

BHAM MEETING MINUTES
September 7, 2008
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Bill Cox
Chris Holbin
Andy Hart

GUESTS:

Judy Heimbuck (Show Secretary)
Don Watts
Anne Kinnick
Joe Kinnick
Jenny Gallegos
Dave Egnor
Cindy Egnor
Doug Lewis
Melissa Kinnick

Ray called the meeting to order at 10:37 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Lisa made a motion to approve the June, 2008 minutes; Betty supported. The minutes were approved.

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Ray congratulated everyone on a great show season. He is pleased that we were profitable given our current economy. Ray received a letter from Anne Kinnick requesting copies of minutes and gave them to the **Board Secretary for a reply**.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Rick stated that he had the opportunity to speak with Gary from Shiawassee County Fairgrounds and he is holding the July 4, 2009 weekend for us with the expectation that we will run a 3 day show (Friday, Saturday and Sunday). Rick also congratulated everyone on a job well done.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Lisa reported that about 25 new memberships have been received since the June report. Lisa stated that the division of duties between the show secretary and the Board secretary have gone relatively smoothly. Lisa also reported that Leo's Frosted Cat was euthanized and our condolences go out to the Kyes/Garrison family. Judy reported that she updated the website to reflect the same. Joe Kinnick asked Lisa where our membership numbers stand compared with past years. Lisa informed Joe that she has no point of reference since she wasn't the BHAM secretary last year. Judy said that to her knowledge we are growing. Heidi added that memberships will continue to be received during Congress so the data is incomplete at this time.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Heidi submitted a treasurer's report. Lisa made a motion to place the audit documents/treasurer's report on the record. Deb supported. Motion carried. Anne Kinnick asked where the therapeutic riding monies went and the answer was CHUM.

SHOW COMMITTEE: Judy distributed an updated show budget. Heidi reported the members qualifying for the Roye Meis Trail as well as the saddle winners. She submitted a hard copy to the secretary. There was discussion about declining numbers at other association shows in Michigan and across the country.

Judy reiterated that we need to submit our request for bids for show secretary in the next *Saddle Up* edition—the deadline for submissions to *Saddle Up* is September 10, 2008.

Judy said that the move to Shiawassee has been great for the staff and exhibitors. Being inside has many advantages.

CONGRESS: Judy distributed an assignment list and everyone reviewed the list together.

Don reminded the show director not to be afraid to change patterns at show ring to accommodate the weather, etc.

Nancy was wondering about the cleanliness of the facility. She said she had heard people complaining at Congress last year. Don said that they were watering down the entrance last year because of the dust and as a result mud became an issue. Don said MSU is responsible for the cleanliness of the facility.

Rick St. Onge has had lots of phone calls regarding the deletion of sweepstakes classes. The Board may want to reinstate those classes next year. Sweepstakes is not a real money maker for BHAM. Adding sweepstakes back into the program would add approximately five hours to length of the show.

Rick St. Onge is trying to put together a hole-in-one contest to give away a vehicle.

WEEKEND SHOWS:

FUTURITY: Rick said that we are getting entries for futurity. Rick St. Onge also said that he had heard that there wasn't enough money added to the classes. Rick said that all of the trophies have been ordered. The winners of each class will receive a trophy measuring 19" high.

STALLION SERVICE SALE: Betty reported that she has gotten four new stallions for this week. She has sold seven this year. Betty requested permission to (one time deal) offer private treaty buy backs at \$275 each to the stallion owners making them eligible for the mare and weanling classes by October 15, 2008. Deb so moved. Rick St. Onge supported the motion and the motion passed. **Betty will send out a letter in connection with the offer.**

Rick St. Onge sent out postcards to futurity participants (list supplied by Janet Roberts) letting them know that the futurity packets will be online.

Betty will have a booth for SSS with pictures and contracts at Congress.

Rick St. Onge said that he contacted the Indiana National Director of NSBA and she has hired the judge for futurity. They will supply the ring steward.

DRUG TESTING: Bev reported that drug testing is set up for Congress. The veterinarians pick the classes and placings that will be tested. **Bev, Paul or Ray will be escorts for the drug testing. The placement of the stall for the drug test is to be determined.**

WEBSITE: **Deb reported that she and Judy will coordinate their schedules so Judy can train Deb to manage the website.** Anne asked why the website was so far behind. Judy said that she has moved and she hasn't had great Verizon service. Anne asked what we are going to do so that members get current information. Ray reiterated that Deb and Judy will be working on training to manage the website.

