

Minnesota Hunter Jumper Association

Board Meeting Minutes

January 7, 2019 held at Leatherdale Equine Center

Present : Sue Novak, Norine Wilco, Kaylyn Cody, Betsy Gambach, Heather Parish, Lisa Masica, Nancy Giacchetti, Kelsey Ostberg, Betsy Kieffer, Jane Martinson, Elizabeth LaFrenz, Gretchen Erpelding, Richelle Fermanich, Gayle Castro

Absent: Tammy Johnson, Anne Steeves, Kelly Volp and Michelle Kallenbach

Brief note on the passing of John Meyers and Loyal Reed. Sympathy cards and memorials to be sent.

1. Meeting Minutes approved as read. Giacchetti motion, Castro second.
2. Treasurer's report – total balance of \$252, 379.53 between all 8 accounts. Parish motion, Martinson second. Approved

Committees –

1. Banquet – Needs a chair. Castor to help. 2019 Committee needs to be bigger, there needs to be more help.
Norine sent out survey, general response is that moving it to January would be fine. Wilcox to book bigger room at Earl Brown Center for January 25, 2020 for the 2019 Banquet. Do silent Auction again; brought up that the MHJA has always subsidized the cost of the Banquet, membership benefit and that the subsidization cost should be included in the yearly budge. 2019 financial statement, net loss of \$4249.92. Kieffer commented that the usual amount of subsidization was \$5000 so the Banquet committee was right on target.
2. Year End Awards – Martinson and Novak, Kieffer to help. These should be considered their own line item in the budget, not part of Banquet. Order earlier, and the new date of banquet should help as there will be time to make sure points are finalized before ribbons have to be ordered.
3. Show Specs and Standards – Kieffer, Parish. New Specs were approved in December. Show approval packets to go out in January.
4. Membership Kieffer. Renewal letters and membership letters to go out with reminder about Safe Sport Training and Microchip requirements. Kieffer working with Patty Humphries to make sure this info reaches as many people as possible, as the MHJA show will be the first show of the year for many of our members. If you do not have Safe Sport Training Certification, you will not be allowed to show and USEF had noted all Adult members who have not completed this training on their Ineligible to Compete list. Same with micro chipping – your horse/pony needs to be microchipped AND the chip

number needs to be recorded with USEF/USHJA. At least if your horse has been chipped and you have the number, you can record that at the show. No way to take the Safe Sport Training at the show.

5. Junior Board – Masica, Gambach, LaFrenz, Castro. Braiding Clinic at Wild Oak went very well. Lenkarts offered lots of extras, unfortunately the MHJA did not get a list of names and numbers of non-members who attended. Other possible activities – tour of the U of M Piper Clinic and surgical facilities; NCAA event in Brookings – riding for NCAA vs. IHSA. Emerson Burr test to be at the Harvest show. Committee had questions about using funds to send horses to AON/ National Championship show, scholarships, etc... Need to get better info on the web page about where barns are and membership.
6. Member Communications – Giacchetti. Giacchetti would like someone else with her to handle web site. Heather Fites suggested. Fermanich already helping out. Discussion on photos and signed release form; probably need a signed release for any photos. Wait until Kallenbach at meeting to discuss further.
7. 7. MHHS – Giacchetti. Report attached to minutes. Went very well. Still some bugs. The MHHS committee needs some new members.
8. Newsletter – Parish, Kieffer helping. Next Deadline was 2/1, will be made later due to late printing of 2018 4th quarter newsletter.
9. Points – Kieffer
10. MHJA Show – Wilcox with Volp, Kieffer, LaFrenz, Gambach, Steeves. May 15-19 at Carriage House. Dan Urban to be Manager. Dan will try to get one more ring crew, judges Liza Dennehy and Jill Worman. Robyn Eden to Steward.
11. Annual Meeting – Novak
12. Nominations – Novak, Ostberg to help
13. MHJA Medal Finals – Novak, Ostberg to help
14. PR and Marketing – Giacchetti, Fermanich and Steeves to help

Put off until February meeting – final committee assignments; AED discussion, budget

New Business –

Lisa Masica proposed the MHJA have a Strategic Planning Committee, rather like USHJA does. Need to look at future changes, trends, etc... Giacchetti moved to form committee, Wilcox second. Motion approved with Masica to chair. Ostberg and Kieffer offered to be on committee.

Next BOC meeting February 4, 6:30 Leatherdale Center. 5:30 Future meetings March 4, 2019 discussion to continue on April 8 meeting as some people may be going to Omaha or Ledges.

Parish mover to adjourn, Wilcox second. Approved Meeting adjourned 9:35