

Minnesota Hunter Jumper Association

Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting Minutes

August 23, 2021

Virtual Zoom Meeting

Name	Present	Name	Present	Name	Present	Name	Present
Kelsey Ostberg	X	Heather Parish		Gretchen Erpelding		Pat Perry	X
Sue Novak	X	Anna Renier		Megan Schnebly			
Kaylyn Cody	X	Nancy Giacchetti	X	Mia Forbes		JR BOD Members:	
Norine Wilcox	X	Betsy Kieffer	X	Heather Fites	X		
Betsy Gambach	X	Jeni McDermott	X	Richelle Fermanich			

Summary of Motions

Motion	Moved	Second	Approved	Not Approved	Comment
Meeting Minutes (July)	Kieffer	Cody	X		
Treasurer’s report – (July)	Kieffer	Wilcox	X		
Adjourn	Giacchetti	Kieffer	X		

Meeting called to order at 6:43pm.

1. **July Meeting Notes:** Approved - No opposed
2. **Treasurer’s Report:** Approved – No opposed
 - a. July Total Revenue \$0
 - b. July Total Expense \$525.00
 - c. The Treasurer’s Report provides additional details.
3. **Junior Board (JB) Update:** no update
4. **Newsletter update:** See Heather’s email for notes. Betsy G suggested having articles featuring school horses as a fun way to recognize schooling horses. Another suggestion was to have articles by Mon’s - “Tales of horse show Moms.”
5. **Membership and Communications Update:** Membership has grown – juniors represent the largest number of new members. Nancy will send actual numbers out to BOD.
6. **Harvest Horse Show Updates:** Harvest horse show - hunter derby purse will be increased due to generous gift. Most sponsors are continuing. New sponsor support and classes: Canterbury Park High Point Jumper and Hunter. If MN bred winner purse increases. Greg Novak is working to bring on new sponsors. Exhibitor table will be in the Riders lounge. Change in how wrist band and dinner tickets are handed out. Trainers will be given all wrist bands/tickets to hand out to clients. No clothing sales this year. Overall, things are looking bright for the show.

Pat Boyle may have conflict with Harvest dates. USEF is working on schedule changes. If overlap, he will still have someone for us regardless. Sue Novak has the MHJA contract with Pat Boyle. Sue mentioned it is not a signed contract but more of an agreement between parties.

Emerson-Burr is a go for Harvest but need Pat's approval because it needs to be promoted and date assigned. Betsy Gambach will proctor. Need a good location.

7. **State Fair Show recap:** Feedback was very positive. MHJA sponsored water made it there. Jeni was recognized for the great job on ribbons and prizes and making sure everyone got their prizes. Sue received a thank you from the Fair.
8. **Zone Updates/Specs:** August very busy with Pony Finals, etc. Betsy Kieffer re-elected to Zone 6 committee. We believe Heather Parish was re-elected too. There was supposed to be a Zone 6 meeting in August, but it didn't happen. Handy hunter goes forward next year
9. **Banquet/Year End Discussion:** No YE banquet. Need to figure out how prizes will be distributed. Also, need to figure out budget and point person for this committee. At July meeting ordered scrims for champions (hunter green with gold piping, hip ornament). We need reserve champion prize. Past prizes include saddle pads, back packs, canvas tote, grooming halter, bandage bag, director chair. Suggested having nicer gifts because expenses are low.

If we go with halters, they are trickier because need to order sizes. Walsh, Albright and Dover identified as options. Kelsey will send email about committee needs. \$9K budget.

10. **Education Committee:** MHJA probably won't sponsor a mounted clinic. Last meeting Heather P. was going to ask Elizabeth if she was interested in holding a clinic. Cathy Ott and Renee Lenhart have offered to hold clinics. Betsy K. mentioned USJHA may make training videos available and MHJA might be able to get some of those videos. Betsy to follow-up with USHJA.
11. **Points:** Betsy K. indicates Tracy's show and Moffitt show points will be posted at the same time. Betsy K. will post points as soon as she gets them.
12. **Nominating Committee:** Gina Vlahos has agreed to run, and Kaylyn Cody has agreed to stay on as Treasure. Betsy G. suggests an appointment/invitation to the Board rather than election. Nomination and running for election can be intimidating for some people. If we want to change to appointment/invitation versus election, we will need to change our Bylaws. That will require a legal person to help draft new language and be consistent with state rules. Because of the time likely involved, this year the process will stay the same. We will run the election and then fill positions we can't fill. Need to check the Bylaws on what to do if we don't have enough candidates. BOD discussed reasons for why we aren't getting candidates. Zoom meetings don't help build relationships.
13. **MHJA Medal Finals:** Sue N. mentioned this year we are only getting awards from USHJA for champions. Email sent out to see if we had any extra awards. Norine has a handful of awards. Only have blue and white canvas bags. Sue suggested we get an expensive bag with logo. Question raised if we wanted to purchase anything extra. USHJA sent 2 bags and 2 hats. Medal finals the first week of Mason City show. Betsy K. will check with USHJA. Sue and Betsy G. will get a few little things to add to bags. Awards will go to 1st place through 4th place riders. Nancy has posted online the qualifiers for the medal.

14. **2021 Board Meeting Dates:** September 27th. Betsy G. will host Zoom meetings. Sue has a call into Leatherdale to get our meeting room booked. Other options could be explored too.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm.