

Minnesota Hunter Jumper Association

Board Meeting Minutes

December 4, 2017

Held at Leatherdale Equine Center

Name	Present	Name	Present	Name	Present	Name	Present
Elizabeth Lampert	X	Heather Parish	X	Sue Novak	X	Kelly Volp	X
Tammy Johnson	X	Lisa Masica	X	Betsy Kieffer	X		
Susan Wepplo		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 – November 4, 2017	Kieffer	Martinson	X		
Treasurer’s Report – November	LaFrenz	Kieffer	X		
Motion to donate \$6000 to This Old Horse and \$4000 to We Can Ride from MN Harvest Horse Show.	Kieffer	Vail	X		
Motion to add Equine Innovations as a third benefactor for the MN Harvest Horse Show. They will assume responsibility for the Rider’s Lounge.	Mahoney	Parish	X		
Adjorn	Steeves	Kieffer	X		

Sue Novak called the meeting to order at 7:02.

1. **Meeting Minutes:** Approved.

2. **Treasurer’s Report:**

- **Income for November** included \$57 in residual MN Harvest Horse Show payments, \$27,715.06 in revenue deposits, sponsorship, and program ads for the MN Harvest Horse Show, \$8,400 in Banquet admissions, \$10,525.60 in Banquet Silent Auction and Beads, \$165 in membership, and \$40 for the 2018 Horseman’s Directory.
- **Expenses for November** included \$10,948.50 for expenses related to the MN Harvest Horse Show including the 2018 competition renewal license and residual payroll including the Grand Prix winner, \$6,884.67 MN Harvest Horse show sponsorship expenses including payment to Windstar for clothing, reimbursement to Linda Ostberg, payment for labor, and payment to Sarah Donnell for Marketing expenses, \$1,363.34 for Silent Auction supplies, Dan Urban’s hotel and click bid license, \$49 returned item and stop payment fee, \$4,344.68 for ribbons, payment to Coach House Equestrian for Equitation Awards and PCN Marketing for coolers, \$23 for increase in insurance premium, \$23.96 for supplies for MHJA Open meeting, \$25 to State of MN for annual filing fee, and \$255.62 for general supplies including envelopes.

3. **MHJA Board:** There was discussion around meeting starting time. It was decided to leave the start time at 7:00.

4. **MHJA Banquet:** The MHJA Year End Awards Banquet was a success. Lyndsay Vail went over the budget and expenses. Preliminary numbers indicate that the Banquet had a \$3,429.23 loss. Norine Wilcox indicated that we have reached the maximum occupancy of the room we are currently using for the Banquet. There was discussion around moving it to a different space - either a new venue or a larger room and moving the date to January. Elizabeth Lampert indicated that it is important to have the Silent Auction in the same room as the dinner. Everyone agreed that the awards were very nice. The photographer indicated that they did not want payment, but they would like us to give a

donation to Valley Preschool. The decision on the amount to donate will be made when the financials from the banquet are final. The MHJA has a tentative reservation with Earle Browne for November 17, 2018.

5. **MN Harvest Horse Show:** Lindsay Vail went over the budget and expenses for both the MN Harvest Horse Show and Sponsorship committee. The Harvest Horse Show showed a profit of \$19,359.25 in 2017. Nancy Giacchetti went over some learnings from the MN Harvest Horse Show. See attachment titled "Learnings from 2017 MHHS" for more detail. Equine Innovations was paid \$500 to help Theresa Falconbridge to set up the hospitality tent and other things associated with the hospitality. In order to help balance the workload of Therese Falconbridge, Equine Innovations will assume responsibility for the Rider's Lounge. Additionally, the Sponsorship Committee recommended that they should become a third benefactor of the show. A motion was made and approved to add Equine Innovations as a third benefactor. A motion was made and approved to donate \$6000 to This Old Horse and \$4000 to We Can Ride which is consistent with the budgeted amounts.
6. **Zone VI:** The Annual USHJA Meeting will be December 10-14, 2017. Betsy Kieffer and Nancy Giacchetti will be attending on behalf of the MHJA. Betsy recommended that people review the rule changes for 2018. She also indicated how to submit pictures for Zone Champions for the Chronicle. Betsy indicated the Zone VI Jumper Championships will be held at Balmoral in August. The Zone VI committee originally voted to hold them at the Maffitt Lake Horse Show in August. Betsy will update the Board with any changes.
7. **Newsletter:** Information has been submitted for the Newsletter and a draft will be available in the next few weeks. The next deadline for the Newsletter is in February.
8. **Membership:** Many people joined for 2018 at the MHJA Year End Awards Banquet. Membership letters will be sent to members that have not signed up.
9. **Social Media:** Nancy Giacchetti is in the process of gathering pictures from the Banquet and for the Zone Champion winners to post on the website.
10. **MHJA Horse Show:** The horse show will be held May 17-20, 2018. Norine Wilcox indicated that volunteers are needed.
11. **Miscellaneous Committee Reports:** No reports on Year End Awards, MHJA Medal Finals, Show Standard and Specifications or PR and Marketing.
12. **Jr Board:** Elizabeth LaFrenz indicated that Jr members use Instagram and asked if the MHJA can set something up on that. Betsy Gambach and Elizabeth met with the Jr's and talked about meeting quarterly. The gatherings can be social and educational.
13. **Open Meeting:** The 2017 Annual Meeting was a success. Elizabeth Lampert offered the use of Arbor Hill for the 2018 meeting.
14. **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.
15. **Future Meetings:** Future meetings will be Monday's January 8, February 5, March 5, and April 9, 2018 at Leatherdale Equine Center.

The next board meeting will be January 8, 2018 at Leatherdale Equine enter.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:47.