Ray said that we have secured the south barn this year for congress. We only pay for the stalls we use. We will definitely need the stalls.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Rick said he attended an open meeting two weeks ago with 47th District State Representative Cindy Denby who is co-chair of the Michigan Equine Caucus. She is trying to bring to light that the state has approximately 12,000 jobs connected with the equine industry. Rick was thinking the state representative could have a booth at Congress. This would potentially draw news media coverage.

John made a motion to invite the representative to congress. Paul supported and the motion passed.

There are 52 entries for Futurity at this point. In 2007 we had 40 entries. We have 300 congress entries. We have 297 stalls sold.

Rick said that there is a possibility that Lenawee County Mounted Division will be at Congress on Friday night to present the flags.

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

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. She was unable to generate the reports in Quick Books. She has an old manual. Bev made a motion to place the report on the record. Paul supported the motion and the motion passed.

Heidi said she has a \$20 filing fee due to the state for our non-profit status. Heidi has a bill due for \$165 to Michigan Horse Council for the vendor space at the Stallion Expo. Paul made a motion to pay the bills. Bev supported the motion and it passed.

Lisa will write a letter to the delinquent check writer giving her 20 days to respond. Failing a response Heidi will pursue an action with the appropriate prosecutor's office.

OLD BUSINESS:

John made a motion to give Shannon Marg a check for \$100 for the value of the chairs that she is unhappy with chair backs from the 2007 year-end award. Paul supported the motion and the motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AWARDS: No report.

JR BHAM: Lisa has gotten an additional prize for the Jr. BHAM hands-free showmanship class. Nancy reported that she has been working on year-end awards. The group has decided on sweat shirts and sweat pants based on attendance and volunteerism. The awards were based more on participation rather than on placings. Jr. BHAM has raised to date approximately \$2,944.30. Kaitlynn made a motion to allow Jr. BHAM to spend not more than \$1,400 of their money for participation awards.

Rick said that it is time Jr. BHAM have their checking account. We will be making this transaction happen in November.

There were no applicants for the scholarship. We need to advertise it more next year.

SSS/FUTURITY: Betty sent a report in. She has three contracts for the 2010 sale. She has several verbals over the phone. She wants to know whether it is worth publishing at congress. John made a motion to have an additional stall to advertise SSS. Paul supported and the motion passed.

Heidi reported that the awards have been ordered.

The judge has been secured. Rick will send a formal contract to her. She is bringing an apprentice.

WEEKEND SHOWS: Rick said we had a NSF check. This person bounced twice. Our rule says cash or certified money order for the rest of the duration. That is actually an ABRA show.

Rick wondered about having our August show in Mt. Pleasant. The board did not respond favorably.

Rick did apply for the Palamino hoping that we would get a draw from Ohio. Rick suggested having a solid colored paint horse show in the lower pen at the 4th of July show. This will be referred back to the weekend show committee for more research.

JUDGES/DRUG TESTING: Bev said that there were no hot tests.

POINTS: Heidi said that the points are done. They are not on the website.

JR BHAM REPRESENTATIVE: Kaity will put together the lunch program for the JR BHAM Representative.

BULLET: Everyone appreciates the editions that Nancy is doing. She would like to include weekend show high points in the *Bullet*.

BANQUET: Heidi said we are locked in the Sheridan.

LTA: Betty reported that she has one viable name. There are horses that have been nominated in the past. This is awarded at Banquet. The nominations committee seeks nominations. Paul, Sharon and Bev serve on the committee. The nominees will be presented at the December or January meeting.

SPONSORSHIP: Some sponsorships are trickling in.

CONGRESS: Betty said she has three business cards. She will print 9/26 and 9/27. The front page will have colored pictures of the representative.

Judges are no longer at the Waterford. They will be staying at the Sheridan. Rick got rental cars. All three judges are flying into Detroit on Wednesday night. The rental car vouchers will be sent to Don Coates. We are responsible for tax on the vouchers.

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For clarification purposes the following applies:

At congress you may longe a 2 year old. Because the class is in time BEFORE the futurity show, the 2 year old may be ridden at futurity. You are not able to ride the 2 year at the congress show. These are two separate shows.

Heidi reported that Karen Waite is working on scribes.

Ray will contact Lorna Meis to see if she will come and present the award for the trail class.

Packets will be provided to exhibitors when they bring their stall cards to the office.

Bev will check in horses in the parking area as far as coggins and out of state health certificates.

Betty submitted some ideas for gifts for judges at congress. Rick said we have \$1,300 left in the budget for judges.

Thursday night pizza will be provided. BYOB. It's in our budget.

Saturday night we will provide an exhibitor's dinner. Baked chicken, ribs, potatoes, chocolate cake.

The trail pattern is complex.

Nancy will put an ad in the *Bullet* requesting class sponsorships of \$100 each.

We will be having a long line sweepstakes (cash only) Calcutta—the last class on Friday. Class 43A.

We need someone to pull together the lunchtime program.

NOMINATIONS: John reported the following:

Rick will rerun for a 2 year term.

Heidi will rerun for treasurer.

Jill Kursinsky is running for treasurer.

Lisa will rerun for secretary.

Deb is running for secretary.

Paul is rerunning for a two-year term.

Bev is rerunning for a two-year term.

Mike is rerunning for a two-year term.

Nancy is rerunning for a two-year term.

Tammy Thornton is running a two year term.

Paul made a motion to accept the nominations. Bev supported the motion and it passed.

PUBLICITY: We will not advertise in October.

NEW BUSINESS:

The PO Box renewal charge of \$30 is due. Paul moved that we pay the renewal bill. John supported the motion and it carried.

Paul made a motion to allow Bev to hire judges. John supported the motion. There was discussion.

ADJOURNMENT: John made a motion to adjourn; Kaitlynn supported and the meeting was adjourned at 2:03 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held October 18, 2009.

The Annual meeting will be November 14, 2009 at MSU 10 a.m.