

MINNESOTA HUNTER JUMPER ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes

February 6, 2012

Held at the Ostberg Architects, St. Paul

Betsy Kieffer	X	Sharon Golden	X	Becky Nay	X	John Puckett	
Mary Armstrong		Tracy Grandstrand	X	Patti Nelson		Brenda Roloff	X
Lisa Brustman	X	Sara Hogan	X	Linda Ostberg	X	Nicole Salazar	X
Mary Jo Cody	X	Elizabeth Lampert	X	Heather Parish	X		

In attendance:

The meeting was called to order by L. Ostberg.

1. Minutes: T. Grandstrand moved and H. Parish seconded approving the January Board meeting minutes. The motion carried.

2. Treasurer's Report: L. Brustman presented the December and January Treasurer's Reports. To date, in February, there is \$11,440.66 in the MHJA checking account, \$28,866.77 in the savings account, \$ 9,595.78 in the MN Harvest Show account, \$100.14 in the Harvest Show savings account, \$3,266.23 in the MHJA Horse Show account, and \$100.14 in the MHJA Horse Show savings account, for a total of \$53,369.72. E. Lampert moved and H. Parish seconded approving the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed.

3. Budget: L. Brustman provided copies of the 2011 budget (proposed and actual) to use as a worksheet for 2012. The budget will be discussed further at the March meeting.

4. Committee Reports:

a. MHJA Horse Show: T. Grandstrand reported that a judge and a steward have been hired, and MHJA has a contract in place with Ann Bower and a paramedic. M. Cody has dropped off the prizes. The prize list will go to print in April. There are presently 60 stalls at the show. An additional 25 would be good. B. Kieffer reported that the show actually made \$2200 in 2011. The opportunity classes have been growing.

b. Year End Awards: S. Golden gave these to G. Novak after the last meeting. He is planning to deliver all of them within the next week or two.

c. Membership: B. Nay reported that in 2011, MHJA had 240 competing members. This year to date, 143 people have joined as competing members.

Many join at the MHJA show in May. Last year, there were 65 sustaining members. This year, there are 30 to date.

d. Horse Show Affiliations: B. Nay reported that these have been mailed.

e. PR and Marketing: J. Puckett and Sarah Donnell are working on some ideas.

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f. Newsletter: H. Parish reported that no one has come forward with any ideas for a new name for the newsletter, so it will remain the "MHJA Newsletter." The due date for articles for the April newsletter is Feb. 28th. There is now an MHJA Facebook page that will allow members to post pictures. B. Kieffer reported that both the inside and outside covers have been purchased for the year for advertising. The hope is that the newsletter will become more self-sustaining with the sale of more ads.

g. Zone 6 Liaison: B. Kieffer reported that it is an election year for USHJA. All committee members are up for re-election. Renew your membership by March 1 in order to vote, and make sure to designate your discipline (hunter or jumper), as you will only be allowed to vote for candidates in your discipline. Three people will be elected. USHJA has a horsemanship quiz online for junior riders.

h. Annual Meeting: It will be at the U of M Equine Center again this year.

i. Banquet: As the trainers' cruise is not going to be in November this year, the Banquet night will remain the Saturday before Thanksgiving. L. Ostberg will book the Metropolitan. As food prices have increased, we will most likely need to increase the ticket price and designate an age cut-off for ordering a child's meal. We will look into bringing back the live auction.

j. Harvest Horse Show: The committee will be meeting soon. J. Puckett and Cathy Hayden will help with marketing.

5. Proposed new horse show: T. Grandstrand reported that there is a possibility of a new horse show in Minnesota next July. The location is to be determined. She will have more information at the next meeting.

M. Cody moved and B. Kieffer seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned.

