

**Iowa Horse Council Meeting**  
Held at the Guffey Residence  
Carlisle, Iowa  
February 28, 2010

Unapproved Minutes

The February 28, 2010 board meeting of the Iowa Horse Council (IHC) was called to order at 1:03 p.m. by Vice-President Zukowski. Self introductions were made.

Board members present:

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| Harold Ault     | Jessica Boor  | Bill Paynter  | Marilyn Bender |
| Rebecca Cordray | Barb Zukowski | Dora Guffey   | Linda Spain    |
| Sandi Moon      | Sally Blount  | Jayne Holste  | Steve Goretska |
| Kay Hines       | Cindy Binning | Shirley Young |                |

Guests present:

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| Shelly Paynter | Jim Bender | Denise Goretska | Shawna Middleton |
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Minutes from the previous meeting:

Guffey reviewed the 2010 annual meeting minutes. Guffey then read the February 9, 2010 special meeting minutes. Corrections noted were the spelling of advertising and the spelling of Theisens. Motion by Boor, seconded by Bender to approve the February special meeting minutes as corrected. All ayes, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Boor reviewed the treasurer's report. Checking balance - \$24,655; Hi Fi Savings - \$7,219; CD's - \$25,593; Total Cash & Investments - \$57,467; Equine Emergency Fund - \$4,493. Motion by Goretska, seconded by Moon to approve the treasurer's report. All ayes, motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Annual Meeting:

Boor reported that the annual meeting went well. There were 25 memberships renewed, \$950 dollars raised with the silent auction, and an additional \$50 donation received. Compliments were given to Jessica for all of her efforts on a job well done. The planning has started for next year's annual meeting. Discussion held if there is a preference for a Saturday or Sunday, and on possible locations. It was noted that we will never be able to avoid all conflicts and the general consensus was to have it on Saturday again, the 3<sup>rd</sup> week-end in January. It was also suggested to have coffee next year.

Membership:

Binning provided an update. The 25 renewals from the annual meeting have been processed, there have been no new volunteers noted on the forms. Discussion held on how to increase membership and what the current number of members is. It was thought that membership forms could be available at the VI building and the barn, and a poster could be developed for horse fair. The new prices need to be corrected before the brochures are distributed. The current prices are on the

website. Zukowski will contact Hasbrook to make sure she knows that these corrections need made before brochures are distributed, and the bulk of the brochures are currently located in the storage facility.

Young joined the meeting.

#### Website:

Boor mentioned that she has some items to post today for the horse fair, otherwise, it should be up to date.

#### Equine Health & Welfare:

There has not been much activity with this committee in recent years. Discussion held of what the board wants out of this committee. Ideas were to keep in touch with what was going on with the Coalition of the Unwanted Horse, to try not to duplicate efforts already being done out there, the committee could possibly supply speakers for meetings, etc. People who could be resources may include Judy Hand, Deb Hoy, Karla Sibert, and Sandi Moon. Motion by Boor, seconded by Holste to have Sandi Moon chair this committee. All ayes, motion carried.

#### Breed & Organizational Liaison:

Discussion held if there have been any presentations held recently. It was noted that these activities may have stalled out due to health issues with Vold. Cordray will follow-up with Vold to see if there has been any outreach to groups lately.

#### Governmental Affairs:

Ault mentioned that the National Identification System appears to have been scrapped, not sure where this may be going legislatively at this time.

#### Awards & Scholarships:

\* Zukowski reported that there were two nominations. The information has been sent out to the judges.

\* Zukowski reported that we have planned to give out four scholarships this year, and that we have received four applications.

#### Grants & Sponsorships:

\* Guffey reported that there have been 5 education, 1 welfare, and 2 trail grant applications received. There has also been one inquiry and one application that were received after the deadline. It was noted that the deadline was changed from March 1 to February 1 near the end of the 2009 year. Discussion held. It was general consensus to strictly stick to the due dates and not allow late entries.

