

Iowa Horse Council Meeting  
Held at the Dahl's Store Cafeteria  
1802 N. Ankeny Blvd.  
Ankeny, Iowa  
March 21, 2010

The March 21, 2010 board meeting of the Iowa Horse Council (IHC) was called to order at 1:15 p.m. by President Paynter.

Board members present:

Harold Ault	Jessica Boor	Bill Paynter	Marilyn Bender
Rebecca Cordray	Barb Zukowski	Dora Guffey	Carolyn Hasbrook
Sandi Moon	Sally Blount	Dennis Crowley	Steve Goretska
Kay Hines			

Guests present:

Jim Bender                      Denise Goretska

Minutes from the previous meeting:

The February 28<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes were mailed out prior to the meeting. Corrections noted were the spelling of Deb Hoyt and Karla Siebert's last names. Motion by Moon, seconded by Boor to approve the February meeting minutes as corrected. All ayes, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

There was no treasurer's report received prior to the meeting. Discussion held regarding bills not being paid on time, not attending meetings. Motion by Moon, seconded by Goretska that because there is no treasurers report available, to have Paynter contact Telleen in regards to her interest in continuing to serve as treasurer. All ayes, motion carried.

Old Business

- Committee Structure – Discussion held if we want to go back to the old committee structure, which consisted of all of the small committees. Comment made that we never really did change over with the chair of the main committees of Administration, Promotions, and Educational Issues reporting back. Some asking if it is the committee structure or the meeting frequency. Many feel we function better as smaller committees. Committees need to have a task, and those are stated in the policies and procedures and can be found on the website. Some committees have basically been inactive and we need to re-energize all of the committees. Committee chairs need to provide a committee report either in person or in writing at each board meeting.

Motion by Boor, seconded by Zukowski to go back to the old committee structure which will consist of the following 12 committees: Website, Membership, Awards & Scholarships, Grants & Sponsorships, Publications, Annual Meeting, By-laws, Equine Health & Welfare, Governmental Affairs, Horse Fair, Trails, Educational Programs (which includes Breed & Organization Liaison). All ayes, motion carried. Carolyn Hasbrook

agreed to chair the Education Programs Committee. Discussion held if we have a trail committee chair. Mike Foster is still willing to be the trail chairperson.

Motion by Moon, seconded by Blount to hold one board meeting per month. Boor motioned to amend Moon's motion to read to have one board meeting per month except in August and December. Ault seconded Boors amendment. A vote on the amendment, all ayes, motion carried. A vote on Moon's original motion, all ayes, motion carried. It was mentioned that board members still need to be present at two meetings in a row in order to vote.

- Ault indicated that the by-laws mention that the President appoints individuals to committees. Article 4, section 5A of the by-laws was referenced. Discussion held of how committees are appointed. It was decided to keep this as a topic for a future meeting.

Telleen phoned Paynter, she was planning to be at the meeting today, but she had a sick horse. She did relay that she will send the treasurer's report out tonight and that we are current on all checks.

#### Committee Reports:

- Website – Boor said that the schedule for the horse fair will be posted tonight.
- Membership – Binning was unable to be at the meeting due to illness, but she relayed to Paynter that all membership information has been sent out to new members for what information that she has. Discussion held on what kind of timeframe from when new members are getting information, if we should be sending them the most current copy of directory that we have on hand, or if the most current newsletter gets sent to new members. Paynter will discuss with Binning.
- Awards & Scholarships – Zukowski reported that Horseman of the Year for 2010 is Earl Morris and Horsewoman of the year for 2010 is Mary Winter. Please spread the word about the awards to be presented on Saturday of the horse fair. If anyone has ideas regarding the award program, please let Zukowski know.

It was mentioned that there are four scholarship recipients. They are: Rachel Bergren, Lindsey Zmolek, Molly Foley, and Aleccia Havens. They have all been notified, and will be presented their scholarships at the horse fair.

