

NBOD 12-1-2020 via Zoom; 6:30 CST

Roll Call – Angie Meroshnekoff, Bill Wingle, Shari Parys, Esther Diaguila, Jamie Dieterich, Bob Insko, Lory Walls, Marla Stucky, Laurie DiNatale, Alice Perryman, Kris Gray, Esther Diaguila and Sarah Rinne. Also attending board members elect Kim Murphy and John Zeliff.

Coreware update by Wingle. Meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> didn't go as well as hoped and was quite discouraging. A follow up training for Wingle, Andrea Rogers and Rinne is being held tomorrow, and maybe things will be better and we will get some answers. Wingle believes he can salvage a good portion of the website, just not all of the functionality the current website has. Meroshnekoff asked if we need to seek another company. Rinne suggested seeking technology grants to help buffer cost of a new website build. Wingle will work to seek any qualified members to help build a backup site. Murphy will reach out to an R4 member Krissy Colbath who may have the experience we need in grant writing as she works for a hospital raising funds.

Judges Committee – Meroshnekoff shared the names of the proposed Judges Committee for 2021 with two new committee co-chairs Dr. Keri Riddick and Lory Walls. Meroshnekoff called for a vote to approve the committee as proposed. There was discussion about some of the proposed members and lack of involvement in their current roles on the committee. Potential replacements were suggested and Meroshnekoff stated she wanted to speak with the people not participating in discussions to clarify their intent and desire to remain active on the committee. It was decided to hold off on approving the committee until inactive members were contacted. Dieterich suggested the new co-chairs be approved at a minimum so they can assume their roles and begin by writing the annual judges letter that is sent with the new Rule Books. **Motion by Diaguila, second by Dieterich to approve Dr. Keri Riddick and Lory Walls as co-chairs of the committee. Motion carried.** The rest of the committee will be reviewed and approved in the January meeting.

Budget – Gray presented the proposed budget for 2021. Membership revenue was discussed and Walls raised the question of how the prorated membership dues would be carried out as we change the renewal/membership period to annual versus anniversary dates as it was previously. Gray explained the process and how the dues will be collected. Fundraising was discussed and the plan to implement the program as soon as possible. We can select up to six promotional items, such as t-shirts, to sell at a time through an online store. *Hoof Print* printing was discussed. Dieterich stated the number of subscriptions has dropped each year and we are losing money on it. Dieterich, Laurie Knuutila and Bev Roberts discussed alternative options, but they required a lot of volunteer hours to carry out and that it doesn't make sense to keep printing it. **Motion by Gray, second by Parys to discontinue printing *Hoof Print*. Motion carried.** A notice will be placed in the winter *Hoof Print* as that will be the final print copy. Murphy will also do an E-News. Dieterich stated we still need to approve the renewal of Laurie Knuutila's editor contract as we will still need that service for the online editions. **Motion by Walls, second by Dieterich to renew Laurie Knuutila's editor contract. Motion carried.**

Walls stated the election of Foundation directors should have been held at the November meeting. Timelines were discussed, and it was suggested that the election of Foundation directors be moved to February, or whenever the annual meeting/convention is held so it would be at the same time as the election of Foundation officers. It was questioned if it needed to be voted on since it is a procedural change as opposed to rules or bylaws. Dieterich stated it is a significant enough change it should be voted on before adjusting it in the Policies and Procedures. **Motion by Walls, second by Diaguila to change the election of the regional foundation directors to the annual meeting, rather than the November meeting. Motion carried.**

This was Shari Parys' and Alice Perryman's last official board meeting. Meroshnekoff thanked them for their service and dedication.