

British Morgan Horse Society

Board Meeting - Sunday 25th July 2005 at Monnington On Wye

Present

Trudy Connolly (President), Jan Rogers (Chairperson), Les Reading (Treasurer), Nicky Green (Secretary), Chris Reading (Registrar).

Apologies

None.

Agenda

1 Board Member

The board have had no contact from Nikki Randles despite many attempts to include her, including a phone call today. The board felt that NR should be approached to discuss her role on the board as she is a non-productive member. Jan to action this.

2 Board Minutes 7th May 2005

The minutes were signed as a true record of the meeting.

Matters arising from these minutes:

- a) There is money outstanding from merchandise previously sold - approximately £900, Les to action this.
- b) The Board have agreed to pay Robin Hepworth £5 per visit for IT support.
- c) Peter Mackenzie to supply the BMHS with a two year financial forecast. Peter has the accounts for 2003 but he needs the 2004 accounts which Mel Hough (former Treasurer) still has.
- d) Outstanding debt from 2004 Championship Show - Les said that as yet he has not approached the party concerned because he is waiting for the transfer of the Treasurers files.
- e) Just to clarify our BMHS Membership runs from 1st Jan to 1st Jan.
- f) Sian Brown - Nicky Green has responded to the solicitor acting for Sian Brown. This item is resolved for the time being.

3 Youth Report

BMHS Youth Clinic runs for 5 days starting on July 26th at Monnington Court. Loaned horses are used for this and the owners are required to sign a disclaimer to say that no responsibility will be taken should there be an injury to the loaned horse. One member who agreed to loan a horse for the clinic does not agree with this and requested that we should have some insurance cover for this situation. Jan agreed to action this.

4 Treasurer

The handover of the Treasurers files from Mel Hough to Les Reading is in hand and should be taking place soon. New Mandates need to be signed. Jan pointed out that there is an outstanding invoice for the hire of Keysoe Equestrian Centre - Les to action this.

5 Registry

Passport covers - there has been a problem sourcing the correct covers for our passports which has resulted in delays, Les reported that the printers have promised to produce these soon. The Board agreed to give them 2 weeks to produce passport covers.

6 Photocopier

Chris reported that the current BMHS photocopier does not work properly and requested a new one. The Board agreed that this is an essential tool in the work of the Registrar and agreed to pay £250 for a new one. Les said that he would do some market research on photocopiers and then report back to the Board.

7 Combined Passport/Registration Document

Chris Reading suggested that we combine our passport and registration document. This issue was discussed at length but the board did not make a decision regarding this, it was agreed that we will debate this issue at a future meeting.

Stallion Owners Signature on Registration Application Form - Trudy reported that the American Morgan Horse Association (AMHA) are currently debating whether or not to drop the need for the Stallion Owners signature on the registration application form. Trudy said that she will keep abreast of this issue and report back again.

The Board expressed its appreciation to Chris for the work that she does as Registrar and offered help and support to her.

8 Admin report

Dawn Sharif (administrator) reported that she has received a few enquiries over the phone but more emails during this period. Dawn has produced a printed list of BMHS members, there are 60 previous members who have not rejoined the society this year. We currently have 136 members.

We currently pay £104 for a PO Box address. Dawn is happy for us to use her address as the BMHS admin address saving us this amount per year. The Board would like to thank Dawn for her report.

Jan has received a letter from Kingsford - who received a letter from the Inland Revenue. Jan to action this.

9 Admin Computer

Robin can upgrade our existing PC for around £40 or the BMHS could invest in a new one. The Board agreed that we should shop around for a new one, and look at the cost of the Broadband packages for the Admin and the Registry computers.

10 Shows 05 and 06

The Championship Show for 2005 is organised. Pamela Rodley has organised lots of sponsorship for this show. Nikki Randles has made no contact with regard to the Breeders Cup sponsorship which was her action point. Trudy said that she would do it for this year and has sponsorship already. She needs artwork by 15th August.

The Board agreed to set a limit on the prize money for the Breeders Cup as follows :
£250 for first place
£75 for second place

2006 AAB - Dawn Sharif and Sarah Grundy have booked the show at Moreton Morrell for 27th May 2006. The Judge Cathy Shoreton is also booked for this show.

2006 3 Counties - Gertrude to Judge - Trudy to action this.

2006 Western Region - Kate Kearns to Judge - Jan to action this.

2006 Championship Show - No plans as yet.

2005 Championship Show - Saturday night party, Jamie booked to do the disco.

Pamela Rodley has requested that we have sashes with roses for the Championship Shows Champions. She has found a sponsor for this - the Board gave this their support.

11 Newsletter and Magazine

Janice Mackenzie reports that there is a newsletter due out in August. The Board noted that there has been no newsletters so far this year. The newsletter is due out 3 times per year and the Magazine once per year.

12 Merchandise

It was agreed that we would order sweatshirts in time for the Championship show. Sweatshirts - Blue with a silver print 2 Med, 6 Large, 4 Xlarge. Nicky agreed to do this once we have the finished design.

13 Website

Nicky and Trudy have done some work on this but need to do more.

14 Any Other Business

Angela Conner requested that we give rosettes to 6th or 8th place in a championship and said that she would cover the cost of this, the Board gave their agreement for this.

Trudy suggested that for the Western Region Show next year could there be 'baby green' classes for young horses in training tack.

Jo Critchlow asked the Board if she is classed as an amateur - the Board agreed that as she receives remuneration for working with horses then she is classed as a professional.

Date of the next meeting is 30th October 2005

Meeting finished at 4.40pm