

Iowa Horse Council
Board of Directors Meeting

Country Kitchen
I-35/80, E 14th Street Des Moines, IA
Sunday, May 13, 2009

Approved Minutes, July 8, 2009

The May 13, 2009 meeting of the Iowa Horse Council was called to order at 7:07pm by President Paynter.

Board Members present:

Harold Ault	Sally Blount	Jessica Boor	Burton Butler
Dennis Crowley	Rebecca Cordray	Steve Goretska	Dora Guffey
Karen Havens	Carolyn Hasbrook	Bill Paynter	Lynette Telleen
Fred Thompson	John Vriezelaar	Barb Zukowski	

Associate Directors present:

Cindy Binning, IDMS
Shirley Young, Palomino

Guests present:

Jim Bender	Marilyn Bender	Denise Goretska	Shelly Paynter
Twila Vriezelaar			

Minutes of the Previous Meeting (November 16, 2008):

Blount motioned to dispense reading of meeting minutes and to approve as provided via mail and email, seconded by Thompson. All ayes. Motioned carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's report presented by Telleen. Discussion held. Guffey motioned to acknowledge the treasurer's report as presented and provided, seconded by Thompson. All ayes. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Membership committee – Cindy Binning with IDMS has agreed to chair this committee. Binning prepared committee volunteer lists. If you have something for her or need to contact her, she can be emailed at: cindybinning@hotmail.com.

Paynter advised that IHC is still looking for someone to chair promotions and the newsletter. Discussion held on possible ideas. Contact Paynter if you would like to chair either of these.

Ault brought the topic of the horse council lobbying to the group again. Previous discussions were held with no follow up. During this discussion it was advised by K. Havens that if the IHC were to lobby, a portion of the dues would then be non-tax deductible and members would have to be notified. The portion that is non-tax deductible is dependent upon the amount of money spent on lobbying.

Committee Reports:

Administration:

Membership – See Old Business, membership changes.

Website – Boor advised that IHC is currently having problems with the current web host server and requested that the IHC website be moved to another larger company that would better suit the needs of the horse council's website. Boor advised that she had checked into GoDaddy.com and they are able to provide website hosting for a cheaper price. Telleen moved to allow Boor to move the website to another web host and work with Bobby Hinds for a reimbursement on anything that has been paid and could be reimbursed, seconded by Blount. All ayes. Motion carried.

Promotion:

Awards/Scholarships – nothing new to report.

Grants/Sponsorships – Guffey reported that a good variety of people applied and were accepted for grants and sponsorships. As part of the grant given to the Jester Maniacs they will be coming back to take part in the 2010 Iowa Horse Fair. Paynter advised that the IHC needs to be work hard on getting larger sponsorships for different events and that these could be tax deductible. Discussion held on what would be considered donation vs. tax deductible and what the best option would be. No decision was made, however it was noted by K. Havens that advertising would be the better option to provide for sponsorships.

Publications – Cordray would like to step down from the chair of publications and the newsletter. She will contact those on the member interest list which was provided by Binning. Cordray did advise that Dorrine Norby has agreed to continue to be the editor and will now be doing the newsletter at her office and *not* at home.

Directory – Cordray advised that information (interest) forms were put out at the horse fair with no year listed for the next directory. Carol Eilers with Apples n' Oats did put a proposal in but it does not have lot of her time in the proposal. The decision has been made to **not** have a directory in 2010. Suggestion was made by Cordray that we seek another route if we want to continue.

Educational/Government issues:

Education – nothing to report.

Government – Ault mentioned the topic of lobbying and if the health certificates are really worthwhile. Discussion was held. No decision on how to proceed or interest to proceed.

Paynter advised that in NW Iowa at the Yellow River there were two horses loose (one of them being a paint stud). The DNR advised that they have been out there for the winter and they are considering options right now, one of them being euthanasia.

Paynter also advised that four mules were reported by the DNR as being turned loose in Stephens Forest. The owner was located and they are now back with the owner.

The State of Montana has passed a bill which does not allow those who want to build a slaughter plant to be sued. Discussion held.

Horse Fair:

Ault advised that there was not enough money and bills received in yet for final accounting. The state fair bill is \$28,000 which is higher than 2008's horse fair. Ault is still questioning some things on this bill. Ault advised that he thinks the Barrels and Bulls have paid for themselves this year and that he believes the horse fair did make money....there were approximately 1500 tickets sold to the Barrels and Bulls.

A question was posted if the schedule flyer could not out sooner...Ault advised that he will try to get it out sooner next year.

Bender advised that the IHC lost over \$3000.00 in coupons that were received....the horse fair committee will be discussing this topic for 2010 horse fair. Currently the idea being present is to eliminate the coupon and offer a weekend pass.

Trails:

Guffey reported that the DNR staff is being cut and so there will be less season workers available.

It was noted that 2008 flooding is still affecting the trails. Discussion was held on how to be involved. SUGGESTION: Get involved in your local and state trail clean up days!

The Lake Rathbun equestrian trails on the south side is still being discussed with a potential campground also in the discussion.

New Business:

Ault asked if the current committee structure is really working. It was proposed that we return to the old structure. Discussion held. Telleen suggested that there be a committee to look into restricting the committees. Ault advised he would be interested in this committee – no other interest was voiced. No further discussions or decisions were made.

Discussion was held about the education committee and moving forward with organizing the youth activities for the horse fair. Paynter advised that he would speak with Houlding in regards to committee options.

Shirley Young (Gladbrook, IA) was introduced as the newest Associate Director for IHC. She will be representing the Iowa Palomino Association.

Dennis Blouse is back in Iowa filming and last year's shows are currently airing on IPTV on Saturday mornings. Featured are farms/members we may find interesting: Karen Havens, Jester Park, Mike Foster, Kay Hines, and many others.

A request was made to have a meeting before the Iowa State Fair; therefore our next meeting will be July 8th at 7pm at Country Kitchen.

No other new business.

Motion to adjourn by Hasbrook, seconded by Blount. All ayes. Meeting adjourned 8:23PM.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, July 8th at 7:00PM at Country Kitchen, E14th Street and I-80/35 intersection.

Jessica Boor
2009 IHC Secretary.