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Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

December 12, 2015

Mrs. Rowe's Family Restaurant
Staunton, VA

Directors Present: Rodney Phillips, Paul Arey, John Fleishman, Jack Sheehan, Roy Dean, Kent Firestone, Sarah Kenley, Paul Novak, Bob Schaffer and Todd Scott.

Directors Absent: Billy Koontz, Seth Snyder and Charlie Williams

Rodney Phillips opened the meeting and welcomed those in attendance.

Approval of Past Meeting Minutes

After an addition to the Annual Meeting minutes of the Directory elections, there was a motion to approve the minutes as amended. The motion was properly seconded,

Treasurer's Report – Jack Sheehan

Jack distributed an updated copy of 2015 Financial Summary and gave an overview to the board members.

ODAC Discussion

Jack handed out an information packet that outlined the pros and cons of using ODAC for our sales/shows/annual meetings. After much discussion Bob made a motion not to move cattle sales to ODAC in 2016. The motion was properly seconded. Furthermore, Bob made another motion to continue to explore ODAC for an event to be held in 2016 which will attract breeders of all types and showcase the ODAC facility and the Hereford breed. This motion was also properly seconded. Jack Sheehan agreed to take leadership of this by checking circuit dates and dates the facility is available.

Director Attendance

Pursuant to article V Section 3 of the Bylaws of the Virginia Hereford Association, "a vacancy may be declared if a director misses three (3) or more consecutive Board meetings". Following that directive, the Board declared Seth Snyder's seat on the board vacant due to missing more than 3 consecutive Board of Director meetings. A letter will be sent to Seth informing him of this. There was general discussion of who may be interested in filling the remainder of his term. During this discussion the board authorized Roy Dean to contact Rebecca Monger to see if she would be willing to be appointed by the Board to finish the term vacated by Seth Snyder.

Review Mid Atlantic Fall Bonanza Sale and Show

General discussion about the show; needed to post an event schedule; there was a cluster around the show area since it was moved to the sale ring area. There needs to be more involvement of the show committee at the event. The Board chose the members of the show committee for 2016, to oversee the event planning and follow thru.

There was a discussion regarding the changing of the show premiums. Based on a report from the association treasurer on the amount of donations received, the show committee lowered the show premiums for the show. This change was not approved by the Board of Directors.

A motion was made by Paul Novak to send an apology letter to those receiving premiums and a check to make up the amount they should have received. This motion was seconded by Sarah Kenley and Bob Schaffer asked for a roll call to vote on the motion. President Rodney Phillips called for the roll call vote. Per the roll call, 3 in favor, 4 against and 1 abstention.

In Favor	Not in Favor	Abstention
Bob Schaffer Sarah Kenley Paul Novak	Roy Dean Kent Firestone Paul Arey John Fleishman	Todd Scott

The motion failed. The show premiums will be re-evaluated by the show committee during the planning process for the 2016 show.

Committee Assignments

Sale Committee – Rodney Phillips, Rebecca Webert, Paul Novak, John Bennet, Paul Arey, Secretary.

Juniors and Show – Charlie Williams (Jr. Advisor), Kent Firestone, Todd Scott, Sarah Kenley, Roy Dean, Paul Arey, Rebecca Monger, Jack Sheehan.

Membership – Paul Novak, Paul Arey, Sarah Kenley, Jackie Koontz.

Master Mailing List – Paul Novak

Finance – President, Vice President, Treasurer

Advertising – Kent Firestone, Todd Scott, Jack Sheehan

Bull Development – Bob Schaffer, Jack Sheehan, Rodney Phillips, Doug Harrison, Mike Taylor.

The show committee is to bring a plan and budget to the next board meeting for approval.

Beef Expo

There was general discussion about the Beef Expo and the amount we owe them. We can pay the amount owed of \$1,661 in 2 installments. A motion was made and properly seconded to pay half now out of the General Fund and have an agenda item at the January meeting to discuss and approve to pay the remainder from the Bull Development Program.

It was decided that the VHA would not pursue Baldies for the Beef Expo in 2016. This motion was made and properly seconded. Roy will contact those he has solicited for consignments and let them know.

Secretary Search

The board was given a list of the secretary's duties and discussed how they would go about filling this position. The secretary has agreed to stay for at least 60 days and hopefully a replacement will be found at that time.

Next meeting – February 6, 2016, at 10:00am, Mrs. Rowe's Restaurant, Staunton, VA.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Teresa M. Arey
VHA Secretary