

BHAM MEETING MINUTES
June 28, 2008
MAIN STREET CAFÉ
ST. JOHNS, MICHIGAN

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Bill Cox
Chris Holbin
Nancy Rich
Andy Hart

GUESTS:

Judy Heimbuck (Show Secretary)
Kaitlynn Watts

Ray called the meeting to order at 11:20 a.m.

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Ray congratulated everyone; the first two shows went very well. Ray told Rick St. Onge how much everyone appreciated the special fundraising dinners. Ray has sent a letter to the Shiawassee County Fair Board letting them know how satisfied we were with the facility.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Rick thanked everyone for all of their efforts at the shows. Rick commented that things seem to run smoother when we have a little more room to spread out on the show grounds.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Lisa reported that to date we have memberships representing 100 families.

Lisa commented that show staff **only** should be admitted in the office to avoid the look of impropriety.

Lisa also mentioned that it appears there are board members whose talents are underutilized at this time. There was discussion.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Heidi submitted a treasurer's report and audit records. Lisa made a motion to place the audit documents on the record. Rick supported. Motion carried. Bev made a motion to pay the auditor. Paul supported and the motion passed.

Paul made a motion to roll over the \$2,500 certificate of deposit together with an additional \$2,500 for a total of \$5,000 certificate for a term of 6 months. Betty supported and the motion passed.

SHOW COMMITTEE: Judy reported Nancy Rich helped with networking the computers for the show. Judy distributed the show committee budget—the June show was more profitable than last year's show even though were slightly fewer horses entered. The judges' expenses are under budget. Our bottom line is where it needs to be.

Judy also reported that Rick Heimback may be leaving by the middle of July. Ray talked to Jim and Mike had talked to Jim. He is committed to coming to the July show. Judy also mentioned considering Don Watts as needed--**Paul said he is available for back up.** Judy may be living with Julia and Heidi. Judy requested BHAM to pay for a room near MSU if she is homeless at that point. Paul made a motion to set aside \$200/weekend for the next three shows at MSU for Judy. Bev said she may also stay in the room with Judy. Bev supported the motion and the motion carried.

Judy said three incidents were brought to her attention regarding sportsmanship misconduct.

Judy said that provided we are going to be indoors in July she would like to use the services of tech support at an additional expense to wire us up. This would be the same setup we would use for congress.

There was discussion about getting patterns earlier than the day of show. Bev reported that judges rarely comply with our requests. Pattern books are a fundraiser for Jr. BHAM and are a courtesy for the exhibitors. There was discussion about discontinuing the courtesy and reverting back to having exhibitors copy their own patterns.

Rick St. Onge agreed to call the judges and remind them to provide their patterns to us so we can print them in advance.

CONGRESS:

Judy reported that entry forms are on the website.

Paul raised the issue of bit and tail checks.

WEEKEND SHOWS: Judy said we may want to consider having more judges at the shows. Paul said we need to be cautious about keeping expenses down with the economy on a downswing.

WORLD SHOW: There is \$500 budgeted for the world show for promotion and meals. The thinking is roughly 175 meals to plan for. **Ray is going to check to see if Jen's parents/church would be interested in putting on the dinner.**

FUTURITY: Betty reported that she has secured awards.

STALLION SERVICE SALE: Betty said she went through the book and contracts and they have been revamped with more complete information. Betty said we have gotten 6 sold and one contract back. Three stallion owners said they would be purchasing their stallions back. **Contracts will be posted to the website for people to download and print.**

DRUG TESTING: Bev reported that we were drug tested at the last show. Bev would like to be contacted immediately if the vet appears on the grounds in the future.

WEBSITE: Judy has not put any photos in the gallery. Rick sent our website person has approximately 800 downloaded images. Judy would like to give the website responsibilities to Deb. **Deb agreed to accept the responsibility of the website.**

Rick St.Onge brought up discussion related to processing entry forms online. Paul said that was phase III and would bring additional expenses. Pay pal would charge a set up fee and a 2% fee.

AWARDS: Deb has secured many awards—saddles, saddle stands, etc. Farnum has sent \$200 worth of product. Tom's Western Store donated two English headstalls. Deb reminded **everyone to wear pink in July.** There will also be baskets to raffle off with proceeds to the National Breast Cancer Association.

SPONSORSHIP/PUBLICITY: Paul reported that we are set for our August Saddle Up issue. The September issue of Saddle Up will feature Congress. **BHAM will need to renegotiate our contract in the fall.**

Paul distributed a flyer a with a presentation display. The display weighs 35 pounds and measures 10' x 7'. \$1,850 was the quote. It includes lights and suitcase, etc. Rick made a motion to purchase the display for not more than \$1,800. Lisa Supported. Motion passed. **Paul will contact the vendor to purchase the display.**

Deb priced stall curtains at \$300. That would work as long as plastic pipes or write racks were available.

RULES: Heidi asked for clarification for ABRA open horse rule with respect to winning the saddle. Points for the saddle are award to one horse/rider combination. For year-end awards, all points go with the horse no matter who the rider is.

BULLET: Items are due to Paul for August Bullet by tomorrow, June 29.

BANQUET: BHAM needs a new director. Judy reported that the hotel is contracted. **Heidi agreed to be the new Banquet director. Betty and Deb agreed to help out.**

REPRESENTATIVE CONTEST: We have two contestants that have applied. Deb recused herself from voting and any other participation as far as the Board's involvement in the Representative Contest.

JR. BHAM: Rick reported that the teams have been chosen. There are no applications for the scholarship.

Ray was approached about adding a full slate of peewee classes. Discussion followed regarding the feasibility issues. Ray will go back and speak with Stefanie about the idea.

TRAIL: Deb reported that we don't need a trail gate since we are going back to MSU for the remainder of the show season. Rick has spoken with the woman at the nursery. Heidi asked for clarification—Trail is definitely done in Western attire, etc.

Deb reported that the elevated poles were very well received. Paul made a motion to give Deb \$100 to get raised poles. Rick Heimback supported the motion and it passed.

ETHICS: Mr. Kinnick did not follow through with his written complaint.

CLOSED SESSION: The board went into closed session at 1:40 p.m. The Board resumed the open meeting at 2:12.

NEW BUSINESS: Deb requested bucket straps that say ABRA Congress—the board took no action.

Rick St. Onge said that perhaps the Northern Paint Association would like to join us. The thought was that two or three banquet rooms would be occupied by different associations and then at the end all of the banquet rooms would open and there would be a grand ballroom. There could be breeding seminars, a fashion show, gambling night, etc.

OLD BUSINESS: Ray reported that he didn't appoint a strategic planning committee.

ADJOURNMENT: Paul made a motion to adjourn; Rick Heimback supported and the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

The next meeting will be Sunday, August 10, 2008 t/b/d.