

# Minnesota Hunter Jumper Association

Board Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2018

Held at Leatherdale Equine Center

Name	Present	Name	Present	Name	Present	Name	Present
Elizabeth Lampert	X	Heather Parish		Sue Novak	X	Kelly Volp	X
Tammy Johnson	X	Lisa Masica	X	Betsy Kieffer	X		
Susan Wepplo	X	Nancy Giacchetti	X	Jane Martinson	X		
Norine Wilcox	X	Lindsay Vail	X	Angela Mahoney	X		
Betsy Gambach	X	Anne Steeves	X	Elizabeth LaFrenz	X		

## Summary of Motions

Motion	Moved	Second	Approved	Not Approved	Comment
Meeting Minutes – December 4, 2017	Giacchetti	Mahoney	X		With the following change: add that Equine Innovations will be responsible for the Riders Lounge as part of the motion to approve them as a third beneficiary of the MN Harvest Horse Show
Treasure’s Report - December	LaFrenz	Kieffer	X		
Motion to split the Opportunity Hunter/Equitation into Opportunity Hunter and Opportunity Equitation for MHJA Year End Awards and that a floating split by age can be done at the end of the year if appropriate.	Kieffer	Wilcox	X		
Motion to combine Modified Children’s and Modified Adult Equitation into one MHJA Year End Award.	Kieffer	Wilcox	X		
Motion to eliminate the Opportunity Jumpers and add an MHJA Year End Award for the 0.70 - 0.75m jumpers.	Kieffer	Mahoney	X		
Motion to include the Amateur Jumper with Amateur Owner Jumpers for the MHJA Year End Award.	Kieffer	Wilcox	X		
Motion to donate \$500 and a quarter page advertisement in the Newsletter and on the website to Curtis Call Photography for the photo booth at the MHJA Year End Awards.	Mahoney	LaFrenz	X		
Adjourn	Kieffer	LaFrenz	X		

Sue Novak called the meeting to order at 7:10.

1. **Meeting Minutes:** Approved.

2. **Treasurer's Report:**

- **Income for December** included \$48 in residual MN Harvest Horse Show payments, \$1,773.30 in revenue deposits, sponsorship, and program ads for the MN Harvest Horse Show, \$155 in Banquet admissions, \$2,600 in Membership collected at the MHJA Year End Awards Banquet, and \$25 in Website advertisement.
- **Expenses for December** included \$6,230.56 for expenses related to the MN Harvest Horse Show including ribbon payment, residual payroll and prize money, \$10,355.60 for Donations for This Old Horse and We Can Ride from the MN Harvest Horse Show, \$11,495.58 for expenses related to the MHJA Year End Awards Banquet including the facility charge, payment to Dan Urban and reimbursement for supplies, \$40 for stop payment fee for Lost check from the MN Harvest Horse Show and bank fees, \$1,907.67 to Windstar Embroidery, Year End Awards and reimbursement to Elizabeth Lampert for the Basket Case chair, \$1,897 for renewal of annual insurance policy, \$119.16 for reimbursement of supplies for annual meeting, \$498.74 for reimburse for travel to USHJA annual meeting, \$2,350 for 2016 tax preparation fees, and \$15.45 for a bin for MHJA supplies.

