

MINNESOTA HUNTER JUMPER ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes

January 18, 2010

Held at Franz Repro

In attendance:

Name	Present	Name	Present	Name	Present	Name	Present
G. Novak	X	P. Franz	X	J. McCaffrey	X	Junior Board:	
G. Brandt	X	S. Golden	X	B. Nay	X	K. Bentfield	X
L. Brustman	X	T. Grandstrand	X	L. Ostberg	X	L. Brindley	X
M. J. Cody	X	T. Johnson	X	N. Reid		D. Hudlow	
J. Erickson	X	B. Kieffer	X	S. Riley	X		

Meeting was called to order by G. Novak.

1. **Minutes:** B. Kieffer moved and S. Riley seconded approving the minutes from the previous meeting. The motion carried.
2. **Banquet:** J. McCaffrey is in process of collecting money from the last auction items.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** J. Erickson and J. McCaffrey presented the Year End finances for 2009. Bank balances are as follows: MHJA Horse Show account: \$4,699.18; Checking: \$5,963.38; Savings: \$31,865.58; Total: \$42,528.14. Once remaining Auction monies have been received, 2009 Net Income will be an approximate \$8,000 loss. G. Brandt moved and S. Riley seconded approving the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed.
4. **Junior Board:** S. Golden proposed that, in lieu of having the Juniors attend our meeting, they could conduct their own meeting at the same time. They could invite as many members as they would like and select their own topics/projects to pursue. M. J. Cody moved and G. Brandt seconded this change. The motion passed. G. Brandt encouraged Junior members to join a committee. S. Golden volunteered to be the Junior Board advisor.
5. **Show Specifications:** B. Kieffer noted that there are Zone specification changes in a few Divisions such as Children's Hunter Pony (riders can ride in the Children's Hunters, Pony Hunters, Pony Jumpers on another horse/pony) and High Children's/Adult Jumpers (range of heights). B. Kieffer moved and T. Grandstrand seconded that the MHJA change our specifications to meet the Zone specifications. Motion approved.
6. **Horse Show Approvals:** G. Novak indicated that we could not approve the spring Maffitt Lakes shows because they overlap with our Horse Show. T. Grandstrand indicated that most trainers will not choose which shows to attend based on whether they have MHJA approval. There was discussion on whether to approve the summer and/or fall Maffitt Lakes shows. G. Novak has sent our class specifications to them to see if they will meet our specifications; it was noted that this was also done last year. Approval of these shows would be pending receiving their class list and specifications. Following are the local shows and dates:

May 5-9 Midstates Spring
May 20-23 MHJA
June 9-13 Midstates Summer
June 16-20 Midstates Summer Fest
June 23-27 Alpine
July 14-18 River Bend

July 21-25 Alpine Equifest
Aug. 4-8 Carriage House
Aug. 11-15 Maffitt Lakes
Aug. 18-23 Maffitt Lakes
Aug. 25-29 State Fair
Sept. 1-5 Otter Creek

Sept. 15-19 Midstates Fall
Sept. 20-26 Maffitt Lakes

Sept. 27-Oct. 3 Maffitt Lakes
Oct. 5-10 Harvest Show

G. Brandt moved and B. Kieffer seconded approving the above shows and dates except for the 4 Maffitt Lakes shows. Motion passed. G. Brandt also moved that the approval of the four Maffitt Lakes shows is conditional on 75% of their unrated Divisions meet our class specifications. M. J. Cody seconded the motion; the motion carried.

7. **MHJA Medal Finals:** Medal Finals are usually held at the Carriage House show and were poorly attended last year. After much discussion about moving these to another show such as Otter Creek, G. Brandt moved to keep them at the Carriage House show. P. Franz seconded the motion; the motion passed.
8. **MHJA Horse Show:** M. J. Cody reported that the corporate sponsors for the Harvest show will be extended to the four Mason City shows. She has talked with Kris Rame about the possibility of our Horse Show being included as well. We would then get a cut of the sponsorships in return for allowing sponsors' advertizing. K. Rame also volunteered to be a judge for our show at a lower rate if needed. The Horse Show committee will be looking into the number of rings, schedule, and so on. They will get the 2009 financial information from Karla Watson. S. Riley suggested adding some fun classes/marketing ideas such as a Pro/J/Am competition.
9. **Committee Selections:** Following are our committees and members:
MHJA Horse Show:
Mary Jo Cody, Patty Franz, Betsy Kieffer, Janet McCaffrey, Nancy Reid
MHJA Clinic: Gail Brandt, Tracy Grandstrand, Shannon Riley
Year End Points: Lisa Brustman, Tammy Johnson, Becky Nay
Year End Awards/Medal: Gail Brandt, Sharon Golden
Nominating: Tracy Grandstrand, Greg Novak
Membership: Betsy Kieffer
PR & Marketing: Vacant
Newsletter: Patty Franz, Sharon Golden, Brenda Johnson, Kris Pendergast
Annual Meeting: Greg Novak
Zone 6 Liaison: Patty Franz, Betsy Kieffer
Show Standards: Betsy Kieffer, Becky Nay
Jr. Board Coordinator: Sharon Golden
MHJA Awards Banquet: Patty Franz, Becky Nay, Shannon Riley, Nancy Ried
10. Frank Kokesh would like to exchange some goods and services (wood working items that can be used for awards, etc.) for advertizing. B. Kieffer moved and T. Grandstrand seconded approving this. Motion carried.
11. **Timers:** Due to Bill Gibbs death, someone new needs to be in charge of our jumper timers. T. Grandstrand will ask Cory Grandstrand if he would be interested. Other names suggested were Dave Anderson and Jeremy Raleigh. It was also noted that there should be a notice in the Newsletter about Bill Gibbs. B. Nay said she would try to get some photographs of Bill and send email these in to the Newsletter. T. Grandstrand moved and B. Kieffer seconded sending \$100 as a memorial from the MHJA. Motion passed. It was suggested that an annual volunteer award be started in Bill's name. G. Novak indicated that he and Sue would donate a trophy.
12. **Meeting Dates:** These will be changed back to the first Monday of each month (generally). The next meetings will be February 1, March 1 and April 5. The Annual Meeting will be October 18 and the Banquet November 20.

13. **Small Local Show Awards:** These shows include Alpine, River Bend, Carriage House and possibly the MHJA show. Zone 6 has grant money available for prizes for smaller classes such as the opportunity classes, that we don't provide year end awards for. It was suggested that we investigate obtaining these funds.

14. **Other Business:**

We should have a link from the Minnesota Horse Council website to our website.

M. J. Cody mentioned that there is a proposal in Washington County to zone any facility that boards horses a commercial property in lieu of agricultural; this will raise property taxes. She would like to compile an email contact list from our directory and wanted to know if this was acceptable. It was decided that this is acceptable. It was also decided to insert information on this potential change in zoning on our website and in the Newsletter.

M. J. Cody moved to adjourn, T. Grandstrand seconded. Motion carried; meeting was adjourned.