

**BITS Quarterly Meeting**  
**March 17, 2018**  
**Ames Public Library**

**Attendance:** A total of eight paid members were present representing a quorum.

**Meeting Minutes:**

**Old Business**

Updates on Skunk River Driving Trial

**Officials:** Jada stated she has contacted the officials and they will be Karen Garret (President of Jury), Nancy Tomlinson (Ground Jury), and Keith Yutzy (Technical Delegate).

**Format of Show:** A discussion was had about adding a separate Combined Test (CT) only show on Friday. Additional costs and volunteer needs were discussed and the club voted to add this.

**Prizes:** Eleanor Eagly stated that the prizes and T-shirts are in order. She is preparing chairs, engraved beer steins and root beer steins for the juniors.

**Volunteers:** The volunteer coordinator for the show the past few years has stepped down. The club has a new person in mind and will approach her and ask if she would be willing to take this role.

**Golf Carts:** Doug Six has found a potential new vendor for our golf carts that is significantly less expensive than our prior vendor. Doug suggested and the club discussed several changes to the contract with the potential new vendor, specifically that the carts will be delivered by noon on Friday and we should request one four-seat cart for officials. The club voted to use the new vendor. It was also suggested we should have all carts delivered to office initially to be delivered to the renter after liability form is signed.

**Food:** Matt Neubauer stated that Midwest Driving will supply pizza and beer for the Friday night party. It was suggested a donation box could still be put out to collect money for the club. Eleanor stated the food for the daily lunches is all planned. Flat cost will be \$5. Jada Neubauer suggested that there will be some additional help this year to prepare and serve the lunch food.

**Fundraising:** It was decided we should continue to ask for sponsorships, but would be helpful to have a letter to provide to any potential donors. A raffle was discussed but was dropped due to state law concerns.

**Spectators:** It was discussed that we could use the SW corner of the outdoor arena, near the water obstacle, as a viewing area for spectators on Saturday (Marathon day). It was noted that Midwest Driving has purchased a portable PA system that we may be able to use here as well.

**Competitor Communication:** It was discussed there is a some "text-blast" software options available where the event organizer can send text messages to competitors that we have seen other shows use and may want to consider.

## **New Business**

### Treasurer Update

Matt provided an update on membership and accounts:

**Membership Update:** Received fourteen membership renewals. Total membership including family membership and life members is 21 members. Current quorum requirement is 4 members.

**Accounts:** Current club account balance is \$1,239, current Junior Account balance is \$1,001.

**Transactions:** Received \$235 in memberships and \$50 in sponsorships (IMHA). Paid out \$58 for chair deposit, and \$59 for annual internet fees.

### **Club Brochure:**

Brochures have been requested to be available at the Iowa Horse Fair. It was asked if anyone had a copy of our prior brochure and was suggested that we contact a former club member to see if an electronic copy was available that we could use.