

# Minnesota Hunter Jumper Association

## Board Meeting Minutes

November 11, 2019

Held at Leatherdale Equine Center

Name	Present	Name	Present	Name	Present	Name	Present
Sue Novak	X	Heather Parish	X	Kelly Volp		Gretchen Erpelding	X
Norine Wilcox	X	Lisa Masica	X	Betsy Kieffer	X	Richelle Fermanich	
Kaylyn Cody	X	Nancy Giacchetti	X	Jane Martinson		Michelle Kallenbach	
Tammy Johnson	X	Kelsey Ostberg	X	Elizabeth LaFrenz	X		
Betsy Gambach	X	Anne Steeves	X	Gayle Castro	X		

## Summary of Motions

Motion	Moved	Second	Approved	Not Approved	Comment
Meeting Minutes – October 14, 2019	Cody	Parish	X		
Treasurer's report – October 2019	Steeves	Parish	X		
Motion to accept Kelly Volp's resignation from the MHJA Board.	Kieffer	Cody	X		
Motion to hold the 2020 MHJA Medal and Mini Medal Finals at the MN State Fair Horse show in July.	Kieffer	Cody	X		
Adjourn	Giacchetti	Parish	X		

Sue Novak called the meeting to order at 6:30.

**1. Meeting Minutes:** Approved.

**2. Treasurer's Report:**

**Income for October** included \$237,223.28 revenue from MHHS, \$25,354.70 in Sponsorship Revenue for MHHS, and \$361.50 for Junior Event at U of MN.

Total Income for October was \$262,939.48.

**Expense for October** included \$166,363.97 for MHHS Horse Show, \$11,176.32 for MHHS Sponsorship dinner, \$2,162.48 for Q3 MHJA Newsletter, \$625.64 for MHJA Medal Finals, \$354.81 for First Aid Bags, \$480 for U of MN facility rental for July – December MHJA Board meetings, \$1,500 Newsletter Postage, and \$25 for MHJA general and administrative expenses.  
Total Expenses for October were \$182,688.22.

**3. MHJA Horse Show:** Sue Novak spoke with Ann Bower about the Carriage House and MHJA Horse Shows. Ann indicated that nothing has changed since the last meeting - they are unlikely to hold the Carriage House Horse Show in 2020 and there is a 30% chance they will host the MHJA Horse Show in May 2020.

Tracy Grandstrand has looked at the Washington, Dakota and Scott County Fair Grounds. The Committee is looking for other facilities to hold the horse show. The Committee will get information on the facility in Winona. Alpine Farms and Golden Gate were also suggested as potential facilities.

**4. MHHS:** Nancy Giacchetti indicated that the MHJA had to pay the net (~\$8,000) for the In-it-2-Win-it class held at the 2019 MHHS. The dates for the 2020 MHHS are October 6-11 and conflict with horse shows in Harrisburg and Kansas City. Therefore, entries may be down.

**5. Membership:** Betsy Kieffer is working on the change in language for membership that both the horse owner and rider have to be members in order for points to count for MHJA Year End Awards for Hunters and Jumpers. The language will be posted on the website, added to the membership form and included the Show Specs and Standards.

6. **Jr Board:** The event held at the Leatherdale Equine Center on October 25, 2019 was a great success. Approximately 25 people attended. The an overview and structure of the new Junior Board was presented and people indicated interest.  
Sue Novak indicated that Wild Oak Farm would like to host a Stick Horse Olympics and fundraiser on December 8, 2019. There was discussion around setting guidelines for the types of events that would be supported by the MHJA and what is needed to support these types of events. It was decided that December 8, 2019 was too soon to support another event.
7. **MHJA Medal Finals:** Betsy Kieffer that the MN State Fair is interested in hosting the MHJA Medal Finals. There was discussion around the qualification period and leaving it open for 2020. A motion was made and approved to hold the 2020 MHJA Medal and Mini Medal Finals at the MN State Fair Horse show in July.
8. **Communications:** No Update.
9. **Newsletter:** The next newsletter will feature Holiday advertisements and picture page for each barn. The Newsletter is being edited and should go out before Christmas. The deadline for the next Newsletter is February 22.
10. **PR and Marketing:** No update.
11. **MHJA Year End Awards Banquet/Silent Auction:** The 2019 Year End Awards banquet will be held on January 25, 2020 at the Earle Brown Heritage Center. This will be the kick-off for 50 Year Anniversary of the MHJA. The Committee is looking for old pictures for invites and posters. The invites will be sent out around December 9, with RSVP needed by January 15, 2020 for the discounted rate. The price for dinner will remain the same as is was 2018 - \$50 (\$60 if paid after January 15, 2020) for adults, \$20 (\$25 if paid after January 15, 2020) for kids under 11 and \$30 for kids 12-18.

The Committee proposed that the Banquet be more of a celebration with less focus on the awards. The time for the awards would be reduced and there would be more time for socializing and activities. The Board agreed to try it for 2019.

There was discussion around the Silent Auction and whether or not to have it. The Board agreed that it is a fun activity that people look forward to and it was decided to continue to do it.

12. **Nominating Committee:** Nancy Giacchetti indicated that the Ballots have been sent and response is requested by November 25, 2019. Nominees include Dr. Anna Renier, Stina Thakor, Pat Perry, Jeni McDermit, Betsy Gambach and Sara Skalle.
13. **MHJA Year End Awards:** Sue Novak indicated that the scrims have been ordered and Jane Martinson is working on ordering the back packs and paddle pads. Scrims will be given for Hunter and Jumper Champions, back packs for Equitation Champions and saddle pads for all Reserve Champions.
14. **Show Standards Specifications and Approvals and Points:** Betsy Kieffer indicated that the points are done thru the MHHS. Results will be posted to the MHJA Website mid-November. Betsy indicated that someone has asked for points to count for a rider that is member but rode a horse where the owner is not a member. The Board agreed that the points cannot count.
15. **Zone VI:** The USHJA Annual Meeting will be held December 8-12, 2019. Several MHJA Board members are planning to attend.
16. **Other Business:** Heather Parish indicated that the MN State Fair Show to be held on Thursday during the MN State Fair will likely offer Hunter Derbies at various heights and a Mini Prix.
17. **Future Meetings:** Future meetings will be Monday, December 2, 2019 at 6:00 pm at Leatherdale Equine Center. December 2, 2019 will be the Open Meeting starting at 7:00 pm.

The next board meeting will be Monday, December 2, 2019 at 6:00pm at Leatherdale Equine Center.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10.