3. **Zone VI:** Betsy Kieffer indicated that Zone VI has the option to have the Zone Championships with Zone VII and VIII Scheduled June 29 -July 3 in Parker, CO or Zone V, scheduled July 18-22 at Balmoral. There was discussion around the number of people that would attend either show. The Zone V show at Balmoral conflicts with the Carriage House Horse Show. Betsy asked people to send her an email on where they would prefer to go.
4. **Zone VI Annual Meeting:** Nancy Giacchetti indicated that the first part of the meeting was around rules and regulations. She also indicated that the meeting was well run and people were responsive to questions and concerns. One of her recommendations was to break out the Affiliation groups into smaller groups so the discussions can be more pertinent to the specific group. Betsy Kieffer indicated that there was discussion around safety for the riders and more accountability for trainers. She also indicated that there was discussion around the Stirrup Cup awards and if they meet the needs of the Zones. There may be potential for Zones to define the requirements for the Stirrup Cup awards.
5. **Show Standards and Specifications:** There was discussion around the Show Specifications proposed by Betsy Kieffer. A motion was made and approved to split the Opportunity Hunter/Equitation into Opportunity Hunter and Opportunity Equitation for MHJA Year End Awards and that a floating split by age can be done at the end of the year if appropriate. A motion was made approved to combine Modified Children's and Modified Adult Equitation into one MHJA Year End Award. Betsy will speak with Hattie Schiele to determine if there is still interest in the Best Young Horse MHJA Year End Award. A motion was made and approved to eliminate the Opportunity Jumpers and add an MHJA Year End Award for the 0.70 - 0.75m. A motion was made and approved to include the Amateur Jumper with Amateur Owner Jumpers for the MHJA Year End Award. There was discussion around double points and it was decided to continue award double points to horse shows held in Minnesota.
6. **MHJA Banquet:** There was discussion around moving the MHJA Year End Awards Banquet to January. It was decided leave it in November and leave it in the same room. Previously the photographer indicated that they did not want payment, but they would like us to give a donation to Valley Preschool. They communicated to Elizabeth Lampert in December that any donations should be sent directly to them. A motion was made and approved to donate \$500 and a quarter page advertisement in the Newsletter and on the website to Curtis Call Photography for the photo booth at the MHJA Year End Awards.

7. **MN Harvest Horse Show Sponsorship Committee:** Nancy Giacchetti indicated that the Committee is looking for people to be on the Committee. Sarah Donnell is retiring and someone will need to take over her responsibilities
8. **Newsletter:** The newsletter has been mailed. The deadline for the next newsletter is February 2, 2018.
9. **Membership:** There are 100 members that renewed their membership and 1 new person that joined the MHJA for 2018. There was discussion around no longer printing the Membership Roster and making it available electronically. Nancy Giacchetti will look into having a sign-in to access the Membership Roster via the MHJA Website.
10. **PR and Marketing:** Lisa Masica indicated that local area schools may be interested in sponsoring or advertising in MHJA publications.
11. **Jr Board:** The Board is planning an event for February 2, 2018. Elizabeth LaFrenz indicated they are working on setting up an Instagram account.
12. **Nominating Committee:** Elizabeth Lampert sent the Nominating criteria to Sue Novak. It is important to get members that are willing to participate and will be an asset to the Board.
13. **Future Meetings:** Future meetings will be Mondays February 5, March 5, and April 9, 2018 at Leatherdale Equine Center.
14. **Committee Assignments:** The Board went thru the list of Committees and members volunteered to participate on the committee(s) of their choice. See Attachment 1 for list of Committee members.

The next board meeting will be February 5, 2018 at Leatherdale Equine enter.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:47.

Attachment

## **Attachment 1**

### **2018 Committee Membership**

Banquet/Silent Auction – Norine Wilcox, Elizabeth LaFrenz, Betsy Gambach, Angela Mahoney  
Budget:

Year End Awards – Jane Martinson, Sue Novak  
Budget:

MHHS – Nancy Giacchetti  
Budget: Will be presented in March

Membership – Betsy Kieffer, Nancy Giacchetti  
Budget:

MHJA Horse Show – Norine Wilcox, Elizabeth Lampert, Betsy Kieffer, Elizabeth LaFrenz, Kelly Volp, Anne Steeves  
Budget:

Year End Award Points – Betsy Kieffer  
Budget:

Medal Finals – Sue Novak, Angela Mahoney  
Budget:

Nominating – Sue Novak, Elizabeth Lampert  
Budget:

Newsletter – Heather Parish, Anne Steeves, Betsy Gambach, Betsy Kieffer  
Budget:

PR and Marketing – Nancy Giacchetti, Elizabeth LaFrenz, Lisa Masica  
Budget:

Website – Nancy Giacchetti  
Budget:

Jr Board – Elizabeth LaFrenz, Betsy Gambach, Lisa Masica, Suzanne Weplo

## **Budgets for items without Committees**

Annual Meeting – Sue Novak

Budget:

USHJA Annual Meeting

Budget: