

MINNESOTA HUNTER JUMPER ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes

February 1, 2010

Held at Franz Repro

In attendance:

Name	Present	Name	Present	Name	Present	Name	Present
G. Novak	X	J. Erickson		T. Johnson	X	L. Ostberg	X
G. Brandt	X	P. Franz	X	B. Kieffer	X	N. Reid	X
L. Brustman	X	S. Golden	X	J. McCaffrey	X	S. Riley	X
M. J. Cody	X	T. Grandstrand	X	B. Nay			

Meeting was called to order by G. Novak.

1. **Horse Show Approvals:** There was much discussion about what our priorities should be in approving horse shows, especially those outside of Minnesota. B. Kiefer noted that Maffitt Lakes has made some changes to their class specifications but not enough to fully meet our specifications.
2. **Local Horse Show Circuit:** B. Kieffer said that \$500 in grant money is available from the Zone so that we could sponsor a local show circuit for Opportunity Classes. Points won at the 6 local shows would count toward an end-of-circuit award. These would be in Opportunity classes that do not have MHJA year-end awards. B. Kieffer will have proposal details for the next Board meeting to discuss.
3. **Minutes:** G. Brandt moved and T. Grandstrand seconded approving the minutes from the previous meeting. The motion carried.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** J. McCaffrey presented the January finances. There was \$5,963 in the checking account the beginning of January and \$16,259 at the end of January. There is \$31,870 in savings and \$4,699 in the Horse Show account for \$52,828 in total assets. G. Brandt moved and B. Kieffer seconded approving the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed.
5. **Banquet:** S Riley mentioned that moving the Banquet from International Market Square to the Metropolian at 394 and 100 might save us some costs. Both locations are run by D'Amicos. She will look into this. She also asked that anyone with any other ideas or suggestions should send her an email.
6. **2010 Budget:** J. McCaffrey presented a blank budget worksheet. It was decided that the Horse Show and Clinic line items could not be established at this time and will be added in March. Each of the remaining line items was discussed on the revenue and expense side and preliminary budget numbers were established.

There was discussion about 2010 clinics. G. Brandt mentioned that it is probably too late to organize a spring clinic. Most everyone on the Board was in favor of continuing to hold clinics. Clinics could be either spring or fall, but most preferred spring. Due to the economy, future clinics may need to be smaller and/or possibly in collaboration with individual barns/trainers wishing to hold clinics. It would be desirable to hold a clinic on the east side of town and one on the west side of town. Perhaps we need to review and revise our clinic requirements. It was noted that Bill Nunn offered to hold a Todd Minikus clinic together with the MHJA.

T. Grandstrand would like some funding included for a Pro/J/Am competition. This could be limited to the local shows and begin at our Horse Show. She will develop

requirements for this event. Information will need to get out to our membership soon; it can be placed in the Prize Lists, on our website, the Facebook page the Junior Board would like to set up, and so on. G. Brandt moved that specifications be developed for approval at the next meeting and that the entry cost be \$20 per horse/rider combination. B. Kieffer seconded the motion. The motion carried. T. Grandstrand mentioned that Cory agreed to take charge of the jumper timers.

7. **Junior Board Report:** The group is discussing who will be in charge and who will take minutes. They would like to raise the awareness of the MHJA and would like to start a Facebook page. They could provide help at the Horse Show.

8. **Other Business:**

Advertising: T. Grandstrand mentioned that we could do a Facebook ad. It's easy and very inexpensive. She has done one for her business with much success.

InStride deadline: B. Kieffer is gathering information to submit. Several items were mentioned for inclusion; contact her with any other ideas.

M. J. Cody moved to adjourn, N. Reid seconded. Motion carried; meeting was adjourned.