

Minnesota Hunter Jumper Association

Board Meeting Minutes

October 14, 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	X
Kaylyn Cody	X	Nancy Giacchetti	X	Jane Martinson	X	Michelle Kallenbach	X
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 – September 23, 2019	Parish	Steeves	X		
Treasurer's report – September 2019	Kieffer	Steeves	X		
Motion to review the combining of the four MHJA bank accounts to one with the MHHS to enable the maximum amount of funds to be put into an interest bearing account.	Castro	Novak	X		
Motion to give \$500 for a grant(s) that would be awarded to one or more MHJA Juniors that demonstrated good sportsmanship and horsemanship.	Masica	LaFrenz	X		
Adjourn	Parish	Cody	X		

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

1. Meeting Minutes: Approved.

2. Treasurer's Report:

Income for September included \$29,316.16 Sponsorship Revenue for MHHS, \$960 in Membership. Total Income for September was \$30,276.16.

Expense for September included \$2,523.31 for MHHS Horse Show – golf cart payment, \$25,049.66 MHHS Sponsorship – dinner, \$384 for Survey Monkey subscription and \$67.15 for MHJA general and administrative expenses.

Total Expenses for September were \$28,024.12.

Kaylyn Cody indicated that the MHJA currently has four bank accounts – MHJA Main, MHJA Horse Show, MHHS, MHHS Sponsorship. Kaylyn recommended the accounts be combined to one account. Sue Novak and Kaylyn will bring the recommendation to the MHHS Committee for their input. There was also discussion around putting money into a Money Market Account. A motion was made and approved to review the combining of the four MHJA bank accounts to one with the MHHS committee to enable the maximum amount of funds to be put into an interest bearing account.

3. MHJA Horse Show: Sue Novak spoke with Ann Bauer about the Carriage House and MHJA Horse Shows. Ann indicated that 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 indicated that Tim Hott has dates posted for July 29 thru August 2, 2020 at Maffitt Lake Equestrian Center and Dan Urban has dated posted for August 12-18, 2020 for a show in Mason City Iowa on the USEF Website for horse shows. There was discussion around when to hold the MHJA Horse Show. Tracy indicated she is considering adding another ring and would consider hosting a B Rated horse show. It was decided that Sue Novak or Norine Wilcox will contact Ann Bauer in early November to see if she would be more likely to host the MHJA Show in May, 2020 before any decisions were made about when and where to hold the MHJA Horse Show.

4. **MHHS:** Nancy Giachetti indicated that Pat Boyle was very complimentary on the volunteers and work done for the MHHS. Things that went well included the Saturday evening dinner, the riders lounge and the schedule. Things that could be improved included the difficulty hearing barn calls especially when the music was playing in the Riders Lounge, the footing in the schooling area by the coliseum and a cover over the outdoor ring.
5. **Membership:** No new memberships were received at the MHHS. The membership is posted on the MHJA website.
6. **Jr Board:** The Emmerson Burr test held at the MHHS went well. Thirty four Juniors took the test. Three winners were awarded \$100. The Junior Committee would like to put several of the responses to the essay question, "What do you like about being a rider?", to the MHJA Newsletter.

The section of seats in the coliseum that was roped off for the Juniors during the Hunter Derby and Grand Prix at the MHHS was a success.

The Jr Board will be hosting a Jr Night at the Leatherdale Equine Center on October 25, 2019. A tour of the facility will be included in the activities. There are a limited number of people allowed in the tour, therefore, the event will be restricted to MHJA members.

A motion was made and approved to give \$500 for a grant(s) that would be awarded to one or more MHJA Juniors that demonstrated good sportsmanship and horsemanship.

The Junior Board Committee presented an overview and structure for a formal MHJA Junior Board.

The Junior Board Committee indicated they are considering looking for people or groups that would be willing to give demonstrations of other riding disciplines that could be events in 2020.

There was discussion around the Junior Board Committee holding a year end event for MHJA Junior Members. It was recommended that the MHJA Open Meeting be moved from Monday, December 2, 2019 to Sunday, December 1, 2019, so they could host a pot luck that included Juniors. It was decided that a Junior event, if held, would be separate from the MHJA Open Meeting.

7. **MHJA Medal Finals:** Heather Parish indicated that the MHJA Medal Finals could be held at the horse show that will be put on by the MN State Fair in July.
8. **Communications:** No Update.
9. **Newsletter:** The next newsletter will feature Holiday advertisements and picture page for each barn. Heather Parish requested that barns provide their picture pages as soon as possible. Deadlines for the next Newsletter is November 1.
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. Heather Parish indicated that Ashley Slade and Laura Critchet would be interested in assisting with the MHJA Year End Awards Banquet. Norine Wilcox requested that someone else volunteer to be the chair for the Year End Awards Banquet committee.
12. **Nominating Committee:** Nancy Giachetti is working on the ballots. Ballots will be sent out via Survey Monkey by the end of October with a return date in mid-November. Nominees include Dr. Anna Renier, Stina Thakor, Pat Perry, Jeni McDermit, Betsy Gambach and Sara Skalle.

13. **MHJA Year End Awards:** Jane Martinson is working on ordering the awards. It was decided to give Scrims for Hunter and Jumper Champions, Back Packs for Equitation Champions and saddle pads for all Reserve Champions. It was recommended that they be gray with green trim and white piping.
14. **Show Standards Specifications and Approvals and Points:** Betsy Kieffer is working on the points for the Fall Mid States Horse Show and MHHS.
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, November 11, December 2, 2019 at 6:30 pm at Leatherdale Equine Center. December 2, 2019 will be the Open Meeting.

The next board meeting will be Monday, November 11, 2019 at Leatherdale Equine Center.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10.