

BHAM MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 5, 2009
SHIAWASSEE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
CORUNNA, MICHIGAN

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ray Warner
Lisa Watts
Bill Cox
Kaitlynn Watts
John Hull
Deb Dudzinski
Bev McCollum
Betty Crowell
Mike Gallegos
Paul Ferris
Rick St. Onge

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Heidi Gautz
Nancy Rich

GUESTS:

Linda Hull

Ray called the meeting to order at 10:13 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes will be corrected to reflect that Paul was “excused,” not “exempted”. The term “meeting ground rules” will be changed to read, “Agreed upon courtesies”. Kaitlynn made a motion to approve the March, 2009 minutes as corrected; Bev supported. The motion passed.

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Ray said everyone did a great job at stallion expo. Ray thought we picked up 10 new memberships at the expo. To date we have sold 78 stalls for the April show. Deb said Chris Holbin told her at Stallion Expo that he cannot devote enough time to BHAM. He submitted his letter of resignation to Ray. Rick made a motion to accept the letter with regret. Deb supported the motion and it passed.

VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Rick said he will give his vice president’s report as we go through the appropriate committee reports.

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

Agree upon meeting courtesies that were approved last month were also distributed.

Memberships continue to come in.

Lisa reminded committee chairs to let her know of any upcoming committee meetings they can be listed in the minutes as a reminder for board members to put the meetings on their calendars.

Lisa distributed a list compiled from membership forms containing names of members who are interested in serving on various committees. Committee chairs need to make an effort to include these people in committee meetings, etc.

Lisa gave membership cards to Deb to give to Heidi. Membership cards will be distributed at the first show when members check in. This will save the association a substantial amount of money in postage costs. Any leftover membership cards will be mailed out.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Heidi emailed Ray to let him know that our CD matures at the end of April. We are drawing 2.95 percent on the certificate of deposit. There would be a penalty imposed by the bank if we need to withdraw the certificate of deposit early. John made a motion to leave the decision about rolling the certificate over to the Executive Committee at the April show. Kaitlynn supported the motion. The motion passed. No treasurer's report was submitted. Rick suggested staggering the maturity date on the cd and dividing the amount in half—having 2 cds. Kaitlynn and Betty thought that staggering the cd and dividing the amounts was a good idea.

We still owe \$800 for the Review. Lisa made a motion to pay the remaining \$800 on this statement. Kaitlynn supported the motion and it carried.

Rick suggested that the debit card expenses be reviewed. Kaitlynn suggested that online banking could be used to review some of those expenses. Deb said that maybe only the executive committee should be able to view the online banking. Deb also stated that we are incurring banking fees at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

Rick gave the secretary the insurance binder to place in the records. Our insurance binder renews in June and we will need to renew our policy at that time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADVISORY BOARD: No report.

AWARDS: No report.

JR BHAM/BHAM REPRESENTATIVE:

Kaitlynn said she has received an email from a potential representative candidate. Rick wondered about Jr. BHAM having a separate checking account. Jr. BHAM is part of our bylaws. The board is confident that the line item accounting will cure any carryover concerns.

JUDGES:

We are having difficulty in purchasing airline tickets in advance. Bev put \$341.00 on her personal credit card to cover one of the judge's airline tickets to lock in a better rate. The bill will be submitted to the show manager and Bev will be reimbursed. Bev has been in contact with Lisa for the Judge's liaison position and she will let Lisa know about her responsibilities. Bev will be available to assist if necessary after lunch.

DRUG TESTING: Bev has been in contact with the Vet.

POINTS: No report.

BULLET: The April *Bullet* has been posted.

BANQUET: No report.

LTA: No report.

SPONSORSHIP: Rupp Funeral home has sponsored judge's chairs for use at the shows. Dan Grunewald has purchased 1000 hard plastic cups with our BHAM logo to give away for the July show. We should have enough cups left over to give one per each horse stall at congress. Deb is redoing the BHAM sponsorship form and Lisa and Deb will work on this via email. Deb made a motion that we pay for the three chairs. Bill supported the motion and the motion passed. Rupp Funeral Home will provide the sponsorship money to cover the chairs. John said Millbrook is back in business.

SSS/FUTURITY: Betty reported that she has 4 stallions sold at this point. The sale ends June 1. Rick said would like extra money to be added to each class for futurity. Rick was thinking that one of the cookouts could be used to generate extra money for the futurity. Rick and Betty have discussed the slot classes in detail.

WEEKEND SHOWS: Weekend high point and show staff portions of the weekend show budget have been approved. Rick presented the drug testing budget and the budget to hire the judges. Rick made a motion to allocate \$1,011 for drug testing for 2009 weekend shows. Mike supported the motion and it passed. Paul made a motion to allocate \$18,750 for judge's expenses for the 2009 show season for weekend shows. Bill supported and the motion passed. The only items left to approve are the expenses for the facility and advertising.

We are not assessed any charges for vendors by Shiawassee County fairgrounds per the contract we negotiated.

Paul made a motion to approve the April contract for the facility. John supported the motion and the motion passed.

4-H concessions will be available in April.

Rick had prepared job descriptions and they were distributed.

CONGRESS: Diane Snyder emailed Rick asking if Performance Halter would be included on the Congress showbill. The answer is yes.

Ray received an email from Mrs. Norton asking about an in-hand trail classes. We are not offering one at this time.

BHAM has received one bid for the Congress show. Paul made a motion to accept the bid as written from Heidi Gautz and Pam Wells to provide office staff, etc. for Congress and Futurity. John supported the motion and it carried.

TRAIL: Deb would like to purchase two more sets of risers @ \$24/set for \$50 total. Rick said he could make them.

RULES: Betty will print 200 hard copies of the rulebooks and they will be available at the show office. They are also available online.

PUBLICITY: Lisa noticed that wrong contact information appeared in *Horse Circuit News* and *Canter Lope Post*. Rick said he spoke with Jay about what will appear in May—Show bill, futurity.

WEBSITE: Heidi doesn't have access yet to the website to load point information on the website but she will. Nancy is updating this continuously and would appreciate any updates for the website.

ETHICS: An ethics statement will be presented at a future meeting for board members to sign.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bev reported that she is setting up a special events calendar for the World Show. She asked if BHAM was intending to do the sloppy joe dinner. Ray said he planned to attend the show and is available to serve the sloppy joes. Betty would like BHAM'S sponsorship of a dinner reflected in the program. Bev is hoping we could put an item in the auction – maybe Michigan products.

Rick is planning an Italian dinner Saturday night of the April show with the funds going to JR BHAM and Futurity.

Lisa proposed an equine-related photo contest. The idea was given to Jr. BHAM as a fundraiser.

ADJOURNMENT: John made a motion to adjourn; Bev supported and the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: SUNDAY MAY 3, 2009 @ A LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED.