

# IDAHO HORSE COUNCIL

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNUAL MEETING

NOVEMBER 11, 2023

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 9:45 am by Vice-President Matt Livengood at the Ford Idaho Center Rodeo Club Conference Room, Nampa, ID

Roll Call of directors and those present were as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President Matt Livengood, K'Linn Huffman, Dixie Christensen, Arlynn Hacker, Ed McNelis, Marja Waugh, John Mead, Dan Waugh, Bessie Fletcher and Gail Duke.

Directors present by Zoom: 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President Diana Wadsworth, Kim Kvamme and Shelby Ketcham.

Directors with excused absences: Duane Staack, Donna Staack, AnnaLucy Keller and Mandie Stuhan.  
Unexcused absences: Connie Bowcutt, Crystal Tonto and Connie Blayney.

Discussion was held on how to give Emeritus Status to Directors who due to health issues are no longer able to attend meetings. Matt is researching the By-Laws to see how to implement this. Tabled to the January 2024 meeting.

Minutes from the June 26, 2023 meeting were emailed to Directors previously and therefore not read at the meeting. Ed moved to accept minutes as written, seconded by Dan. Motion carried.

Correspondence: A post card from Miss Rodeo Idaho , Lydia Miller, was presented to the directors inviting them to a send off party on November 18, 2023 – 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds, Filer ID (See Flyer attached)

Financial report: K'Linn gave a Treasurer's report on the Expo/IHC account. Balance as of November 1, 2023 \$39,308.56 Outstanding Checks \$3,850.46 Balance as of November 11, 2023 \$35,458.10

Balance Sheet of Assets was passed out to Directors (See attached).

Profit & Loss by Class was presented to Directors. (See attached)

Idaho Horse Council Budget presented: (See attached) Dan moved to accept budget. Seconded by Arlynn. After discussion showing a negative total, motion was amended to include transfer from Idaho Horse Expo to Idaho Horse Council for \$6,658.00 Bessie moved and Arlynn seconded motion to include the amended budget. Motion carried.

Fund raising was discussed among directors as a way to fund the Idaho Horse Council. Dan commented on how to get Directors more involved in helping with IHC fund raisers. Dan suggested a stallion auction in conjunction with the Annual meeting or convention in the Fall. Ed suggested more input on Facebook and other social media platforms.

Idaho Horse Expo Budget was presented: (See attached) After discussion, Marja moved to accept the budget presented and Arlynn seconded. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

Gail talked about membership incentives she has researched . Equisure is an insurance company that insures many avenues of horse related activities except property. Life Flight was also suggested. Discussion followed and more information will be available for the January 2024 meeting.

Travis Jones, from Riley & Steiger Company, Spoke about his experience as a consultant and lobbyist for agriculture groups in Idaho. Executive Committee will need to meet to determine if a lobbyist is needed to help with Trails Legislation being proposed.

Dan reported about the Trails Symposiums he has been holding this year. Good results from the entities involved in public lands and other land users . Dan is moving forward with Trails legislation for Non-Motorized use stickers that will help to fund maintenance and creation of new trails in the State. Discussion followed.

Earl Lilley Scholarship: Tabled to January 2024 meeting.

New Business:

Dates for holding a Brand & Vaccination Clinic were discussed. Suggestion was made to use the date of February 17,2024 with alternate dates of February 24 and March 3. Dixie to check with Brand Inspector and Veterinarian. Also need to check with Andrew at Ford Idaho Center. Suggestion was made to offer some type of food to sell and to add a couple of dollars over and above the brand and vaccination cost.

Expo Production Contract was presented and discussed. Marja suggested amending the contract by omitting "to be split as agreed on by the coordinators." Ar lynn moved to accept the contract with the suggested change and seconded by Ed. Motion carried.

Re-Election of officers: Directors re-elected to the 2026 term: Arlynn, Ed, Marja, AnnaLucy,John, Dan, Duane, Donna and Matt. Ed moved to accept the re-election of above named directors and seconded by Dan. Motion carried.

January 27, 2024 will be the date for our January Directors and Representatives meeting. More information will follow.

Nominations were held for new directors.

Arlynn nominated Leo Van Sistane.

Dan nominated Colonel Dennis Stitt and Anne Gahley.

Gail nominated Raina Gabbard

Marja nominated Dana Lovell

John nominated Hal Coburn

Ed nominated Cameron Maroney and Kathy Baxter. Ed to check with them to see if they will accept the nomination.

Dixie nominated Ron Fergie

Ed moved nominations cease and that we approve the directors nominated. John seconded. Motion carried.

Dixie asked for approval to hire Morgan Abrams for the office administrator position. Dan moved to hire Morgan. Seconded by unanimous of directors present. Motion carried

Dixie asked to have her title changed to Executive Director to help with more government involvement and in working with other horse councils in the United States. The description for duties of Executive Director are in the Policies & Procedures Manual for the Horse Council. Ed moved to change her title to Executive Director. Seconded by Anne. Motion carried.

IHC Booth and trailer-Tabled

Committee changes-Tabled

COMMITTEE REPORTS (See attached)

Animal Welfare/Wild Horse-Mandie Stuhan, Chair

Census-Dixie Christensen, chair

Legislative/Racing-Ed McNelis, Diana Wadsworth, Chair

Idaho Horse Expo 2024-Dixie Christensen, John Mead, co-chair

Promotion/Membership-Bessie Fletcher, chair

Youth Activities/Scholarship-Gail Duke, Chair

Trails & Urban Land Use-Dan Waugh, Chair-Arlynn Hacker, Chair

Finance-Diana Wadsworth, Chair

Marketing & Media—Shelby Ketcham & Mandie Stuhan, Co-chair

