



Meeting Minutes

Date: October 4, 2019

Time: 8 PM EDT, 7 PM CDT, 6 PM MDT, 5 PM PDT

Location: Zoom Tele-conference

In Attendance: Justin Grady, Pat Wendling, Cynthia DuVal, John Cooper (late to attend), Dan Wiley, Brent White, Vernon Lang, Jerry DuVal, Dan Taylor

Not In Attendance: Craig DeHaan, Joe Bottini, Bill Moreton

Call to Order: Justin Grady

A notice that all MHBA Board meetings would be automatically recorded was provided. Each member in attendance would respond yes if they agree to be recorded and no if they did not want to be recorded. A roll call was provided and all attending agreed to be recorded.

Justin welcomed everyone and noted that this was the first Zoom conference call meeting as well as the first meeting of the Board since the current election. He also let the Board know that each of these meetings would last no longer than one hour.

Secretary's Minutes: Cynthia DuVal

There were no Secretary's minutes available as this was the Secretary's first meeting. A vote was taken to accept that there were no previous meeting minutes. (Unanimous)

Treasurers Report: Craig DeHaan

The October Treasurer's report was provided by Craig via email to be read at the meeting as he was unable to attend due to previous commitments. Craig stated that the balance as of today was \$49,753.00. He also stated that the MHBA still has several MHBA sponsored shows that will need to be paid including NILE, American Royal, and NAILE as well as other expenditure including the Fall magazine.

Justin moved to approve the Treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by Jerry. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Old Business:

None was available as this was the first tele-conference meeting.

New Business:

Justin informed the Board that currently there was no Region 4 Director as none was nominated by that Region during the MHBA Elections that took place this spring/summer. He asked for suggestions from the Board as to how to proceed in filling that position. Jerry suggested that a letter be sent out to the members of that Region requesting their input on how to fill the position. A motion was made by Jerry DuVal to have a letter sent out to the Region 4 membership requesting volunteers to serve as the MHBA Region 4 Director. The motion was seconded by Brent White. A vote was called, motion passed 8 in favor (Justin, Pat, Cynthia, Dan W, Brent, Jerry, DanT, and John), one opposed (Vernon). It was decided that the letters would be sent to all Region 4 Family members both by email as well as post. Responses from Region 4 members could be made via email. Cynthia requested that the response deadline would be November 1st due to upcoming shows and to allow ample time for volunteers to respond.

Cynthia talked about a new MHBA website. She went over some of the many advantages with the new website including the following: members will be able to update their own information (address changes, adding family members), no more paper membership cards would be needed as the membership would be able to download the app and have their membership card on their smartphones (they would also be able to print their



cards on cardstock from their computer if needed), members could select an automatic renewal for annual membership dues, and all membership invoices would automatically be sent for renewals. She also said that just the membership card aspect of the new website would save the Association approximately \$500 on membership supplies. Additionally, there will be two spaces on the website home page to sell advertising spaces that can also help offset the cost of the website. There will also be a General store area for selling products promoting the MHBA (hats, shirts, etc.), and an events page where show superintendents will be able to collect entries and fees for upcoming shows. Cynthia said that, according to Craig, the MHBA is currently paying about \$1400 per year for the current website. The cost of this new website (hosting up to 2000 members) would be approximately \$160 per month if paid monthly, but if we signed up for yearly renewal we would receive a discount and a two year renewal we would receive an even larger discount (15%). Cynthia asked the Board if this was the direction they wanted to go with a new website or for her to continue to research other options. John made a motion to proceed with the new website; Dan W. seconded the motion. A vote was called with 9 in favor (Justin, Pat, Cynthia, John, Dan W, Brent, Vernon, Jerry, Dan T), zero opposed. Cynthia will proceed with the new website.

Vernon brought up that he had a couple of items he wanted to discuss. His first question was who were considered the Directors of the Board. Justin responded that there were the Regional Directors and the Executive Board consisting of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Vernon initiated a discussion regarding By-Laws and the Periodical reports filed with the State of Nebraska. Justin requested that Vernon write down all of his concerns regarding the current By-laws and send them to the Board for review so that they may be addressed at the subsequent meetings. Justin requested that Cynthia contact the Secretary of State of Nebraska and find out if the Periodical reports need to be updated yearly and to provide that information at the next meeting.

Justin announced that MHBA meetings will be scheduled for at least every other month, or sooner as necessary, using this Zoom Teleconferencing platform.

The next meeting would be held in December at 7PM EDT, 6PM CDT, 5PM MDT, 4PM PDT via Zoom.

Adjourn: Justin Grady moved to adjourn the meeting and John Cooper seconded it at 8:02PM EDT, 7:02PM CDT, 6:02PM MDT, 5:02 PM PDT

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia DuVal
MHBA Secretary