- Grants & Sponsorships - Guffey reported that the selected winners of the grants are:  
Education – Waubonsie 4-H Horse Camp and Stephens State Forest – Forestry Dept.;  
Welfare – Iowa Equine Rescue and Awareness League;  
Trail – Waubonsie State Park and Stephens State Forest – Parks Dept. All have been notified and some will be at the horse fair to accept the grant award.

On Sponsorships, Guffey explained that we had received a sponsorship request in the amount of \$500 from the World Percheron Congress folks last year, but with the budget situation, it was decided to put it on hold. Telleen had inquired on the status of their sponsorship request, but Guffey had thought that when the booth swap was made, that it took place of the sponsorship request but said she would take it to the board. Discussion held on amount of funds available per quarter from the sponsorship fund, which is \$150 per quarter this year and copies of the sponsorship levels for the Congress.

Motion by Crowley to take \$150 from the quarterly sponsorship fund and \$350 from the silent auction fund for a \$500 sponsorship of the Congress, seconded by Bender. Discussion held. A vote was called, 5 for, 5 against, one abstain. Further discussion held. A recount was done, with the same results. The President can break a tie, President was opposed at that level.

Motion by Blount, seconded by Ault to take \$150 from our sponsorship fund (any quarter) and \$100 from the silent auction for a sponsorship of the Congress at the \$250 level. Vote count was 6 for, 2 against, 3 abstained. Motion carried.

- Publications – Boor had talked with Middleton and she has received a few quotes on the newsletter so far and will bring the information back to the board when compiled.
- Annual Meeting – nothing to report at this time.
- By-laws – no report
- Equine Health & Welfare – Moon reported that she will meet with Tom Colvin of the Animal Rescue League soon. Discussion held regarding equine neglect of a Guthrie Center location.
- Educational Programs (which includes Breed & Organization Liaison) – no report.
- Governmental Affairs – Ault mentioned that a puppy mill bill had passed regarding companion animals, which is specific to dogs and cats. It was also mentioned that horses are considered livestock per Iowa Code, except when it talks about sales tax and burial.
- Horse Fair – Ault showed the front cover of this year's program. He also mentioned that the blue flyer has not been sent out yet. Linda Dahl has not been paid for her work to date and she refused to proceed with more work until she has been paid. Evidently there was a miscommunication of e-mails of where to send the bill. Dahl estimated that it will cost approximately \$840 extra to send the blue flyer out first class, since it will not likely make it to people in time if it went by bulk mail at this point in time. Ault provided a handout of 2005 horse fair attendance information. The point was to show that there has been an upswing in attendance at the horse fair. There has been over \$33,000 taken in on the trade show so far, with more coming in yet. Cordray mentioned that the ribbons for the kid's fun area have been sponsored. If you or someone you know would like to volunteer, let Paynter know. Ault will get Boor the list of current vendors for the silent auction. Everyone, please take flyers and post.
- Trails - Cordray provided an update on the Trail Summit, which will be held June 18 & 19, 2010. Hines also mentioned what the Iowa Trail Riders will do regarding a demo involving a horse encountering a stroller, bike, hiker, etc. Suggestions were to also add a wheel chair and crutches. It was mentioned that the Heart of Iowa Trail Ride and Tie event will be mentioned in the next newsletter. Guffey provided copies of an e-mail that was received from Liz Garst of the Whiterock Conservancy. They are looking for IHC input in their planning to build 22 miles of single track soft multi-purpose trail for hikers, mountain bikers, horses, and wildlife viewers on 4200 acres of land in west central Iowa. Discussion

held. We will look for members who live in the Coon Rapids area who may be interested in participating in the planning.

New Business

Cordray mentioned that she has talked to Peggy Miller about some youth activities that the IHC could possibly help co-sponsor. This topic will be discussed further at a later date.

Discussion held on the next meeting date and possible locations. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday is very soon after the horse fair, so it was general consensus to go to the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in April for the next meeting. The next meeting will be held April 25, 2010, at 1:00 p.m., at the Ankeny Dahl's meeting room. Beginning in May the meetings will switch from Sundays to evenings.

Motion by Bender to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Moon. All ayes, the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Submitted by:

Dora Guffey  
IHC Secretary