

IDAHO HORSE COUNCIL report
Respectfully submitted by
Marybeth Conger- IHC Director for BCHI – one of seven

After IHC President Dixie Christensen called meeting to order, roll call was taken and motions carried to approve the November 17,2018 minutes as amended and the special director meeting of December 27, 2018.

The following guests and IHC membership representatives were introduced and welcomed: Randi McCallan- AQHA, Ann Martin- 2019 IHC Organizational member SCGH, Rhonda Gundert (Kimberly Kvamme's friend), DeEtte Lindberg- IHB Executive Director, Dan Tackett, and Sabina Amidon- 2019 IHC Individual Member.

1. Treasurer's Report & Financial Summary presented.

Unfinished Business:

2. Hiring of Executive Director- A committee was formed. Director input on what an Executive Director should do for the IHC. Please respond to committee email requests. IHC has temporarily hired a temporary secretary.
3. Please welcome and congratulate Cheryl Keshian as the IHC 2019 2nd Vice President.
4. Janine Townsend discussed Horse Statue. Cost could be \$2,500- \$3,500. Sabrina Amidon has one for the IHC to borrow temporarily. Janine will handle getting this horse to the 2019 Expo.
5. DeEtte Lindberg, Idaho Horse Board Executive Director, gave update. Senator Patti Anne Lodge working to present draft bill to increase equine fees.

New Business:

1. Consolidation of Committees to better align duties.
2. Sabrina Amidon new Expo Coordinator gave a report and meeting update. Should be another great event promoting the horse industry in Idaho April 12-14 2019.
3. Idaho Horse Board grants- Anna Lucy Keller reported that of the \$24,000.00 received from brand inspections, \$16,500.00 awarded by the IHB for total of 20 grants.
4. Dixie Christensen is implementing a new committee report process for all committee chairs. Specifically, all committee reports must be completed and electronically emailed to the Secretary before the next board of director meeting.
5. IHC By-Laws Review/Recommendations- Anna Lucy Keller to review current 2012 By-Laws and make any edit recommendations at next Board of director meeting.
6. The next IHC board of director meeting set Saturday June 15, Twin Falls, ID. Dixie Christensen to follow up with Jim Knight. There was discussion about meeting room location and size of chairs.

7. Dixie asked for any other new business. Connie Blayney discussed some horse rescue issues. Arizona passed new law applying standards and rules for rescuers. Idaho may need to do something like this in the future. Steve Taylor gave update on Appaloosa plate issue. After reaching out to representatives, there is pending legislation to increase the weight limit for vehicles. Apparently, this weight was too low.
8. Results of 12/4/2019 financial review covered by Marybeth Conger. IHC will have an annual budget for board approval at the beginning of each year.
9. There was board consensus on how to proceed with the historical racing youth fund monies
10. Board member and Bookkeeper Diana Wadsworth is working on a general business audit for IHC 2017 and 2018. Once completed Diana will bring results and recommendations to the next board of director meeting.

Overall many housekeeping type items covered, but sometimes that happens. More importantly, winter has arrived in the treasure valley. Our horses and mules are getting fat and sassy in the snow-covered pastures.

