

MINNESOTA HUNTER JUMPER ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes

July 21, 2013

Held at Alpine Farms, Medina

In attendance:

| Name | Present | Name | Present | Name | Present | Name | Present |
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| Tracy Grandstrand | X | Sharon Golden | | Patti Nelson | X | John Puckett | |
| Mary Armstrong | X | Betsy Kieffer | X | Linda Ostberg | | Brenda Roloff | X |
| Thea Bailey | X | Sara Hogan | X | Heather Parish | X | Nicole Salazar | X |
| | | Elzabeth Lampert | | Stewart Underhill | X | Ashley Woodhouse | X |

Tracy Grandstrand called the meeting to order.

1. **Minutes:** Kieffer moved and Parish seconded approving the June Board meeting minutes. The motion carried.
2. **Treasurer's Report:** Woodhouse provided the treasurer's report for the month of June. All of June's revenue came from membership dues, and 82.17% of the budgeted membership revenue has been collected to date. The most significant expenses were for the membership directory and Junior Committee reimbursements. There is \$29,881.80 in the MHJA checking account, and \$5,220.59 in savings. There is \$20,700.37 in the Harvest Horse Show checking account, and \$100.26 in savings. There is \$10,083.92 in the MHJA Horse Show checking account, and \$100.26 in savings. The ending balance in all MHJA accounts is \$66,087.20. Parish moved and Hogan seconded approving the Treasurer's Report for June. The motion passed.
3. **MHJA Horse Show:** There is an outstanding sponsorship donation in the amount of \$250 that has not yet been collected.
4. **Newsletter:** Parish reported that the latest newsletter should now be at the post office ready to mail.
5. **Year-End Points:** Kieffer reported that she is up to date on tabulating the hunter points. Lee Gremillion has experienced some problems with the computer program, but is working on getting the points ready to post on the website.
6. **Banquet:** The date of the year-end banquet is November 16. The contract has been signed with IMS and a deposit sent. We experienced some problems last year in collecting payment for silent auction items. Members will be reminded not to bid unless they can pay with cash or check as we cannot accept credit cards. Woodhouse offered to be in charge of checkout and will need one additional helper.
7. **MHJA Medal Finals:** Bailey reported that the Muddy Pig will assist with hospitality. St. Croix Saddlery will once again sponsor the breakfast on Sunday morning. Kieffer reported that she has applied to the USHJA for the ribbons and first place prize.
8. **Harvest Horse Show:** Barb Ahrens has sent an email to Pat Boyle to get an update on the status of the preparations. The prize list normally goes out in August. Kieffer reported that the HHS Committee has been working on sponsors. Grandstrand is meeting with the State Fairgrounds.
9. **Nominations for Zone Awards:** These are due on September 1. There are four categories of awards: amateur, junior, professional and riding instructor. Some of the qualities sought in a nominee are good sportsmanship and a commitment to volunteer

work. Each region nominates one person in each category to go on to the national finals. The MHJA has not nominated anyone for the past two years. The Board discussed several possible nominees. Anyone with suggestions should email Kieffer.

10. **Membership:** Roloff proposed that the discount offered for early renewal of membership should end as of December 31. Armstrong moved and Kieffer seconded this proposal. The motion carried.
11. **Opportunity Specifications:** Grandstrand proposed that the opportunity specifications should be clarified. The word “may” should be changed to “must.”
12. **Zone 6 Committee:** Kieffer reported that Equitation is now a national year-end award. An award is given for each equitation category. There is no combination of categories.

Roloff moved and Parish seconded adjourning the meeting. Motion carried: meeting was adjourned.