

MSBOA MEETING MINUTES

May 13, 2025

MEETING

Start Time 6:00 pm

Board members present:

Chris Basford, Rhoda Underhill and Fran Hanley (7:00)

Via zoom: Bill Childs, Peggy Tardif, Jessica Childs, Shannon Watson

Absent: Mel Grant, Josiah Reid and Claire Ryder

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Call to order: 6:04 pm President: Billy Childs

President's Remarks:

No opening remarks

Secretary's report:

Last meetings minutes were previously emailed to all board members.

Motion to accept the minutes from the meeting on April 8, 2025, by Bill Childs, 2nd by Rhoda Underhill: unanimous.

Treasurer's report:

Fran Hanley emailed the report to all board members.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report by Bill Childs, 2nd by Rhoda Underhill: unanimous

Committee Reports:

Scholarship:

Fran sent an email updating applicant status- we have 3 applicants and the information will be forwarded to the Scholarship Committee for consideration, will report at next months meeting.

Old Business:

Membership numbers- online payments?

Discussion was had about accepting payments via Venmo or Paypal it was decided that Venmo would be used. Rhoda will get with Fran to get an account set up.

Hickman Bill LD793

An update was given by Bill – discussion was had about the difference in the historical amount that the MSBOA gets compared to what they are slated to get from this bill and the concern that it could set us up for future cuts. The Board agreed to have Bill speak with Peter Connell to see if it is possible to change the amount to match our historical percentage, which is the same share as the Fairs.

Motion to have Bill Childs speak with Peter Connell regarding the distribution of LD1838. Is it possible to continue our historical percentage to match the fairs as established in 2003. By Peg Tardif, 2nd by Bill Childs: 9 yay 0: nay

Budget Request:

The proposed budget is set for the next Commission meeting on May 20th for approval. Administrative costs will come from 272b and the Promotional funds will be handled as in the past but will now be approved by the Commission rather than the Executive Director.

Banquet

More discussion was had on whether or not to combine with the MHHA. The idea of showcasing all aspects of “Breeders” (breeding, foaling, farrier, etc) Maybe make it a longer time with awards.

New Business:

MHRC Grant- need to just request as in past years.

Base Purse Meeting- Bill and Rhoda attended the meeting. Numbers are up this year so the base purse will start lower than last year and is set at \$10, 500.00. Will reassess in July.

TV ads- Bangor- Rhoda previously emailed the quote for the ads, same as last year.

Motion to accept TV ads Bangor contract by Peg Tardiff, 2nd by Chris Basford: unanimous

Rhoda will ask her contact if there is a sister station in the southern part of the state that maybe we could work with.

NELE(Northeast Livestock Expo) kids day- over 2000 kids will attend the event at Windsor Fair grounds on May 16th. Rhoda will attend along with Marianne from MHHA. Will report back next meeting.

Next meeting date: June 10, 2025, at 6:00pm

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: 8:26pm.

Motion to adjourn by Rhoda Underhill, 2nd by Fran Hanley: unanimous