

BHAM MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 3, 2008  
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

The attendance sheet is attached and incorporated herein by reference.

Ray called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Deb made a motion to approve the January minutes; Betty supported. The minutes were approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: The website is up and functional. There are some additional things that will be loaded to make it complete. Judy has been working on it. There are a few banquet tickets left. Budgets are being submitted.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: The following written report was submitted:

*1) I would like to thank all the show committee members that attended the very productive meeting on Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup> of January, 2008. I am very confident that this meeting has set the tone for the fun, and camaraderie to be had by all this show season!!! It is going to be a pleasure working with you all. Judy has a copy of the 2008 weekend show budget. She will review it with the board.*

*2) The 2008 Moonlight Futurity budget is (WIP) work in progress, and will be ready for the March meeting.*

*3) I would like to give one of the board members some recognition for her outstanding work with our sponsors. Deb D. has been burning the midnight oil and doing a "WICKED GOOD JOB". Thank you very much for all your time, energy, efforts, and enthusiasm.*

*I'll see everyone at the banquet.*

*Regards,*

*Rick St. Onge*

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Lisa reported that memberships are coming in.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Heidi submitted a treasurer's report. Deb made a motion to reimburse the Heimbucks for the PO Box expense in the amount of \$36.00. Betty supported it and the motion passed. Betty made a motion to place the Treasurer's report on the record. Deb supported and the motion passed.

SHOW COMMITTEE: Judy said that the show committee is made up of folks who work at the shows. Judy submitted a proposed show committee budget. Bev made a motion to approve the weekend show budget. Nancy supported the motion and the motion passed

CONGRESS: Bev made a motion to add ABRA select classes and division to the 2008 BHAM congress and to eliminate the all color select classes at congress for 2008. Heidi supported the motion. The motion passed.

Bev made a motion that everything in connection with the Roye Meis trail class will fall under the Trail Committee. Heidi supported the motion. The motion passed.

Betty moved to approve the Congress budget and Bev supported. The motion passed.

Mike agreed to look into a BHAM phone for Judy's use.

Judy presented her Congress sealed bid.

Heidi received a suggestion to include a space on the pre-entry forms to receive the pattern books. Judy will follow up on this.

WEEKEND SHOWS: Judy will submit her Show Secretary job description after the first show.

FUTURITY: Betty reported that the budget is in the works.

STALLION SERVICE SALE: Betty distributed her report for 2007. She is hoping for a payout of \$5,000 this year. Paul moved to approve the stallion service budget and Bev supported. The motion passed. Three stallions are sold—two weeks into the sale. Betty received an email question from a stallion owner wondering why advertising was dropped from *Saddle Up*. Betty stated that if no contract is received; no advertising will follow.

JUDGES: Bev submitted proposed budgets for Weekend Shows and Congress. Lisa moved to approve the weekend show budget. Betty supported the motion and the motion passed. Betty moved to accept the Congress budget for judges as amended. Heidi supported. The motion passed.

DRUG TESTING: Bev submitted a proposed budget. Paul made a motion to approve the budget. Betty supported the motion and the motion passed.

AWARDS: Deb distributed an award budget. Rick H. moved to approve the awards budget as submitted. Mike supported the motion and the motion passed.

SPONSORSHIP/PUBLICITY: Donations from sponsors may qualify as business expenses.

WEBSITE: Dan trained Judy in connection with updating the website. The photo gallery section isn't in place yet. The sponsorship information will also appear on the website. Permissions will be granted to update information. Judy will follow up.

POINTS: No report.

RULES: Paul reported that the Rules Committee will bring rules for approval by the March meeting. Email Paul with any suggested rule changes.

NOMINATION: No report.

BULLET: Judy is working on. Jenna Gallegos worked on the Bullet also. Nancy has the software and will get it to Jenna and Judy. There was discussion regarding proofreading.

BANQUET: Paul made a motion to award a special recipient a 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary belt buckle. Deb supported the motion and the motion passed. Ray is working on some tentative guest speakers. Two tickets will be awarded to the guest speakers and to the *Saddle Up* folks. Heidi said that 126 tickets are spoken for. At present 70 tickets are still available. Joe has agreed to be the auctioneer.

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT: Paul had two horses nominated this year. Neither horse is eligible. Deb made a motion to vote by email on this award. Betty supported. Deb withdrew her motion. Lisa made a motion that no recipients be awarded the 2007 award. Deb supported the motion and the motion passed.

REPRESENTATIVE CONTEST: Brytnee wondered about soliciting vendors for the current year's representative instead of the next year's representative. Heidi volunteered to submit a rule change to this effect.

JR. BHAM: No report. Ray asked to see a copy of their budget.

TRAIL: Deb had some awesome ideas in connection with a trail contest. Deb will follow up on this. Rick S. is still negotiating the Gate donation from CMHA.

ETHICS: The ethics agreement will be mailed to each board member for each member's signature.

EVENTS COORDINATOR: Rick St. Onge and Jenny Gallegos may be interested.

NEW BUSINESS: Deb presented her groom and groomette ideas. Deb will follow up on this.

Ray reported that Scott offered to let us out of the April show and June show for \$750 minus the deposit of \$150 for \$600 for each show. Scott will hold the dates for 2009 shows until after our June, 2008 show.

Paul presented a price list from Horse Circuit News. For a full page ad the price is \$295 or \$325 if it is late. Half pages are available for \$179.00. Paul wondered about an ad for weekend shows. It seemed that maybe additional advertising would be more appropriate for slots and congress. Paul will get the dates to several magazines that will advertise our shows for free in the events section of their publications.

Betty is in receipt of an email of a horse benefit for Horse Haven. They are requesting donations and class sponsors in exchange for advertising. Bev made a motion to donate \$100 to Horse Haven as a follow up to last year's Jr. BHAM donation. Rick supported the motion. Motion passed.

Judy mentioned that there is classified space on the website. Members will be offered free ads on the website.

Paul is in receipt of a claiming division's show bill. This may be something to take a look at in connection with the futurity. Paul will give the information to Rick St. Onge.

Bev and Rick S. are going to attend the IBHA convention.

#### OLD BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS:

Heidi got quotes for new board shirts of \$26 per shirt. Betty moved to purchase 2 board shirts for each member and show staff shirts. Deb supported the motion and motion passed. Heidi will order the shirts.

Ray has a tentative commitment from Jim Postma (last year's gate guy), that he will be coming to work at the 2008 shows.

Paul wants volunteers for Stallion Expo. Email Paul by Wednesday if you are available. Deb made a motion to allow Heidi/Judy \$50 to purchase photo frames. Bev supported. The motion passed. Heidi and/or Judy will pick up picture frames for the expo.

Paul made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:07. Deb supported and the motion passed.

The next meeting is Sunday, March 2 at MSU at 12:00.

Submitted by

Lisa Watts  
2008 BHAM Board Secretary