

Iowa Horse Council Meeting
Held at the Jester Park Equestrian Center
Granger, Iowa
February 20, 2011

The February 20, 2011 board meeting of the Iowa Horse Council (IHC) was called to order at 2:08 p.m. by President Paynter.

Board members present:

Harold Ault	Bill Paynter	Marilyn Bender	Burton Butler
Barb Zukowski	Dora Guffey	Rebecca Cordray	Kay Hines
Dennis Crowley	Linda Spain	Jessica Boor	Carolyn Hasbrook

Guests present:

Jim Bender	Sherry Turner	Inez DeMoss
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Minutes from the Previous Meeting:

The minutes from the November 14, 2010 meeting were mailed/e-mailed out prior to the meeting. Discussion held regarding the use of silent auction funds to support the scholarship, grants, and sponsorship programs. Zukowski mentioned that she was under the understanding that for 2011, the scholarship program had funds in the budget for it. Guffey was under the understanding that those funds would have been moved from the silent auction funds and that there would not be sufficient funds to operate the grant and sponsorship programs. Further discussion held.

Motion by Hines, seconded by Zukowski to approve the November meeting minutes. All ayes, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Bender reviewed the treasurer's report dated January 1 – February 20, 2011 with the board. She has been working with Telleen on getting the funds transferred over to the new bank account.

Bender reported that she has checked on the treasurer being bonded – we currently have a 3 year bond to cover \$40,000. She will get a quote for \$100,000 of coverage.

Bender also mentioned that we received a donation of \$250 that was donated by the family of Dick Sparrow in his memory.

Motion by Spain, seconded by Cordray to approve the treasurer's report as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Old Business:

Discussion held on clarification of the committee structure. Yes, we are back to using the old committee structure. It was noted that at times the new way keeps surfacing off and on. It was discussed to add the silent auction and annual meeting as a committee and remove the titles of administrative, promotions, etc. from the website and newsletter. Discussion held on the by-laws

and nominations committees and if they are duties that fall to the Vice President. Nominations are duties of the VP. The two are separate committees however.

It was noted that we have 14 committees, and they are:

- Horse Fair
- Trails
- Website
- Membership
- Awards & Scholarships
- Grants & Sponsorships
- Publications
- Educational Programs (which includes Breed & Organization Liaison)
- By-laws
- Nominations
- Annual Meeting & Silent Auction
- Equine Health & Welfare
- Governmental Affairs
- Historian

Committee Reports:

- Horse Fair –
 - Paynter mentioned that we will be needing volunteers to help at the horse fair. Let Bill know if you or someone you know can help out.
 - Spain reported that we should have over 40 horses in the Avenue of Breeds and the barn should be full. She also mentioned that Sunday, March 27th at 10:00 a.m. will be the biggest day that we will need help to decorate the barn. Other days to help are the following Wednesday and Thursdays from 10 – 2. Bring ladders, cordless drills, scissors, and the basic tools. Good job Linda on the making of the decorations and for filling the barn!
 - Turner and Hines reported that they have 26 and 23 enrolled in the Queen contests. The Jr. Class will involve ages 10 – 15 and the Sr. Class is ages 15 – 26. Judges are Burton Butler, Steve Goretska and they are going to check on one more judge.
 - Hines also requested everyone send in questions that can be used for the Queen Quiz, such as how often to trim the horse's hooves, etc. Please send the question with the correct answer.
 - Hines reported that Face book is up to approximately 300 who are linked to the Iowa Horse Fair page. We have received a lot of comments and a lot of younger people have joined.
 - It was also mentioned that jousts are coming and rope twirling.
 - Ault provided an update on clinicians and sponsors. Nutrena is sponsoring two clinicians, Purina is sponsoring Kelly Paulson, there will be cowboy dressage, a trail riders challenge, Ride-Like-a-Girl on Friday night and lots of other great things to see and do.
- Trails –
 - Hines mentioned that there will be another Trail Summit to be held at UNI on June 17 & 18, 2011. Betty Grimm is a proposed speaker on the trail etiquette topic. She was the vet who was called to the Madrid incident.
 - Cordray reported that there are 14 members on the IHC trail committee.

- Discussion of an upcoming webinar on February 23rd regarding the Department of Justice regulation on ADA accessibility and the possibility of allowing motorized vehicles on trails.
- Website – Boor indicated that even though she has given up the annual meeting and silent auction committee and board of director duties, she is willing to stay on as the website person. She commented on why she feels two people cannot take care of the website due to the risk of overwriting the other's information. She expressed that committee chairs need to communicate to her how you want her to post things and if you get the information to her by Thursday, she will post it on Sunday. Much discussion held on timing of postings, if the horse fair should have its own website, what software is used for the website, etc. The current cost for the website is \$169 for 3 years. Shawna Middleton had been the back-up person, but is not any longer. Boor asked the board: 1. Does the board want her to continue with the website and 2. If so, who do you want for a back-up person? Further discussion held. Boor will continue with the website and Linda Spain will work with Boor to be the back-up person.
- Membership – Zukowski mentioned that there have been 67 forms received.
- Awards & Scholarships – Zukowski mentioned that we had two award nominations. These will be presented at horse fair again this year and next year we will do at the annual meeting. Five scholarship applications were received; we will award two \$500 scholarships. Both awards and scholarships will be presented in the speaker's area at 2:00 p.m. at the 2011 Horse Fair.
- Grants & Sponsorships – Guffey reported that two grant applications were received even though it was posted on the website that the programs are suspended at this time.
- Publications – Cordray reported that Dorrine will be leaving the 26th and returning March 6, so we are working with an earlier deadline for this upcoming newsletter. Please get things to her prior to the 26th.
- Educational Programs (which includes Breed & Organization Liaison) – no report
- By-laws – no report
- Nominations – no report
- Annual Meeting & Silent Auction – no report
- Equine Health & Welfare – no report
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- Governmental Affairs – Ault mentioned that SF5 had been introduced to remove sales tax on horses. Paynter mentioned that HF22 is a bill to punish those for going off trail. The wording reads - for hikers to mushroom hunting, turkey hunting, bird watching, etc. and that they must apply for a permit 24 hours in advance of their activity on state land or get a \$25 fine.
- Historian – no report

New Business:

- Hasbrook brought up the idea of investigating the possibility of having an IHC booth at the state fair in the horse barn. Hasbrook relayed that many people said that they missed the booth this past year. Discussion held. Thoughts were to maybe not carry all of the literature for all of the breeds, but just do our own IHC promotions.

- Correspondence has been received from the Greater Des Moines Convention and Visitors Bureau informing the horse council of an opportunity to attract the American Youth Horse Council-National Youth Horse Leader's Symposium to have their meeting in Des Moines in 2014. The catch is it would need a local committee to help put it on. Discussion held regarding timing, if it were during horse fair then their presence would boost horse fair attendance, it could be a draw for their group too, but if a lot is required of us to help sponsor, we may be short of help at that time, etc. Paynter will contact the Chamber to visit with them about this further.
- Guffey mentioned that she received an e-mail from an individual who was promoting the Cowboy States Reining Horse Association's 2011 NRHA/CSRHA "Energy City Classic & Derby". They were asking groups to post the information. It was asked if the board wanted to post their information on our website and newsletter even though the event will be held in Gillette, Wyoming. It was general consensus to go ahead and post the information.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held March 20, 2011, possibly at the Jester Park Equestrian Center in Granger.

Motion by Spain to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Bender. All ayes, the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

Submitted by:

Dora Guffey
IHC Secretary