

Minnesota Hunter Jumper Association

Board Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2015

Held at Leatherdale Equine Center

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

Summary of Motions

| Motion | Moved | Second | Approved | Not Approved | Comment |
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| Meeting Minutes – approved with correction - Marketing Committee Members should be Lindsay Vail and Nicole Salazar rather than Heather Parish and Betsy Kieffer. | Priebe | Keiffer | X | | |
| Treasurer's Report - January report to deferred to March. | | | | | |
| Motion to approve the changes to MHJA Year End Award nomination divisions for the changes in item 6. below. | Armstrong | Priebe | X | | |
| Motion to allow affiliation of the Maffitt Horse Shows on May 11-15, August 3-7, August 10-14 and September 21-25, 2016 | Betsy | Gibbs-Rumble | X | | |
| Adjourn | Parish | Armstrong | X | | |

Elizabeth Lampert called the meeting to order.

- Meeting Minutes:** Approved with correction to the Marketing Committee Members. They should be Lindsay Vail and Nicole Salazar rather than Heather Parish and Betsy Kieffer.
- Treasurer's Report:** There was very little activity in January. Complete report for January will be reviewed at the March meeting.
- USHJA:** Affiliates Committee has been disbanded effective January 31, 2016. Nominees for Amateur and Junior included Claire Delmore and Greg Novak. Greg was selected for the Amateur award.
- Year End Awards:** Jane Martinson was asking for ideas for year end awards. Jane had a trivet from Uncommon Goods that might be an option an option. There was also discussion around getting directors chairs or coolers.
- MHHS:** The MHHS committee met prior to the board meeting and reviewed the financials from the horse show. Greg Novak felt that a donation should have been made to This Old Horse. The Board will consider giving them a donation in 2016. We Can Ride was happy with the donation they received. There was discussion at the MHHS meeting about working with the Boy/Girl Scouts. Norine Wilcox recommended that the committee develop guidelines around benefactors and what they will receive.
- Nomination for Year End Awards:** Betsy Kieffer presented the following changes for 2016 MHJA Year End Award Nomination Divisions.
 - Change the height of the Short Stirrup Hunter and Equitation fences to 1'9" and riders cannot cross enter into classes where the height of the fence exceeds 2'6".

- Limit Children's/Adult will be changed to if there are 6 or more entries in both sections they must be held separately.
- Add Starter Children's/Adult Hunter and Equitation to be held at 2'3" and riders cannot enter into classes where the height of the fences exceeds 2'6".
- Any Thoroughbred Hunter classes offered will be counted towards the year end award.
- The Low Amateur Working Hunter will be opened to junior riders. It will be called Low Junior/Amateur Working Hunter held at 2'9"-3'.
- Modified Children's/Adult Jumpers will be split and two year-end awards will be given.

A motion was made and approved for the changes listed above.

7. **Membership:** 155 members renewed and 15 new members joined for 2016. The application is available on the MHJA website.
8. **MHJA Horse Show:** Elizabeth Lampert has indicated that Jim Urban has not gotten back to her about managing the horse show. Pattie Humphries recommended that Pam Keeler might be an option to manage the horse show. Elizabeth will wait to hear from Jim until the end of the week and will then contact Pam Keeler to see if she is interested. Elizabeth recommended that we hire a judge and steward prior to finding a manager. Several recommendations were made for Stewards including Kim Holding, Connie Stevens and Robin Eden. Mary Armstrong will contact the food vendor. Pattie Humphries will be the secretary. The MHJA Committee will look into hiring a judge and steward. The horse show will be held May 19-22, 2016. The committee will also start working on getting an EMT and Porta Potties. Betsy Kieffer has applied for a Zone VI Handy Hunter Challenge Class.
9. **Local Horse Shows:** Ann Bauer has applied for July 14-17, 2016 dates to hold a horse.
10. **Nominating Committee:** There was a recommendation to ask Norrie Eagen-Hennen and Heather Fites.
11. **Newsletter:** The next issue is coming along. Heather Parish is looking for Eyes and Ears. Heather would like a certain number of extra newsletters. Betsy Kieffer will send the class specifications and year end award nomination divisions.
12. **MHJA Annual Meeting:** Elizabeth Lampert recommended that the meeting be held in the summer. Board members suggested it be held in the spring.
13. **Website:** Many changes and updates are being made to the website. The Board should review the website and send changes/updates to Nancy Giachetti or Susan Wepplo. The Year End Award nomination divisions and a description of the perpetual trophies will be added.
14. **Horse Show Affiliation Applications:** Maffitt Lake has applied for MHJA Affiliation for their shows on May 11-15, May 18-22, August 3-7, August 10-14 and September 21-25, 2016. A motion was made and approved to allow affiliation of the Maffitt Horse Shows on May 11-15, August 3-7, August 10-14 and September 21-25, 2016
15. **Mid-States Summer Horse Show:** There was discussion around the Mid-States Horse Shows that will be held in June. Urban's are planning on holding three horse shows in June on the following dates – 9-12, 14-18 and 10-21.
16. **Medal Finals:** The location for 2016 will be Mid-States Fall.
17. **Red Pines Horse Show Association (RPHSA):** Elizabeth Lampert presented bringing the RPHSA into the MHJA. There was discussion around offer classes at the MN State Fair and possibly Harvest Show.
18. **Future Meetings:** Future meetings will be held March 7, April 4, Tuesday, May 3, June 27, July 25, 2016 at U of MN Leatherdale Center.

The next board meeting will be at 7:00 pm Monday, March 7, 2016 at U of MN Leatherdale Center.

Meeting was adjourned.