AWARDS: Deb reported that she is all set and ready to go. **Deb needs to get more items in the case of ties. Deb and Judy are going to Indiana to pick up the bronze statues on September 18.** Deb has reviewed material about ordering ribbons for next year. Betty moved to have Deb order ribbons for those that we owe from last year not to exceed \$150. Paul supported the motion and the motion passed. **Deb is hoping to have the ribbons available to distribute at Congress.**

SPONSORSHIP/PUBLICITY: Deb reported that she has secured several hundred dollars from other sponsors. In order to be published in the Congress flyer the check needs to be in by September 10.

RULES: Paul had nothing new—any **proposed rule changes should be submitted to Paul via email.** Rick St. Onge said that he had received a comment that a member would like to know more about the procedures in connection with drug testing. Joe said that he thinks the procedure should be posted at the show office and the drug testing stall. **Bev will speak with the youth at a youth meeting to educate the youth about drug testing procedures.**

BULLET: Paul reported that the September issue of *Saddle Up* will include the request for bids for show secretary. **Jenna Gallegos will take over responsibilities for the Bullet.** Judy suggested that we only list the executive committee and the show secretary contact information to utilize the space for other articles in the *Saddle Up* publication.

BANQUET: Judy reported that the Sheridan is booked. **Heidi is taking this committee over with Betty and Deb's help.** The date of the banquet is set for Saturday, January 24, 2009. The idea of a style review is being explored.

REPRESENTATIVE CONTEST: Heidi reported that the contestants have been interviewed. Heidi also stated that the contestants are Susan Avery and Marie Plumb.

JR. BHAM: Heidi reported that the Jr. BHAM voted to get halters in their team colors. The first place Team will either receive a windbreaker jacket, sweatshirt, or t-shirts or they can choose a coupon for the value of the item to use with the photographer at congress. The first place team is the Barn Bums, second place is St. Patty's and the Bad BHAM Bandits are the third place winners. The team placing 4th was Halloween Town and the Pink Ladies were placed 5th. **Deb will be mailing out certificates.**

Joe said that his son, Justin, should be entitled to a gift even though he didn't participate in Jr. BHAM activities. The board rejected this argument. Posters were put up and announcements were made to encourage participation from all youth. Emphasis was placed in participation in Jr. BHAM and that is part of the requirement to get prizes. **Judy will make up certificates to recognize the Jr. BHAM memberships.**

TRAIL: Deb reported that trail is over and done with—everyone enjoyed “the wave”. She is looking forward to the Roye Meis Trail.

ETHICS: Paul said that there was nothing to report at this time.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business.

OLD BUSINESS: **Paul has begun and will continue negotiations with *Saddle Up* for next year.**

The July, 2009 show will be Friday, Saturday and Sunday. That information is in committee and has not been presented to the board. The Show Committee needs to meet to finalize the recommendation so judges can be hired and correct information disseminated at Congress. The final show bill has not been finalized at this point. **Ray is waiting for a contract from Shiawassee.**

Bev wondered whether we are doing NSBA approved shows. Bev needs to know this information so she knows whether to hire NSBA judges.

Betty wondered whether we would be dropping the August show. Deb made a motion that contingent upon the receipt of the July 4, 2009 contracts with Shiawassee County the Board will drop the Labor Day date for the show season 2009. Heidi supported the motion. The motion passed. **Ray will see what he can do to secure the Labor Day dates with MSU.**

The Board moved into closed session at 1:13 p.m.

The Board resumed the Board meeting at 2:06 p.m.

Ann Kinnick asked where the nominations were. She asked who was in charge. Rick St. Onge said Andy was in charge. Anne asked who was on the Committee with Andy. Judy said she and Kelly Hart were on the committee. We have no nominations to report because Andy wasn't in attendance at the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Bev made a motion to adjourn; Deb supported and the meeting was adjourned at 2:13 p.m.

The next meeting will be October 12 at 10:00 at Main Street Café in St. Johns. (BOARD MEMBERS WILL NEED TO STAY AND STUFF BALLOTS—LISA WILL BRING THE PRINTER.)

The annual meeting is scheduled set for November 16, 2008 at 10:00.