

**BHAM MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 13, 2008
SPORTS CREEK RACEWAY**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ray Warner
Heidi Gautz
Rick St. Onge
Lisa Watts
Deborah Dudzinski
Betty Crowell
Paul Ferris
Bev McCollum
Nancy Rich
Bill Cox

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Rick Heimbuck
Chris Holbin
Andy Hart
Mike Gallegos

GUESTS:

Susan Avery
Jane Avery
John Hull
Kaitlynn Watts
Dale Gautz
Linda Hull

Rick called the meeting to order at 5:11 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Deb made a motion to approve the October, 2008 minutes; Heidi supported. The minutes were approved as corrected.

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Ray said that he is looking forward to the 2009 show season. Ray encouraged folks to follow through with their commitments to the Board. Ray also said to keep in mind that we are here for the betterment of the club as a whole.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Rick stated that he got the contracts in the mail from Shiawassee County Fairgrounds and he will forward them to Ray to sign. Lisa requested Ray to forward a copy of the signed contract to the Show Secretary and the Board Secretary for record keeping. Rick said that we had our annual elections last month. Heidi Gautz is our Treasurer. Lisa Watts will be the Secretary. Two-year term board members elected were Deb Dudzinski, John Hull, Kaitlynn Watts and Betty Crowell. Susan Avery is our 2009 BHAM Youth Representative.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Lisa reported that she has received a few 2009 memberships. Lisa also reported that she received two show secretary bids.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Heidi submitted a treasurer's report. Paul made a motion to place the audit documents/treasurer's report on the record. Deb supported. Motion carried. Paul made a motion to pay the web host statement and Bill supported. The motion carried. **Heidi is getting the information ready to go to the account for the annual audit.** It looks like the bill will be under \$1,000 for the auditing services.

SHOW COMMITTEE: Rick said that he received an email requesting walk-trot trail classes. Deb explained more on this subject. Deb moved that we add walk trot trail for the peewees, walk trot trail for the novice division, charging \$5.00 to add the High Point /Reserve High Point for the weekend novice. Pee Wee Highpoint would remain at no charge. Paul seconded. Motion passed.

Rick said for the 4th of July weekend he tried to get some cattle classes, but the fences will not hold cattle. It would be cost prohibitive to have a stock company come in.

Rick also talked with the Palomino Horse Association and he spoke with Brent Harnish. The Palomino folks will sanction the show. Rick also spoke with Dutch Guthrie. Rick never got a return call from Jennifer. Brent said that if there is no show within 250 miles from us we have the green light. There is a show in Findley, Ohio and that is within the 250 miles. **Rick is still working on the proposed idea of a Palomino classes to be held at our show.** Rick explained that we would advertise this as a Palomino show as well. The Michigan Palomino group may disband. Bev suggested that we could do a mailing to Palomino members to encourage attendance.

WEEKEND SHOWS: Heidi distributed an '08 show bill for review. Deb made a motion that we switch the Western Riding for Reining for ABRA and All Color. Heidi seconded. The motion passed.

Heidi and Dale left the meeting during discussions centered on show secretary bids. Paul made a motion to accept the bid proposal from Heidi and Pam Wells with the exclusion of the relocation of the PO Box provision. Bill seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Ray said that he spoke with Mark Russell about adding open junior and senior horse classes. Trainers would not be showing against their customers. Mark also suggested adding a novice non-pro class. ABRA does not have a classification for that. That would create an enforcement issue for BHAM. ABRA could instigate this initially. No action was taken.

Ray said that if at all possible we could try and avoid the Apple Blossom shows.

There was discussion about adding performance halter horse classes. Participants must have an ROM in the division. Nancy made a motion to leave the show bill as is. Betty supported and the motion passed.

SPONSORSHIP/PUBLICITY: Paul reported that the contract is up with *Saddle Up*. Rick made a motion to utilize *Horse Circuit News* as our official publication for 2009. Heidi supported the motion. The motion passed.

Deb will send out thank you's for sponsors. Free tickets have gone out to the sponsors who earned them.

LTA: Heidi made a motion to send the **lifetime achievement requirements back to the committee for more work.** Bill supported and the motion passed.

Paul had received two horse nominations for the geldings. Both geldings were voted on with a vote of 5 to 3. Bev moved to award Royal Inspiration the Lifetime Achievement Award. Lisa supported. The motion passed.

RULES: Paul emailed the rules in advance. **Paul will make certain that any rules stated on our showbill will be added to our rulebook.** Lisa made a motion to accept the rulebook as written with the exception of the rule to include past presidents on executive committee and the addition of any showbill rules to be reflected in the rulebook as well. Betty supported the motion and it passed. There was discussion about posting the rules online. **Betty agreed that she could print 100 copies.** Heidi made a motion to put the rulebook online once it has been updated. Deb supported and the motion passed.

BANQUET: Heidi reported that ticket sales are trickling in. Ray reported that he has spoken with Ken from Quarter Horse and he is not available for that weekend.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business. **Ray requested that members fill out their committee interest sheet and return them to Rick.** Bev has hired all of the 2009 judges. Classifieds are currently run for free. **Information will be run in the Bullet about classifieds.**

OLD BUSINESS: Deb checked on the Verizon card and Judy's old phone. We need a new phone number and new contract. **Deb will come back with quotes from different providers for wireless internet cards and cell phones for the show secretary and the board secretary.**

ADJOURNMENT: Heidi made a motion to adjourn; Betty supported and the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

The next meeting will be Sunday, January 25, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the Sheraton Hotel.