

BHAM MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 13, 2008

SHIAWASSEE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

The attendance sheet is attached and incorporated herein by reference.

Ray called the meeting to order at 12:13 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Corrections were made to the minutes to reflect a change in the title to “minutes” instead of “agenda” and there was a corrections reflecting the next meeting date to April 13, 2008 . Bev made a motion to approve the March minutes; Paul supported. The minutes were approved.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Ray reported that the executive committee officially consists of Ray Warner, President; Rick St. Onge, Vice President; Heidi Gautz, Treasurer; and Lisa Watts, Secretary.

Ray has also walked the show grounds. He has made a decision about where stalls will be and he is attempting to consolidate the areas that we are using. Ray needs a sign that reflects “Stall Manager” or “Stall Office”. Pam Wells agreed to bring the signs.

VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Rick reported that Chris Holbin and Heidi are not here. Heidi and Dale had an accident on their way back from Myrtle Beach. Rick said that he has heard from vendors but hasn’t been able to connect in writing via email. Lisa reported that she expects Kathy Morren from Diamond K Tack to be here.

SECRETARY’S REPORT: Lisa reported that memberships are coming in. Lisa reported that to day we have 10 new memberships and she talked about assigning board members to new families to introduce themselves and extend friendship to them.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Approve bill for \$187.50 for computer tune up. Lisa submitted a receipt in the amount of \$12 for postage for mailing out membership cards. Paul made a motion to approve the bills. Bill supported the motion and the motion was approved.

SHOW COMMITTEE: Rick reported that things are coming together. Rick has been in contact with the show grounds manager and they confirmed that everything is in order. Judges are scheduled. 100 stalls have been sold. We have a concession vendor (Rick had called seven people trying to get a concession vendor) finally. Joe Kinnick asked how much we are paying the county for stalls. Ray explained that the price was raised across the board to compensate for the tents that we rented at MSU. The price was set before the opportunity to show at Shiawassee became available. Ray also reported that stall fees are comparable to other shows that are held in the area. Ray reported that a portion of the excess that is in the budget at the end of the year goes back to the membership in the form of awards. Fees were set when the show budget was approved. Deb Dudzinski reported that she also believes our stall fees are in line when compared with the Paint Horse Circuit. Ray, Bev and Betty reported that Quarter Horse stalls run about \$70 for the weekend.

CONGRESS: Ray reported that there were no other bids for show secretary. Paul made a motion to hire Judy as the show secretary. Betty supported the motion and the motion passed.

WEEKEND SHOWS:

FUTURITY: No. report.

STALLION SERVICE SALE: Betty reported that 5 stallions have been sold. She has received requests two more stallions. There is a horse expo in Alpena May 4, 5, 6. Betty received an email from Michigan Equine Partnership. Betty will be sending a letter to the stallion owners that June 1 is the deadline and the sale will end at that time.

DRUG TESTING: No report.

AWARDS: Deb submitted a report. The Board expressed their appreciation for her hard work.

SPONSORSHIP/PUBLICITY: No report.

WEBSITE: Photo gallery will be up soon. For now we will wait to see how many ads come in to determine whether there will be charges for classifieds. Judy encouraged everyone to check the website frequently.

RULES: Paul reported that we need to update and improve our mission statement as follows:

”BHAM’s purpose is to provide a venue for its members, dedicated to improve the breeding, exhibition, sale, and publicity of the Buckskin, Dun, Red Dun, and Grulla horses. Our goal is to preserve and to promote the natural movement of the horse. Additionally, the purpose of the organization is to promote a family environment in which all can compete in a fair and socially acceptable manner as well as to provide educational opportunities for adult, youth and amateur divisions to improve and develop.”

Betty moved to accept the mission statement. Mike supported the motion and was approved.

Judy reported that the rulebook has been sent to the printer.

BANQUET: The Banquet is currently scheduled for January 24, 2009 at the Sheraton Inn. No contracts have been signed yet. The tentative cost will be between \$28 - \$30 per plate.

JR. BHAM: Rick reported that Nancy Rich regretfully resigned as Youth Advisor due to her busy schedule.

TRAIL: Deb said that she and Rick St. Onge are working hard to construct a new gate to donate to CMH in exchange for using their trail equipment which is housed at the Shiawassee show grounds. For the first show, **Rick St. Onge will be picking the gate up from MSU.** Deb has submitted trail patterns to Judy.

Rick St. Onge has spoken with Christians Nursery in Williamston and they referred him to someone who may be able to furnish us with flowers, greenery, etc for Congress. In exchange, they would like both space to sell their flowers, etc. Rick will continue to negotiate with them.

ETHICS:

EVENTS COORDINATOR: Rick reported that there will be a steak fry on Saturday night—profits will be donated to St. Jude’s Hospital for research. The price is \$6 for steak and \$4 for hot dogs. Tickets will be on sale in the show office. There will be 150 steak dinner tickets for sale.

NEW BUSINESS:

Strategic Plan. Judy suggested that the board consider strategic planning for upcoming challenges such as horse slaughter, sluggish economy. Judy thought that strategic planning would improve continuity—a master plan. This commitment would happen in a workshop format. Ray said that we would consider forming a committee to look into it.

Michigan Equine Partnership Annual Meeting. Bev had attended the last meeting. Bev said that this would allow BHAM to have a voice in influencing the legislature with equine-related issues. MEP is behind the survey to construct a Kentucky Horse Park type structure. They are also being the 69 corridor improvement. MEP is also involved in promulgating construction of the new race track in Romulus area. Bev believes that BHAM should join as a member. MEP is seeking new board members. **Ray will contact MEP more information about their program.** Betty made a motion to reimburse any member the \$20 fee to attend. Paul supported the motion and the motion passed.

Audit. Rick St. Onge reported that the audit was ongoing and **Heidi needs to supply more figures to the auditor. Heidi is waiting for a copy of the rulebook to submit with the 503C rulebook.**

New Laptop. Lisa requested that the board consider purchasing a laptop for the board secretary. Rick St. Onge reported that we do not have a back up computer for the show. Rick St. Onge proposed purchasing two laptops—one for the show secretary and one for the treasurer so the computers would also serve as a backup to the show computers. The desktop wasn’t designed to be brought back and forth to shows. Rick also reported that a tentative cost is \$1,000 per laptop. The laptops would be IBS Lenovo with Windows XP. Paul made a motion to make the purchase of the laptops. Paul rescinded the motion. Rick was requested to come back with some hard numbers for the next meeting. Paul voiced his support for the purchase.

OLD BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS:

Congress Budget. Bev made a motion to approve the Congress Budget as presented last month in its entirety. Paul supported the motion. Rick St. Onge stated that it was \$3,200 more than last year's budget. The budget includes more awards and more advertising. Motion carried.

Ethics Committee. Joe Kinnick brought proposed allegations and he was encouraged to bring his charges formally to the Ethics Committee. A formal complaint will be investigated. Joe also questioned the winner of the Adult Sportsperson of the Year.

July Show. Deb reminded everyone to wear pink for the show to support the fundraiser for breast cancer.

ADJOURNMENT: Paul made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:10 p.m. Betty supported and the motion passed.

The next meeting is Sunday, May 4, 2008 at MSU at 12:00.