

MINNESOTA HUNTER JUMPER ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes

April 18, 2011

Held at The Ostberg Architects, Saint Paul

In attendance:

Name	Present	Name	Present	Name	Present	Name	Present
Betsy Kieffer	X	Sharon Golden	X	Becky Nay		Heather Parish	X
Mary Armstrong	X	Tracy Grandstrand	X	Patti Nelson	X	John Puckett	X
Lisa Brustman	X	Sara Hogan		Greg Novak		Nancy Reid	
Mary Jo Cody		Janet McCaffrey		Linda Ostberg	X	Brenda Roloff	

Meeting was called to order by B. Kieffer.

1. **Minutes:** P. Nelson Cody moved and M. Armstrong seconded approving the March Board meeting minutes. The motion carried.
2. **Treasurer's Report:** B. Kieffer presented the March and April Treasurer's Reports in J. McCaffrey's absence. To date for April there is \$9,490.52 in the MHJA checking account, \$36,326.51 in savings, \$4,845.90 in the MHJA Horse Show account, \$100.02 in savings, and \$5,728.67 in the Harvest Horse Show account, \$100.02 in savings, for a total of \$56,591.64. T. Grandstrand moved and M. Armstrong seconded approving the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed.
3. **Electronic Communications:** Sarah Donnell has indicated that it would cost \$11.00 per month for the "constant contact" ability to send out emails to members; this appears to be a good idea and will be discussed further at the next meeting.
4. **Dual Agents:** There was much discussion on Dual Agents: someone, usually a Trainer, who is working for both the seller and the buyer of a horse. Perhaps an article about the pros and cons of this could be placed in the Newsletter or on the website. It appears that USHJA has information on this on their website; perhaps we could have a link to this article. B. Kieffer will look into this in more detail.
5. **Insurance:** B. Kieffer reported that we now have Directors and Officers insurance coverage.
6. **Directory Publication:** Franz Repro has published this for us previously. There was discussion about whether it should be sent out electronically to save printing and postage costs. It was noted that we do not have all members' email addresses.
7. **MHJA Horse Show:** B. Kieffer reported that everything is in place for the show. We will not hold Quarter Horse classes this year as they were not approved by the AQHA.
8. **Zone Committee Report:** It was decided that they will not nationalize the specifications for the Children's Hunters, Adult Amateur Hunters, Children's and Adult Amateur Jumpers. In 2013 the Zone specifications will have been in place for four years. If MLEC will move the "A" rated Classics Divisions to the first week of their September shows in lieu of the second week, then, these would meet the Harrisburg cutoff date. Either week bonus points will be given for End of Year points.
9. **Horse Show Approvals:** Requests for approval and checks have been received from all previously approved shows including for the two August and two September Maffitt Lakes horse shows. M. Armstrong moved and P. Nelson seconded approving these shows. The motion carried; it was not unanimous.
There was discussion about other ways to increase participation in the local horse shows

for 2012:

A. Approving non-USEF horse shows which are less expensive so that members could receive MHJA Year-End Points; this would require changing our by-laws. It could help grow the industry locally and encourage those with less money to horse show.

B. Local in- state horse show points could be given at double the out-of-state show points.

C. Again footing was given as the main reason people do not enter local shows. It was noted that it costs approximately \$50,000 to install good footing in a large Grand Prix ring and schooling ring.

D. State Fair judging area is to be rebuilt at about 15,000 square feet and with seating for 600 people.

E. If there was a facility locally that had 3 rings all with good footing we could keep the larger Grand Prix classes and prize money in Minnesota.

T. Grandstrand will head a committee/task force along with H. Parish, J. Puckett, L. Brustman and L. Ostberg.

H. Parrish moved and L. Brustman seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried; meeting was adjourned.