

Wisconsin Hereford Association Board Meeting Minutes Saturday, December 10th, 2016, Portage, Wisconsin

Present: Joe Starr, Ken Pierce, Harold Lietzau, John Dalton, Nathan Reinke, Holly Paulson, Chet Lininger, Dave Steinhoff, Melissa Dahnert, Marv and Ruth Espenscheid.

Representatives from the Wisconsin Hereford Women: Jill Folkman, Nicky Folkman, Elizabeth Bowen, Margaret Langness, Amy Starr, and Nicole Starr.

- Joe called the meeting to order.
- Ruth reviewed the minutes of the September board meeting. As there was not a quorum at that meeting, there was no action taken on approving the minutes from that meeting.
- Melissa presented the profit and loss statement for the year. There is currently \$21,760.21 in the checking account and \$14,631.53 in the savings account. Dave made a motion that the financial statement be approved. Chet seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- The next agenda item was the proposed 2017 budget. The budget was reviewed but no action was taken as the board felt that some adjustments might need to be made after discussing more agenda items.
- Melissa gave the state sale report. Nominations for the 2017 sale included 21 bulls, 2 cow-calf pairs, 8 bred heifers, and 22 open heifers. Greg is still screening cattle. Discussion was held on the size of the state sale catalog, and the board agreed on a 4 x 11 catalog. Mike Sorenson will serve as a ringman and put an ad in the Livestock Plus for \$1500. John Meents will also serve as a ringman. Joe handed out a job description for the state sale manager, for the board to review and to make adjustments as needed. Harold made a motion to pay Melissa \$500 for her services. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried. Holly brought up the idea of a live auction. Holly and Ruth will check into that possibility.
- Discussion was held on the current situation of the women's group. Margaret gave a brief report on the Wisconsin Pollettes and the Wisconsin Hereford Women, which has been inactive for the past several years. A suggestion was made to have one association, and to set up committees, under the auspices of the WHA, to do the work of that group. Elizabeth Bowen and Nicky Folkman will serve as chairmen of the royalty committee, Margaret and her daughters will chair the medallion program, Jeanine Radel will chair the food stand committee for the state sale, and Ruth will chair the pie auction committee for the state sale banquet. There is a search going on for any by-laws, if they exist. This proposal and discussion of the future of the women's association will be an agenda item at the annual meeting, prior to Jill's National Hereford Women's report.
 - Nicky and Elizabeth gave the royalty report, and updated the board on the state and national rules, current queen and princesses attendance at events, and finances. They questioned who they were to answer to, and the board agreed that they report back to this board. The board then discussed helping Annah with her expenses during her term as National Hereford Queen. The National

Hereford Women only pay \$4,500 of her expenses. After much discussion, it was agreed that Annah should keep a detailed expense sheet and that the WHA will fund up to \$4,000 of her expenses. Ken made this motion, John seconded it, motion carried. The WHA President shall review Annah's expenses and authorize the payments. All monies shall be listed under the label, queen's fund – not specifying national or state queen, in accordance with national rules.

- A membership drive to solicit new members was the next agenda item. On a motion from Ken, and a second from Harold, Ruth will obtain the list of Wisconsin members in the American Hereford Association, and send out letters and a reduced membership fee for the first year for \$25 for those not belonging to the WHA. Motion carried.
- Ruth said new directors being nominated for board seats include Chuck Badertscher (SW); Jim Renn, (SE); and Cory Wagner (NE). John Dalton has agreed to a second term on the board.
- Cathy Schommer has indicated that she would like to take over the secretary's position. She is currently facing some health issues, so Ruth will remain as secretary until she is able to assume those duties.
- Steve and Jill Folkman will be the 2017 inductees into the Hall of Fame.
- The southwest district will organize a tour or field day. They are looking at a date in late June. More info will be available at the annual meeting.
- 201 committees were reviewed and will be finalized at the reorganizational meeting the WHA board.
- Joe gave the board members on job responsibilities for the web-site, for their information.
- The next board meeting will be held Friday, January 20th, at the Wintergreen Restaurant at 7:00 PM. Board members are invited to include their wives.
- Chet made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. John seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth Espenscheid, Secretary