

Minnesota Hunter Jumper Association

Board Meeting Minutes

February 27, 2017 corrected 4-4-17

Held at Leatherdale Equine Center

| Name | Present | Name | Present | Name | Present | Name | Present |
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| Tracy Grandstrand | X | Kirsten Priebe | | Sue Novak | X | Betsy Gambach | X |
| Elizabeth Lampert | X | Mary Armstrong | X | Betsy Kieffer | X | Nicole Salazar | |
| Tammy Johnson | X | Nancy Giacchetti | X | Jane Martinson | X | | |
| Susan Wepplo | | Lindsay Vail | X | Angela Mahoney | X | | |
| Norine Wilcox | X | Joann Gibbs-Rumble | X | Elizabeth LaFrenz | X | | |

Summary of Motions

| Motion | Moved | Second | Approved | Not Approved | Comment |
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| Meeting Minutes – February 6, 2017 | Mahoney | Kieffer | X | | |
| Treasurer’s Report – postponed to April meeting | | | | | |
| Motion to approve 2017 Specifications distributed via email by Betsy Kieffer with option to amend as they were read by the Board. Motion made and voted on via email. | Kieffer | LaFrenz | X | | 10 votes in favor, no opposed votes |
| Motion to approve splitting the 3’3” and 3’6” Amateur Owner Hunters by age, 35 and under and 36 and over, and 3’3” and 3’6” Juniors by size, small and large, for MHJA Year End Awards | Johnson | Grandstrand | X | | 2 abstain |
| Motion to approve the addition of two more MHJA Year End Awards for Opportunity Hunters, Equitation, and Jumpers at heights of a maximum of 2’6” for Hunters and maximum of 0.75m for Jumpers to the MHJA Year End Awards | Kieffer | Grandstrand | X | | |
| Adjourn | Armstrong | Grandstrand | X | | |

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

1. **Meeting Minutes:** Approved.
2. **Treasurer’s Report:** Postponed until April meeting.
3. **MHJA Horse Show:**
 - Patty Humphries suggested that the MHJA purchase two more timer eyes for the jumpers. She also proposed that we add two more MHJA Year End Awards for Opportunity Hunters, Equitation, and Jumpers at heights ranging from 2’-2’6”. Patty also recommended that large prizes be given to the MHJA Medal and Mini Medal final winners.
 - The MHJA Horse Show Committee is still looking for a food vendor. Volunteers are needed to help at the show with things such as ticketed schooling, ribbons, hospitality tent, runners for judges’ cards, raffle ticket sales and setting up for the exhibiter party. The Sponsorship letter along with a volunteer sign-up sheet will go out with the membership letter.
4. **Committee Budgets:** Budgets for the committees from the February 6, 2017 Board meeting were reviewed and no changes were recommended.

5. **Show Standards Specifications and Approvals:**
 - Proposed 2017 Specifications were distributed via email and approved with a provision for amendments as people proof read them. Motion made and voted on via email.
 - There was discussion around amending the 2017 Specifications by splitting the 3'3" and 3'6" Amateur Owner Hunters by age, 35 and under and 36 and over, and 3'3" and 3'6" Junior Hunters by size, small and large, for MHJA Year End Awards. A motion was made and approved for the split.
 - There was discussion around Patty Humphries' proposal for adding two more MHJA Year End Awards for Opportunity Hunters, Equitation, and Jumpers at heights of a maximum of 2'6" for Hunters and maximum of 0.75m for Jumpers. An MHJA membership would be required to be eligible for the MHJA Year End Award. A motion was made and approved for the addition of the awards.
6. **Miscellaneous Committee Reports:** No reports on Annual Meeting, Banquet, Silent Auction, Year End Points, Medal Finals, PR and Marketing, and Nominating.
7. **Membership:** There are currently 147 competing members and 25 sustaining members. 14 members joined in February with 3 new members and 3 members that were members several years ago.
8. **Zone VI:** The Zandra Powers Horsemanship Class will be held at the Fall Mid States Horse Show.
9. **Website:** Nancy Giacchetti is looking for a fun way to provide learning opportunities for members on the website – similar to what USHJA is doing. Ideas included videos made by members, articles or quizzes on things such as how to sign up for a horse show or the proper show attire.
10. **Junior Members:** Elizabeth Lampert recommended that something be done to get the Juniors together. She asked Betsy Gambach and Elizabeth LaFrenz if they could work on something. They agreed.
11. **MHHS Committee:** Nancy Giacchetti reported that the committee is continuing to work on a budget. She proposed that it will be available by the April Board meeting. Nancy asked Lyndsay Vail to draft a budget based on expenses from previous MN Harvest Horse Shows that can be used as a starting point. There was discussion around the dinner and how to get a better count of the number of people that will attend. There was also discussion around the alcohol that is provided to the Sponsorship booths and how to ensure it used appropriately.
12. **Newsletter:** Deadlines are May 26th, August 19th, and November 21st. The current issue is currently being edited and getting ready for print. The next issue will be about the MHJA spring show, World Cup and Graduating Seniors. The questions can be emailed to the students - contact Heather Parish.
13. **Washington County Fair Grounds:** Tracy Grandstrand met with Dan Dolan from the Washington Agricultural Society and asked what the MHJA would get for a donation. Tracy indicated that for every \$10,000 that is donated we would be guaranteed use of the facility for two weeks the first year at a reduced rental price of \$7500. Tracy is negotiating the rental price down to \$5000 and longer term guaranteed use. The dates the MHJA would like are the weeks of May 21 and July 22, 2018. There was discussion around holding a fund raiser to raise money to donate.
14. **MN State Fair:** Elizabeth Lampert is working with Patty Humphries on the MN State Fair Schedule. There was discussion around adding MHJA Medal and Mini Medal classes to the show schedule.
15. **Future Meetings:** Future meetings will be Monday April 3, April 24, Tuesday, May 30, Monday, June 26, Tuesday, July 25, Monday, August 28, Tuesday September 26, Monday, November 13, and December 4, 2017 at Leatherdale Equine Center. The Open Meeting will be held on Monday, October 23, 2017.

The next board meeting will be at 7:00 pm Monday, April 3, 2017 at Leatherdale Equine Center.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:27.