

**BHAM MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 18, 2009
MAIN STREET CAFE
SAINT JOHNS, MICHIGAN**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Deb Dudzinski
Kaitlynn Watts

GUESTS:

Linda Hull

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: John made a motion to approve the September, 2009 minutes; Paul supported. The motion passed.

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT: None

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Ray said congress went well.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: No report.

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.

Lisa reminded everyone that annual reports are due to her via email by November 5, 2009. If your report is not in you may expect to receive not-so-subtle reminders.

Lisa reported that of all the ballots that we mailed only one came back with a bad address—that was immediately corrected and resent.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Heidi distributed a treasurer's report. Betty made a motion to place the report on the record. Michael supported the motion and the motion passed. The \$5,000 CD will mature on November 2. The CD will be cashed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Lisa will be in contact with Heidi in connection with the bounced check.

Paul made a motion to allow Bev to hire the 2010 show season. John supported the motion. Heidi objected. The motion carried.

DRUG TESTING: Heidi made a motion to accept the drug testing committee's recommendation to take no action on the first two hot tests. Motion carried. Closed session ended at 11:40 a.m.

John made a motion to accept the recommendation of the drug testing committee as follows:

1. Payment of \$500 fine to be paid before the horse owner/exhibitor be allowed to attend any BHAM function.
2. All awards and premiums and monies awarded be returned to BHAM for redistribution before the horse owner/exhibitor (together or separately) be allowed to attend any BHAM function.
3. The horse owner and or exhibitor be banned from attending, entering or exhibiting the 2010 BHAM Congress.

Paul supported the motion and the motion passed. Nancy and Mike dissented.

Lisa will draft a letter to Gord Wadds for Ray's signature.

JR BHAM: Heidi was asked about placings for Jr. BHAM teams. Nancy had said that the placings were participation only.

SSS/FUTURITY: Betty said Heidi and she will work on payouts that will include late fees and added money. Betty picked up 5 new stallions. She will put a November ad in *Saddle Up*. She has about 12 contracts left and she will need to print more contracts. She will need to include printing fees for contracts in the 2010 budget.

There were complaints regarding the futurity judge—her opinions may have been questionable. Her ability to add score sheets was at issue—even with an assisting. Out of a scale of 1 to 10 no dun factor horse scored above a 3 for conformation.

WEBSITE: Nancy said that there is an issue with the way the photos are being loaded under weekend shows. Nancy would like to have a copy of the contract vendor.

JUDGES/DRUG TESTING: Bev said

JR BHAM REPRESENTATIVE: Heidi was approached by Susan and Jane expressing displeasure about their experience Thursday evening.

BANQUET: The Sheridan Inn has been sold and is now known as the Lexington Inn. **Nancy will get the date on the website.**

CONGRESS: Heidi distributed a congress budget. There was discussion about the judge's fees. Heidi suggested a couple of gates to stop cross traffic on entry to the show pen. The coolers were well received.

Heidi said she has additional coolers and picture frames. The awards will be offered on the website \$85 for the cooler and \$25 for picture frame plus shipping made available only to class winners. Checks will be made payable to BHAM to Heidi.

John made a motion to make sweepstakes money to be paid out to the showmanship and western pleasure \$100 each. Paul supported the motion and the motion carried.

Ken was wonderful. He had a multitude of questions regarding announcing, etc. It is suggested that we clarify those questions BEFORE he arrives for congress. Betty needs an additional \$60 for a belt buckle that needs to go out for an award.

Bev has been contacted about having a live webcam. She has the contact numbers.

The drug testing clinic would like to sponsor a class to advertise in our congress brochure.

NOMINATIONS: John reported that he has about 25 ballots that have been returned.

ADJOURNMENT: John made a motion to adjourn and Paul supported the motion. The motion passed.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be our annual meeting and will be held on November 14, 2009 at MSU 10 a.m.