

Minnesota Hunter Jumper Association

Board Meeting Minutes

Annual Open Meeting

October 24, 2016

Held at Leatherdale Equine Center

Name	Present	Name	Present	Name	Present	Name	Present
Tracy Grandstrand	X	Kirsten Priebe	X	Sue Novak	X	Heather Parish	X
Elizabeth Lampert	X	Mary Armstrong	X	Betsy Kieffer	X	Joann Gibbs-Rumble	
Tammy Johnson	X	Nancy Giacchetti	X	Jane Martinson	X	Doug Kans	
Nicole Salazar	X	Lindsay Vail	X	Patti Nelson	X		
Norine Wilcox	X	Susan Wepplo	X	Angela Mahoney	X		

Summary of Motions

Motion	Moved	Second	Approved	Not Approved	Comment
Meeting Minutes – September	Mahoney	Kieffer	X		
Treasurer's Report – September	Grandstrand	Parish	X		
Vote by email - Points awarded at MLF for the Modified Ch/Ad should be awarded to horses and riders that showed within the MHJA specs for the USHJA child/adult hunters only.	NA	NA	X		14 of 16 eligible board members responded. There were no opposed votes.
A motion was made that the MHHS Committee meets and makes a recommendation on the charitable contributions for This Old Horse and We Can Ride within a month of having complete financials of the MHHS.	Giacchetti	Priebe	X		
A motion was made for Nancy Giacchetti to spend \$48 for an updated show calendar and \$72 for increased searches on the MHJA website.	Granstrand	Priebe	X		
Vote by email - To hire Dan Urban to MC the Year End Awards banquet held on November 19, 2016 for \$400 plus travel expenses.	NA	NA	X		There was one opposed vote that would like the MHJA to pay expenses but not the additional \$400.
Adjourn	Salazar	Grandstrand	X		

Elizabeth Lampert called the meeting to order at 7:07.

- 1. Meeting Minutes:** Approved.
- 2. Treasurer's Report:** Income for September included \$349 reimbursement from Patty Humphries for accidentally charged software to MHJA account for Ann Bower's horse show, \$17,339.25 from Event Brite Ticket Sales for Harvest Horse Show and initial sponsorship money deposits, and \$340 in

membership dues. Expenses for September included \$2,795.87 for insurance for schooling day at Harvest Horse Show and golf cart rental charge, \$5,000 to KARE 11 for marketing package, \$2,617.10 for postage to newsletter account, Amp My Brand charge Q1 and Q2 Franz printing charge, \$3 for bank fees, \$637.92 Nominating Committee printing and mailing, BOD Ballots and \$12.71 for supplies.

3. **Year End Awards:** The majority of the MHJA Board voted, by email, that points awarded in MLF for the Modified Ch/Ad should be awarded to horses and riders that showed within the MHJA specs for the USHJA child/adult hunters only. 14 of 16 eligible board members responded. There were no opposed votes. The voting took place the week of October 17, 2016.
4. **Comments from Membership:** Comments were made that the year was well received. They liked the Carriage House Show held in July and having opportunity classes held at the recognized shows. Pattie Humphries commented that the brain storming done at the MN State Fair worked well and carried over to other horse shows. People liked the horse show schedule and having it published early so people could plan their schedules. There were comments on how nice it is to have the local Red Pines one or two day shows to bring people to introduce them to the sport.
5. **Mid States Horse Shows:** There was discussion about the Mid States Horse Shows. There were comments about how the Urban's worked hard to meet everyone's needs. Urban's are planning on have the spring show, three shows in June and the fall show.
6. **Carriage House Horse Show:** Ann Bower has indicated show will hold a show in 2017.
7. **MN State Fair:** There were comments about the courses and all jumps all being in the middle of the ring for the courses and the the jumps were very plain and not very well decorated. The fair is purchasing new jumps. The Opportunity Classes were very well received and it was expressed that they should be done again in 2017.
8. **Red Pines Horse Shows:** Missy is working on the schedule.
9. **Banquet:** Invitations have been sent and are due November 11, 2016. Prizes have been ordered. John Payton is looking for photos for the slide show. There is a drop box Face Book and the MHJA website.
The majority of the MHJA Board voted, by email, to hire Dan Urban to MC the Year End Awards banquet held on November 19, 2016 for \$400 plus travel expenses. There was one opposed vote that would like the MHJA to pay expenses but not the additional \$400. The voting took place on October 31, 2016.
10. **Year End Awards:** Prizes and ribbons have been ordered.
11. **Silent Auction:** Elizabeth Lampert is asking for donations. Trips, tickets, host a cabin etc. make great items.
12. **MHHS:** The MHHS went well financially. 225 horses attended in 2016. There was discussion around having 5 division classes, rather than 4, for the rated divisions. Nancy Giachetti worked in the office and is willing to meet with the committee to provide recommendations. The live feed was well received. Greg Novak commented that the sponsorship for the show is going well. The dinner was well done and people liked having it in the Birthing barn. There was discussion on how the charitable donations should be split between This Old Horse and We Can Ride. The committee will discuss and it will be determined based on the ticket sales.
A motion was made that the MHHS Committee meets and makes a recommendation on the charitable contributions for This Old Horse and We Can Ride within a month of having complete financials of the MHHS. The motion was approved.
13. **MHJA Horse Show:** There was discussion around having two judges on Saturday and Sunday. Norine Wilcox will talk with Joann Gibbs-Rumble about hiring a judge and getting it done soon.
14. **Year End Points:** Points are complete for the Year End Awards and will be posted on the website this week. It was asked of the general membership if they wanted double points for local MHJA approved horse shows held in Minnesota. The majority voted for double points at local shows. No one voted for single points for all MHJA approved horse shows.
15. **Membership:** The application and membership list is available on the MHJA website. There was discussion about membership dues. Current dues are \$40 for non-competing and \$60 for

competing. It was decided to leave the dues at the same rate for 2017. There was discussion around incorporating the Red Pines Shows in the MHJA.

16. **MHJA Medal Finals:** Mid States has offered to hold the MHJA Medal Finals in 2017. Comments were made about how fun and exciting medal finals were in 2016.
17. **PR and Marketing/Website:** Nancy Giachetti would like to purchase two apps for the website. One for the show calendar for \$48 a year and one for an increase in searches \$72. A motion was made for Nancy Giachetti to spend \$48 for an updated show calendar and \$72 for increased searches on the MHJA website. The motion was approved.
18. **Show Standards, Specs and Approvals:** Betsy Kieffer presented information on USHJA changes for the Green and Young Hunters and requirements for Micro chipping. Betsy also went through who was appointed to the Zone VI committee. No members were appointed from Minnesota. There was discussion around whether we should request that someone from Minnesota be appointed. Betsy would like to standardize specifications and names for the non-recognized divisions across the Zone. There was also discussion around having Baby Greens at 2'6" and 2'9".
19. **Newsletter:** The deadline for the next Newsletter is November 21, 2016. This is the Holiday Issue. Pictures for year-end awards can be sent in now. Advertisements should be sent in ASAP. Andrew Ryback has Harvest Show pictures.
20. **MHJA Annual Meeting:** It was decided that holding the meeting in October worked well. Approximately 15 general members attended the meeting.
21. **Future Meetings:** Future meeting will be Monday, November 14, 2016 at Panera Bread in Rosedale Shopping Mall.

The next board meeting will be at 7:00 pm Monday November 14, 2016 at Panera Bread in Rosedale Shopping Mall.

Meeting was adjourned.