

MINNESOTA HUNTER JUMPER ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes

January 5, 2009

Held at Franz Repro

In attendance: G. Brandt, S. Clayton, J. Erickson, P. Franz, D. Hudlow (Junior Representative), T. Johnson, B. Kieffer, J. McCaffrey, G. Novak, L. Ostberg, L. Pritzker, S. Riley, and J. Schulz

Meeting was called to order by G. Brandt.

1. Minutes of the December 8, 2008 meeting were read and approved on a motion by L. Pritzker, seconded by J. Schulz.
2. Gail read an email from Liza MacMillan indicating that she is out of town through April, and she would be willing to resign from the Board in order to allow someone who could be more actively involved to be appointed. A motion was made by J. Schulz, seconded by S. Riley, to accept Liza's resignation and ask Vicki Holst, who received the next highest number of votes in last fall's election, to replace Liza. The motion passed.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** The year end 2008 reports were discussed. The MHJA is cash based. Quick Books was purchased last year for accounting. Bank accounts are at Wells Fargo; the names on the accounts need to be changed to the 2009 President and Treasurer. In the future, each receipt and request for payment must identify the Budget line item it is to be credited to. For 2009, the organization is planning to have a balanced budget with fundraising efforts to support programs. The Treasurer's Report was approved on a motion by G. Novak, seconded by L. Pritzker.
4. **Newsletter Request:** J. Schulz received a request from Kris Pendergast for \$3,000 for expenses she has incurred or will incur with the Newsletter; \$1500 is for fiscal year 2008 and \$1500.00 is for 2009. A copy of the 2008 newsletter check register is to be provided for MHJA records. The request passed on a motion by L. Pritzker, seconded by S. Clayton.
5. **USHJA Convention Report:** B. Kieffer presented a summary of the recent Convention. New for this year is a requirement for horse registration with the USHJA. The cost is \$30 per horse for USEF annually recorded horses or horses with ID numbers, and no cost for horses recorded for a lifetime prior to December 1, 2008. Other changes discussed at the Convention were adding a High Performance fee for every jumper entered at a show with a National Standard Grand Prix and Trainer certification. The USHJA will support the MHJA medal and mini-medal classes and these classes can be included in the USHJA equitation awards program. The report passed on a motion by L. Pritzker, seconded by S. Clayton.
6. **Horse Show Nominating Divisions:** The Jumper Division is changing from fence heights listed by "Levels" to meters or feet and inches. This will be addressed in the Newsletter. For Pre-Green Divisions, each horse show is to record whether each horse is a high Pre-Green or low Pre-Green if the division is, or is not, split. These changes passed on a motion by J. Schulz, seconded by S. Riley.
7. **MHJA Hunter Challenge:** Class fence heights were discussed. In lieu of the optional single section with fence heights and spreads not to exceed 3'-3", there was discussion about changing this to 3'-0". A motion was made by L. Pritzker, seconded by J. Schulz to change the single section fence height and spreads to not exceed 3'-0". Two separate classes, one at 3'-0" height and one at 3'-6" height and pinned separately, can still be

provided. The motion was amended to add the following change: At shows conducting a MHJA Hunter Challenge with two sections there is no cross entry of horse/rider combinations into both sections. The motion was further amended to change Year End Awards as follows: Points received in any MHJA Hunter Challenge will be counted separately. The motion was approved as modified.

8. **MHJA Horse Show:** The Show is changing to a “B” rated show this year and the MHJA Hunter Challenge classes will be added. There was discussion about hunter and jumper schooling ring locations; if jumpers use the hunter schooling ring, perhaps the indoor arena can be used for hunters. Board members are to notify Karla Watson with suggestions.
9. **Junior Board:** D. Hudlow reported on the activities for 2008. There was about 90% participation by the junior members at the Banquet. There were 4 Junior Board Representatives in 2008. A motion was made by S. Clayton and seconded by J. Erickson to reappoint the 3 eligible Junior Representatives for one more year, and that nominees for 2 new Junior Representatives be solicited for two year terms. It would be helpful for the junior members to continue to maintain staggered terms. The motion passed.
10. **Committees:** Members volunteered for the following committees:
MHJA Horse Show: Chair: K. Watson
Horse Show Sponsorships: S. Clayton
Horse Show Hospitality: N. Reid
Horse Show Specifications: G. Brandt, B. Kieffer
Clinic: Co-Chairs: J. Schulz and G. Brandt. P. Franz, B. Kieffer, S. Riley
Points: Co-Chairs: T. Johnson and L. Brustman
Year End Awards and Medal Finals: Co-Chairs: J. Erickson and L. Pritzker
Newsletter: Editor: K. Pendergast, Production: P. Franz and B. Johnson, Submission Coordination: S. Riley, Eyes and Ears: J. Schulz, Advertising: G. Brandt, S. Clayton, P. Franz, B. Johnson
Nominations: Chair: G. Novak, B. Kieffer
PR and Marketing: Chair: J. Schulz
Membership: Chair: B. Kieffer
Zone 6 Liaison: K. Watson
Annual Meeting: Chair: L. Pritzker, G. Brandt, J. McCaffrey, L. Ostberg
Junior Committee: Co-Chairs: J. Erickson and L. Pritzker
Committees should check last year’s budget when proposing 2009 budgets for the February meeting.
11. **Meeting Dates:** G. Brandt provided a schedule for 2009 meetings. After discussion, a motion was made by J. Schulz, seconded by S. Clayton, and passed, for the following Board meeting dates:

Monday February 2	Monday September 21
Monday March 2	Monday October 19 Annual Meeting
Monday March 30	Monday November 16
Monday April 13	Saturday November 21 Banquet
Monday June 29	Monday December 7
Monday August 24	

G. Brandt will send out the updated list of Board members for 2009.

Kris Pendergast has not received many photos of Year End Award winners for publication. T. Johnson will send the list of Award Winners to Kris at krispendergast@comcast.net , Brenda and to MHJA@franzrepro.com.

B. Kieffer noted that the USHJA gave the Lifetime Achievement Award to Beth Minor and the Youth Sportsmanship Charter Award to Maddie Genereux, who was also selected by USEF for the overall award.

The next meeting will be Monday evening, February 2, 2009 at Franz Repro.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by L. Pritzker.