\* Guffey reported that there were two sponsorships received for the first quarter and they have been forwarded to the reviewers.

#### Newsletter:

\* Middleton reported that the due date is tomorrow. She has not received any trail updates from any of the DNR parks people.

\* Norby has indicated that they have not gotten paid from the last newsletter produced. Middleton will follow-up with Norby to see if payment has been received yet.

\* Guffey inquired if discussions from the budget meeting were ever passed on to the newsletter committee, reference possibly going from 4 newsletters to 3 in a year, or if that was indeed passed via passing the budget. It was looked up on today's financial report, and the budget still has figures for 4 newsletters for this year. Discussion held if there is a way to do an electronic newsletter as a way to save costs. Many felt that the newsletter is one of the benefits of being a member and if it is electronic, it could be forwarded to others, and that people often do not read them electronically. It was noted that since we will not be having a booth at the state fair this year, that some cost savings would be seen by not having to print as many newsletters for this event. Middleton will investigate possibilities for saving money with the newsletter.

\* Guffey brought up that right now the minutes and meeting notices are only being sent to board members/associate board members. If there are others that would like to or should be getting them, let her know. Discussion held and consensus was to send these items to board members, breed representatives, and committee chairs. Boor will make an e-mail group and send out for our use for e-mailing minutes, meeting notices, treasurer's reports, etc. It was noted that Middleton's e-mail is [shawna1m@q.com](mailto:shawna1m@q.com)

#### Trails:

\* It was mentioned that Mike Foster has taken on new duties at work and has resigned as an IHC board member. He would like to still remain an active member, but just feels he will be out of town for work far too much to remain on the board.

\* Foster has also indicated in previous conversations that he will not have time to devote as a Trail Grant Reviewer for the Recreational Trail Funds through DOT, but he would like to have his replacement be an IHC representative. Discussion held. Kay Hines is very interested in being the Recreational Trail Funds reviewer. All agreed to have Kay represent us, and Cordray will be the back-up person.

\* Cordray also mentioned that Foster was not sure he could be the trail committee chairperson. It was noted that you do not have to be a board member to be a committee chair. Cordray will follow-up with Foster on this.

\* Cordray mentioned that the Iowa Trail Summit will be coming up June 18 & 19, 2010. She also mentioned that we are losing trails in Iowa and need to work with other trail users. More detailed information will be coming, but you can see initial information on the DOT website under hot topics. If anyone has any pictures, especially if they are of horses and other users on the trail, send them to Cordray.

\* Young announced an upcoming sanctioned trail ride to be held at Brushy Creek with the Palomino Association. The tentative date is May 8<sup>th</sup>, meet in the north campground, potluck, meat provided, tentatively register at 9, ride 10 – noon, have lunch, then ride again in the afternoon.

\* Guffey asked to take an informal poll to get input on a potential equestrian trail at Rathbun Lake. The land is owned by the Corps of Engineers (COE), but leased to DNR for wildlife management of the area. The area is on the south side of Rathbun Lake and it has typically been used for hunting. The DNR has indicated to the COE that they are willing to cooperate with an equestrian trail in the area if the trail is closed during the major hunting seasons. Discussion held on shared use, limited equestrian areas, etc. Motion by Hines, seconded by Goretska to support pursuing an equestrian trail on the south side of Rathbun Lake working with hunting seasons. All ayes, motion carried.

\* Guffey also mentioned that there will be a public meeting to be held at the Bedford Fire Station on March 15<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to review the draft water quality plan that has been developed and gather public comments for the Lake of Three Fires State Park. It was mentioned that the equestrian campground drains to the lake, and the trail gets very close to the lake at times, and there has been concern about the impact of horse manure. This area also has a lot of deer and geese, and they also could have an impact on the water quality of the lake. These types of meetings are where we need to try to have an equestrian presence or representation there, and DNR has asked us to help get the word out. If you know of people who live in the area, please let them know about the meeting.

