

MINNESOTA HUNTER JUMPER ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes

September 21, 2009

Held at Franz Repro

In attendance:

Name	Present	Name	Present	Name	Present	Name	Present
G. Brandt	X	S. Golden		L. Ostberg	X	M. Genereux	
S. Clayton		V. Holst		N. Reid		D. Hudlow	
L. Danielson	X	T. Johnson	X	S. Riley		L. Jensen	
J. Erickson		J. McCaffrey	X	J. Schulz	X	Membership:	
P. Franz	X	G. Novak	X	K. Watson	X	B. Kieffer	X

Meeting was called to order by G. Brandt.

- 1. Previous Meeting Minutes:** It was noted that the following is to be revised:
Item 2: J. Erickson agreed to be the Year End Awards Committee Chair, not Banquet Chair. J. Schulz moved and T. Johnson seconded approving the Minutes as revised. Motion passed.
- 2. Treasurer's Report:** J. McCaffrey presented the Treasurer's Report. St. Croix Saddlery's donation has not yet been received; G. Brandt will contact them. One of the CD's is up for renewal. G. Novak moved and L. Ostberg seconded approving the Treasurer's Report and recommending rolling the CD over to another 6 month term. The motion passed.
- 3. Membership and Dues:** There are approximately 349 members for 2009, about 30 less than last year. Membership dues are \$40.00; dues have not risen for several years. There was a proposal to add a second dues category. This would be an additional \$20.00 nomination fee to have points count toward year end awards. As we no longer offer a 10 year membership category, any 10 year members would be "grandfathered in" and not be required to pay the additional \$20.00 fee. Members would be able to upgrade at a horse show. Both horse and rider points would be counted. G. Novak moved and J. Schulz seconded a motion to add this additional nomination fee to the 2010 dues structure. The motion passed. J. Schulz suggested that we present this information at the Annual meeting and the Awards Banquet.
- 4. Live and Silent Auctions at Banquet:** There was discussion about providing either or both auctions this year. Last year the auction should have raised about \$3,000 but we did not get paid for some live auction items. It was decided to continue with both auctions with the live auction limited to approximately 5 items. G. Brandt and S. Clayton will organize the live auction. G. Brandt will ask S. Clayton to be the MC again this year. G. Brandt will ask S. Golden to Chair the Silent Auction. J. McCaffrey will collect Bid Sheets and payment. It was suggested that we put together a DVD of the Year End Power Point slide show to sell at the Banquet. Cost to be approximately \$10.00 each. We could limit our production cost to about \$100.00. P. Franz said she would oversee the production of these with N. Reid. P. Franz moved and J. Schulz seconded a motion to produce the DVD's and sell them at the Banquet at the above costs. The motion passed.
- 5. Newsletter:**
P. Franz stated that the next Newsletter deadline is October 5, but will be extended to after the Harvest Horse Show. This will be the Holiday issue sent out in early November.

It was suggested that a notice be posted at the Harvest Show and on our web site to remind members of this deadline as it is earlier than previous years.

P. Franz also mentioned that CSDA worked with Sarah Donnell to improve the graphic design of their newsletter; this increased the readership. She suggested we hire Sarah to look at improving the graphic design of our newsletter.

6. **Nominating Committee Report:** The proposed slate of nominations for the Board of Directors was presented. The nominations were accepted on a motion by G. Novak, seconded by L. Danielson. The ballots will be mailed out along with a description of the duties of the Junior Reps prepared by G. Brandt.
7. **Horse Show:** G. Brandt has talked about the Horse Show with several trainers to find out what they liked and didn't like about our show. There were positive responses to the Hunter Challenge classes and the Opportunity classes. Moving the jumper classes to a different ring was seen as a good idea. In general, we need to appeal to our members to attend the local shows.
K. Watson has put together a budget for a 2 ring show for next spring with the same classes and same prizes as this year. This year we over bought stalls; however, we may be at the minimum quantity that we can purchase. With this new budget, if we receive the same amount of entry revenue as this year, she thought we should make a profit of a few thousand dollars before the Show Management fee. She suggested that we review the class specifications over the winter. Possibly quarter horse hunter classes could be added to the show.
A few years ago the MHJA held show managers and professionals meetings to discuss the horse shows. It would be a good idea to do this again after the Harvest Show. Monday, November 16 is our next Board meeting; perhaps that could be the show managers/professionals meeting. At the Annual Meeting there should be further discussion about the local horse show situation and the current budget.
8. **Annual Meeting:** October 19: It was suggested to hold the meeting at the Roseville Radisson if possible. Per the by-laws, a notice is to be sent out 2 weeks prior to the Annual Meeting; G. Brandt will send out a postcard to members if the nominations and ballots are not yet ready to be mailed. In addition to voting, there should be discussion with members about the Horse Show as stated above.
9. **Fall Clinic Update:** Sue Kyllonen would like the MHJA to partner with her in putting on a clinic with Anne Kursinski. The cost per attendee would be approximately \$450-500. After much discussion, it was decided that not enough people would be willing to attend. J. Schulz moved and K. Watson seconded that we not conduct a clinic this fall. The motion passed; however, we no longer had a quorum present.
10. **Year End Awards:** Halters, scrim sheets and saddle pads have been ordered for \$3,467.00.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be Monday evening, November 16, 2009.