

## Meeting Minutes of the East Coast Buckskin Horse Association

Date: Sunday, January 5, 2020

Location: Meeting via Conference Call

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Chad Moshier at 12:03pm.

Those present for the conference call meeting: Chad Moshier, Elena Roth, Wanda Griffie, Janet Rose, Mark O'Neill, Jamie Timson, Michele Welch, Chris Welch, Linda Pottieger, Jen D'Arco, Elena Wise, Laurie Valvardy, Heather Hurley, Michelle Kuberski, and Julie McCutcheon.

Wanda G. made a motion for the approval of the Secretary's Minutes from the previous meeting. Michele W seconded the motion. All voted for approval of the minutes from the January 5, 2020 meeting.

Elena Roth discussed opening a bank account for the association. Elena has investigated opening an account with PNC. PNC requires account have at least \$500 in the account. Elena will investigate other banks and credit unions for opening an account and report back to the board.

The meeting then moved to committee reports.

Fundraising Committee Report: Chair Mark O'Neill did not have anything to report for the committee currently. Julie M reported on details of having an axe throwing fundraiser.

Axe Throwing Fundraiser Details Presented: Location Generation Axe in Harrisburg PA. Age limit is 21 and older. Located inside Joe K's Brewhouse. Normal pricing is \$15 per person. Suggested price for fundraiser is \$25-30. This would cover cost of axe throwing and remainder would go back to association. Julie is also looking into possible donation from the brewhouse for a free appetizer or coupon for attendees. Association would pick a specific date and time slot and purchase tickets in advance. Then the association would set up a site for those interested to purchase the tickets. The event is not organized through Generation Axe, it is a group purchasing tickets separately from the business.

Julie will work on gathering more information and getting the fundraiser set up. Heather H. made a motion to approve moving forward with the Axe Throwing Fundraiser. Linda P advised that she would be unable to participate in the vote and event due to the nature of the activity. Motion was seconded by Elena W. All approved to move forward with holding an Axe Throwing Fundraiser.

Show Committee Report: Chad Moshier opened discussion for the show committee. Mark O'Neill reported being in contact with Bloomsburg PA facility and the opportunity to share the

use of the facility with a smaller Jumper group. Mark has not heard back from the facility on proceeding with the horse show. Mark and Janet will continue to follow up with the Bloomsburg Facility for a possible horse show this year. Discussion moved to other possible venues to host a horse show. Mark discussed that Rich Miller is building a new facility near Harrisburg. No one have contacted Rich about the possibility of a horse show. Mark will follow up. Other venues discussed included Diamond 7, Delaware State Fairgrounds, New Jersey Dreampark. The Show committee will continue to work on securing a venue for a horse show this year and will report back to the board.

Membership Committee Report: Julie M reported that the Website, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram were all up and running. The website and Facebook page are getting the most activity currently. A request for photos was sent out via the Facebook page and received an overwhelming response. A Facebook poll for what members would like to see at horse shows was sent out. Results showed Ranch being the most popular with Halter/Showmanship, and Hunter Under Saddle/Equitation being a close second and third. A promotion flier was created and sent out via facebook. The membership committee requested for members to place fliers around their area to help promote the association. Membership forms for ECBHA and IBHA can be found on the website. Elena R reported on the logo. A few initial options were sent out to the officers and board members. Discussion on simplifying to logo was discussed. Elena will take suggestions back to the designer and present updated options to the board.

With the committee reports being completed, Chad opened discussion for pending old business.

A draft of the Bylaws was sent out to the officers and board members to review. Discussion to amend the following sections of the bylaws proceeded.

#### Article II -Membership

##### Section Four

The membership shall be notified five (5) days in advance of the meeting date was amended to  
The membership shall be notified fourteen (14) days in advance of the meeting date.

Section Six: A simple majority shall be necessary to approve actions and amendments brought before the Directors or members present. Members discussed changing the simple majority to a 2/3 vote. After discussion amongst the board, it was decided to leave the section as it stands with the simple majority.

## Article III – Powers

### Section One

The officers of this Association shall consist of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and seven (7) Board of Directors was amended to The officers of this Association shall consist of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and at least seven (7) Board of Directors.

### Section Seven

The Board of Directors shall consist of the President and seven (7) members. Elected Directors shall be divided into three (3) classes. The terms shall be three (3) serving a one year term and three (3) serving a two year term in the charter and elected by the general membership, and one (1) serve a permanent position as Rules Person, the 7<sup>th</sup> director was amended to The Board of Directors shall consist of the President and at least seven (7) members. Elected Directors shall be divided into two (2) classes. The terms shall either be one (1) year or two (2) years as designated by the board at the inclusion of the board member.

## Article IV

### Section Two

Should by mutual consent of the membership, the East Coast Buckskin Horse Association, LLC disband, all assets and personal property owned by the Association shall be surrendered to the International Buckskin Horse Association, LLC. Was amended to Should by mutual consent of the membership, the East Coast Buckskin Horse Association, LLC disband, all assets and personal property owned by the Association shall be surrendered to another non-profit organization chosen by a majority of the then existing board.

The final changes were approved and voted upon by present members.

Chad then moved discussion to pending 501 (c) 3 status. The total fee for filing with state and federal is \$525. Chris W reported that there is no other entity that has filed with the same or similar name. The association will continue to raise funds and submit the application for the 501 (c) 3 status.

A draft of the IBHA Charter Application was sent out to officers and board members to review. Active IBHA memberships will be required for the officers and board members for the IBHA application to be approved. All officers and board members will submit their IBHA membership applications as soon as possible.

Chad then moved discussion to the IBHA Convention. The convention will be March 11-14, 2020 in Milwaukee, WI. Total approximate cost to send someone to the convention will be \$800. As all necessary items for the charter application are completed, the board will revisit submitting applications for the charter delegate position. All items may not be completed, and

necessary funds collected in order to attend the 2020 convention. Discussion tabled to next meeting.

With no further old business to discuss, Chad opened the meeting to new business.

Potential events for 2020 were discussed. Discussion to proceed on focusing on hosting a horse show will be the focus for the association at this time. Other events may be added as the association grows.

Julie M suggested a riding program to offer as a benefit for association members to earn year end awards. The riding program would allow for all members to participate and may help reach new potential members. Julie will work on drafting rules and forms for the rewards program to present to the board for approval.

Chad opened the meeting to discussion on Fundraiser ideas. Suggestions included; having a saddle donated to raffle, donations from other tack suppliers, reaching out to other businesses that would be interested in donating or sponsoring the association. Julie will draft a sponsorship form to send out to the board for approval. Members will work on contacting businesses in their area to get an idea on potential sponsorships.

With no other business to discuss, Mark made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 151pm. Jamie seconded the motion. All members approved. Meeting adjourned.

The next meeting will be a conference call on Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> @ Noon.