

**BUCKSKIN HORSE ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN
2008 ANNUAL MEETING
AGENDA
SHIAWASSEE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
CORUNNA, MICHIGAN
NOVEMBER 16, 2008**

Ray called the meeting to order at 10:19 a.m. Ray welcomed everyone.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was none.

BHAM MEMBERS PRESENT:

Leona Long

BHAM BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ray Warner
Rick St. Onge
Lisa Watts
Heidi Gautz
Deb Dudzinski
Bev McCollum
Chris Holbin
Nancy Rich
Betty Crowell

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Paul Ferris
Rick Heimback
Mike Gallegos
Bill Cox
Andy Hart

GUESTS PRESENT:

Kendra St. Onge
Kaitlynn Watts

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Ray said that he had no report.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Rick said that he was looking forward to year-end reports and thanked everyone for their time to make BHAM successful. After Congress

there were some unhappy folks; but, the most members were excited and were very pleased. Rick said that you try to do the best by the majority of the people but we also try to be mindful of the concerns of everyone.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Lisa reported that this was a transition year as it was the first time in recent years that the show secretary position and the board secretary position were split. There were technology challenges in posting minutes to the website as people are using different versions of Word, etc. Discussions are ongoing about resolving those issues. We grew by 22 memberships over the records available from last year. That is amazing given the economy.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Betty made a motion to approve expenses to reimburse Deb \$93.38 for postage and ink. Rick supported the motion and the motion. Heidi will ship information at the end of the year to our auditor, Christy Comstock, to being the 2008 audit. Deb made a motion to place the October Treasurer's report on the record. Betty supported the motion and the motion passed.

ABRA REPORT: Bev reported that the annual meeting was in Reno last week. She said the meeting was good. Financial questions were answered. The World Show made approximately \$21,000. ABRA is sound. There was a request from an attorney representing ABRA and PHBA requesting a possible merger. The Board did not wish to pursue a merger. Local clubs could take them on board if they wish. ABRA has approved six new judges—two are near us geographically. There were no color contentions this year. The ABRA youth came out of the world show raising \$3,000 for the scholarship fund. BHAM played a large part in raising some of that money. The Honor Roll will be published soon—there was a late show in November. There was talk about ordering trophies instead of plaques for supreme. Sharon Pratt will mail out new ABRA rule books.

Rule changes as of January 1, 2009:

Grand and Reserve point keeping has changed.

Trail class has been clarified: a zero score and a disqualified are the same.

Western riding has two new patterns added.

Performance halter has been added (open classes) to youth and amateur classes.

The World Show program is ready to go and will appear on the website.

ABRA has split amateur 3 and over and 2 and under.

ABRA clarified that youth can show stallions in open classes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AWARDS: Deb stated that she was \$1,999.04 under budget. The award letters have gone out. December 11 is the return date. Plaques may be available at banquet for major sponsors. Deb is interested in exploring medallions/trophies for next year. Lorna was pleased with the Roye Meis trail classes.

WEBSITE: Deb would like more training. Nancy Rich would like to help with the committee.

JR BHAM: Heidi reported financial information for Jr. BHAM. Kaitlynn asked about JR BHAM receiving back number profits. Ray explained that JR BHAM was not absorbing any expenses. Youth memberships are given to JR BHAM and a percentage of general memberships are given to JR BHAM.

JUDGES: Bev reported that she would like to have the show schedule to finalize hiring of judges. Bev commented that she starts hiring judges in September and wants to be kept advised. She has all judges hired with the exception of three. She is pleased so far. She said to expect their contracts to increase slightly. Decreasing gas prices are definitely helping us out. Judges has positive statements about working with our ring stewards and the show staff. Bev ended up way under budget for the 2008 show season.

DRUG TESTING:

Bev said that the big difference is the upper limits of allowable medications. ABRA, specifically Sharon Pratt, is to be commended for her hard work on this rule. The new drug testing rules are nearly verbatim for AQHA.

POINTS:

Heidi stated that the points are done and the letters have been sent.

BHAM REPRESENTATIVE:

Heidi reported that Susan Avery has been selected as the 2008/2009 JR. BHAM representative. Her term runs from congress to congress.

BULLET:

No report.

BANQUET:

Heidi reported that the menu selections need to be accomplished. Chris made a motion to set the cost at \$25 for adults and \$10 for kids. BHAM will absorb the remainder. Deb supported and the motion passed. Ray is working on securing a guest for banquet.

LTA:

Paul is not here to report. Betty said they are looking at a couple of horses. Applications have been advertised.

ETHICS: Lisa reported that the Board has requested the assistance of the Ethics Committee twice this year. The Ethics Committee has reviewed the matters and had made recommendations to the Board in connection with those requests.

SPONSORSHIP:

Paul is not here to report.

SSS/FUTURITY: Betty reported that the economy is slow and breeding is down. We sold 6 sold stallions out of the 34. Betty, with board approval, sent letters out to stallion owners advising them that they could purchase their breeding back for \$275 total. Ten stallions total sold for 2008. One stallion was gelded (Fahrenheit). MDS Yellow Cruiser had passed away due to colic. The list for 2009 looks good.

The total payout for 4 classes was \$5,023.20.

We paid out in cash and prizes in excess of \$11,000.

WEEKEND SHOWS:

Heidi presented a final accounting for the weekend show budgets. Overall we made \$13,280.39 for weekend shows.

CONGRESS:

A total show budget was distributed which showed a net profit of \$6,955.95.

ELECTION RESULTS:

Ray reported the following:

42 ballots were returned.

2 year terms:

John Hull 25

Todd Gates 19

Betty Crowell 41

Deb 27

Kaitlynn 26

Jan Gates—1 write in

Betty, Deb, Kaitlynn, John were elected to the board for 2 year terms.

Secretary---Lisa 42

Treasurer—Heidi 41

Lisa was elected for a one year term as Secretary and Heidi was elected to serve for one year as Treasurer

Sportsperson of the Year nominations included:

Tom Garr

Heidi

Rick St. Onge

Kris Teelander

Lisa Castle

Diana Snider

Ingrid Hutchins

Ray Warner

Stephanie Freeland

The Entire Board

Kaitlynn Watts

Judy Heimbuck

The winner was Heidi Gautz. Rick St. Onge was runner up.

Deb made a motion supported to destroy the ballots. Bev supported and the motion passed.

TRAIL:

Deb said she would get the patterns and Rick will handle set up/tear down.

RULES:

Ray will see if Paul will send out proposed rule changes in advance of the December meeting.

PUBLICITY:

Advertising totaled approximately \$8,000. Ray said we may have three bids for 2009.

NEW BUSINESS:

Betty suggested a new fundraiser for JR BHAM—rope halters.

DECEMBER MEETING:

Rick said that Sports Creek is not geared to having a meeting facility. We could have a one-hour meeting. Costs would be around \$22/per person which would include a group photo, entry fees, program, advertisement in their program for the evening, and a buffet. There may be a parking fee. The meeting would be Saturday, December 13. Rick will be checking on how early we can get into the facility.

ADJOURNMENT:

Heidi made a motion to adjourn. Bev supported and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 2:16 p.m.