\* Cordray mentioned that the State Horse Councils have a lot of interesting trail things going on in other areas such as Kentucky, Pennsylvania, etc. Kansas has a survey out regarding trail riding in the Flint Hills right now, please take time to complete the survey.

A break was taken.

#### Horse Fair:

\* Ault provided an update on booths, memberships received, sponsorships and other aspects of the horse fair. \$22,824 worth of checks have been sent to Telleen to date. Interest is still very high and booth requests continue to come in. Linda Dahl, who does the program, is working on things, she has not been paid yet, the bill has been forwarded to Telleen. Bounced checks from last year were discussed. Policy is that after the March 1 deadline, they should pay with cashier's check or cash, consensus was to follow the policy. The mass mailing of the tri-fold brochure is scheduled to go out four weeks prior to the horse fair.

\* Ault raised concern that with the IHC budget not getting approved until the end of December, and with the cuts that took place, it really puts the horse fair committee in a bind. Ault is proposing to develop the budget for the horse fair in June or July. Discussion held.

\* Spain provided an update on activities at the barn. The bedding and on-site vet have been arranged, the deadline for barn entries is March 5<sup>th</sup>.

\* Cordray provided an update on the kid's fun area. She also mentioned that the stick horse race has been moved to the Speaker's area and she is still looking for sponsors for this event. Discussion held. Holste will check with a place in the western part of the state on possible sponsorship.

\* Boor mentioned that there will be a silent auction at the horse fair. It was going to be in the foyer, but will now be held in a booth next to the horse council booth.

#### Old Business:

\* It was noted that there currently is no promotions chairperson.

\* The question was asked that if Thompson resigned from being president, did he intend to stay on as a board member. Zukowski will follow up.

#### New Business:

\* The topic of trading a booth at the Iowa horse fair for a booth at the World Percheron Show was discussed. Motion by Spain, seconded by Boor to trade booths with the World Percheron Show. All Ayes, motion carried. Guffey will notify Telleen.

\* Ault inquiring about moving funds for the horse fair budget from line item to line item. Cordray voiced that she did not agree with how the horse fair budget was cut at the December meeting. Comments made that line items cuts were made throughout the whole budget, not just horse fair.

Cordray feels every board member should help get sponsorships for horse fair, she will send the flyer out for members to post at various places to help promote the fair. Discussion held. Motion by Ault, seconded by Paynter that the horse fair committee be given the authority to move line items within the budget if net expenses are the same. Discussion held. Would this involve the committee coming to the board for a special need? Some said no transferring of funds. Further discussion held. Boor moved to amend the motion that the horse fair committee be given flexibility to move expense line items as long as they don't go over the budgeted expenses of \$88,300 for the 2010 horse fair. The amendment was seconded by Goretska. Hand count vote was taken. 1 against, 1 abstain, 12 aye, motion carried.

\* The signing of vendor contracts for the horse fair and if the trade show manager or horse fair chairperson has authority to sign contracts was discussed. Zukowski read article 6, section 1 of the by-laws where it says that yes, the horse fair manager can sign contracts. Ault wanted it to be on record in the minutes that by naming the person chair of the horse fair committee, that it authorizes them to sign.

\* The old committee structure versus the new structure was discussed. With the new structure, meetings are to be held in Nov., Jan., Feb., March, and Sept. Many felt there was too much time in between some of the meetings. We will keep working on it and will discuss this topic further at the March meeting.

\* With the resignation of Fred Thompson as IHC President, we need to take action. Blount nominated Zukowski for president. Ault nominated Paynter for president. Motion by Bender that nominations cease, seconded by Moon. All ayes. Paper ballots were cast; Zukowski – 5 votes, Paynter – 7 votes, Bill Paynter is now the IHC President. Zukowski agreed to continue serving as vice president.

Discussion held on possible locations to hold the next meeting. Moon will check on a location for the next meeting. The next meeting will be held March 21, 2010, at 1:00 p.m., location to be determined.

Motion by Bender to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Boor. All ayes, the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

Submitted by:

Dora Guffey  
IHC Secretary