Minnesota Hunter Jumper Association

Board Meeting Minutes
December 3, 2018
Held at Leatherdale Equine Center

Name	Present	Name	Present	Name	Present	Name	Present
Sue Novak	X	Heather Parish	X	Kelly Volp	X	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	Angela Mahoney		Gayle Castro	X
Betsy Gambach	X	Anne Steeves	X	Elizabeth LaFrenz	X		

Summary of Motions

Motion	Moved	Second	Approved	Not Approved	Comment
Meeting Minutes – November 3, 2018	LaFrenz	Kieffer	X		
Treasurer's report for November 2018	Wilcox	Kieffer	X		
Motion to donate to We Can Ride, This Old Horse and to Equine Innovations from proceeds from the MN Harvest Horse Show.	Johnson	Parish	X		
Motion to change class specification for Year End Awards listed in Item 8 below.	Johnson	Parish	X		
Motion to change Year End Award perpetual trophy requirements listed in Item 8 below.	Johnson	Wilcox	X		
Adjourn	Wilcox	Steeves	X		

Sue Novak called the meeting to order at 6:32.

1. **Meeting Minutes:** Approved.
2. **Treasurer's Report:**
   - **Income for November** included $1,326 for MHHS returned check, $2097.10 in MHHS sponsorship, $156.80 for MHHS clothing, $5,963.36 in Year End Awards Banquet admissions, $8,979.87 for silent auction and bead sales at the Year End Awards Banquet, $1,305.28 in membership, and $395 in Newsletter advertising. Total Income for November was $20,223.41.
   - **Expense for November** included $29,325.35 for MHHS facility rental, $2,679.50 for MHHS staff and prize money, $175 for MHHS USEF Horse Show renewal, $7,276.92 for MHHS sponsorship expenses, $215.01 for Year End Award Banquet, $2,716.04 for third quarter Newsletter, and $245 for general administrative expenses. Total Expenses for November were $42,632.82.

3. **MHJA Horse Show:** The MHJA Horse Show will be held May 15-19, 2019. The committee is looking for a Horse Show Manager. One Judge, the Steward and a gate person have been hired.
4. **Jr Board:** There will be a braiding clinic at Wild Oak Farm on December 9, 2018 at 11:00. The event is open to all Juniors. The committee is thinking about new ideas and activities for 2019. Elizabeth LaFrenz asked for input about liability and photo releases for Jr events. Michelle Kallenbach indicated she would look into it and assist with developing any necessary release forms.
5. **MHJA Year End Awards Banquet/Silent Auction:** The banquet, held on November 17, 2018, was a success. 220 people attended in 2018 versus 201 in 2017. The Year End Awards were well received. There was a comment about giving back packs rather than over the shoulder bags in the future. The photo booth was well received. One comment was that the booth was in the hallway and people were walking between the person taking the picture and the person/people being photographed. There was discussion around getting a different room at Earle Browne or moving it to a different

venue. There was also discussion around changing the date. A survey will be sent to the general membership to get input on location, other dates and improvements for the Banquet. The absence of Click Bid was not commented on. There were a few comments on the placement of the appetizers and desserts.

Expenses for the Year End Awards Banquet are ~$20,000. Dinner ticket revenue brings in~ $9,000 and the silent auction and bead sales brought in ~$9700. Next year we need to determine if we want to continue the silent auction. 84 items were submitted in 2018 without a great effort. Sleepover was a hit, 20 girls participated and it brought in ~$1000.

6. **MHHS:** Nancy Giacchetti went over learnings from the 2017 and 2018 MN Harvest Horse Show. Documents are attached with the specific details.
7. **MHHS Financials:** Kaylyn Cody went thru the financials for the MN Harvest Horse Show. Approximately 269 horses attended the show. Total revenue with $333,508.79 and total expenses was $280,112.34 for a net income of $53,396.45. There was discussion about the donations for We Can Ride, This Old Horse, and Equine Innovations. The recommendation from the MHHS Committee was that donations be given to We Can Ride, This Old Horse and Equine Innovations. A motion was made and approved on the donation amounts.
8. **Show Standards and Specification:** Betsy Kieffer went over proposed specification changes for 2019. She recommended the following changes:
   - 1 m and 1.05 m jumpers be combined for MHJA Year End Awards rather than 1.05 m and 1.10 m
   - The language for Opportunity classes be changed to read "once you have shown in any recognized class you cannot show in Opportunity classes."
   - Shortest Stirrup riders be allowed to cross enter into other Opportunity classes that don't exceed 1'6".
   - Modified Child/Adult Horse/Rider combinations cannot cross enter into 1.20m or above.

   A motion was made and approved for the changes listed above to class specification for Year End Awards.

   Perpetual Trophies: Betsy Kieffer recommended the following changes be made to the indicated perpetual trophies.
   - Children's Hunter Pony classes be added to the Perpetual Trophy for Best Child Rider.
   - Add Starter Eq and 11 and Under age restriction to RH Sirius Rising Star Perpetual Trophy Award.

   A motion was made and approved for the changes listed above to the indicated Year End Award perpetual trophies.

9. **Points:** There was discussion around double points and the possibility of giving two sets of awards – one for all USEF/USHJA recognized shows and one for USEF/USHJA recognized B Shows and Red Pines Shows. Suggestions for increasing MHJA membership without impacting participation at the out of state MHJA approved shows should be sent to Betsy Kieffer.
10. **Future Meetings:** Future meetings will be Monday, January 7, February 4, March 4, April 8, April 29, Tuesday, May 28, Monday, July 8, 2019 at 6:30 pm at Leatherdale Equine Center.

The next board meeting will be Monday, January 7, 2019 at Leatherdale Equine Center.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

Attachment