

MINNESOTA HUNTER JUMPER ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes

September 17, 2012

Held at The Ostberg Architects, Saint Paul

In attendance:

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

Linda Ostberg called the meeting to order.

1. **Minutes:** Parish moved and Brustman seconded approving the July Board meeting minutes. The motion carried.
2. **Treasurer's Report:** Lisa Brustman provided the treasurer's report. For the end of July, there was \$12,735.27 in the MHJA checking account, \$26,878.77 in savings, \$8,137.59 in the MHJA Horse Show checking account, \$100.19 in savings, and \$9,956.23 in the Harvest Horse Show checking account and \$100.19 in savings for a total of \$57,908.24. For the end of August, there was \$12,685.46 in the MHJA checking account, \$26,881.06 in savings, \$8,134.59 in the MHJA Horse Show checking account, \$100.20 in savings, and \$16,509.31 in the Harvest Horse Show checking account, \$100.20 in savings, for a total of \$64,410.82. Hogan moved and Salazar seconded approving the Treasurer's Report for July, and Armstrong moved and Parish seconded approving the Treasurer's Report for August. The motions passed.
3. **Proposed Slate of Officers:** Lampert moved and Nay seconded a motion to extend Grandstrand's term of office for an additional two years in order to balance out the terms of the existing officers. The motion was approved. Cody moved and Brustman seconded a motion to approve the proposed slate of officer candidates for election in 2012. The motion was approved. Ballots were stuffed and put into envelopes for mailing to the MHJA membership.
4. **Credit Card Payments:** Brustman reported on her ongoing research into the possibility of credit card payments for MHJA expenses. Sarah Donnell has suggested using Pay Pal and online credit card access. With a swiping machine, there is a flat rate of 2.5% of the purchase and no fee. Brustman suggests using a swiper as well as providing online credit card access. Mason City accepted credit card payments in September for a surcharge of 2%. She noted that when a payment is made by credit card, the money typically gets into the account more quickly than does a payment by check. She will put together an email with details of the various options for review by the Board.
5. **Harvest Show:** Sponsorships are coming in well. Grandstrand reported that there would be 159 class prizes as well as five stake class coolers awarded. She suggests practical class prizes such as saddle soap and salt licks. The Board agreed. There will also be about 14 championships for classes taking place in the new AgStar arena. She proposed saddle pads with the Harvest apple and green binding as prizes. Kieffer will coordinate getting the pads.
6. **Harvest Horse Show Jump:** Brustman reported that Brody made a Harvest Horse Show jump two years ago. It is unclear who ordered the jump. The present value is estimated

to be \$2000. He apparently never got paid for the jump and now would like to trade it to the MHJA in exchange for the use of stalls not exceeding \$1000 at future Harvest Shows. Lampert suggested that we make a contract limiting the time period during which he could request the use of the stalls. She will contact him to find out if this would be acceptable and to find out where the jump is at present and make arrangements for its delivery to the Harvest Show.

7. **Harvest Horse Show Program and MHJA Newsletter:** These publications will be too large individually to combine into one publication. The newsletter will showcase the MHJA and area hunter/jumper barns and will be provided to the public at the show free of charge. Both the program and newsletter will be high quality. Harvest Show sponsor ads will be in the program. A stable map will be contained in the newsletter. Any trainer who has not submitted a description of their barn and training program for the newsletter should do so as soon as possible.
8. **Banquet Committee:** Ostberg reported that D'Amico has raised its catering prices. If we skip the passed appetizers, we can save \$1000 and keep the ticket prices the same. The ticket prices will be \$45 for persons 20 and over, \$30 for persons 12-19, and \$20 for 11 and under.
9. **Membership:** Grandstrand moved and Kieffer seconded a motion to keep membership fees the same for 2013. The motion passed.
10. **Update on Jim Urban's plans to purchase the Mason City show dates:** Grandstrand recounted that there was a meeting of the trainers with the Urbans at the Mason City fall show. The Urbans hope to know their plans for future Mason City shows by the end of November.
11. **Future Meeting Dates:** The next two meetings will be October 15 and November 5. The Banquet will be held on November 17. The annual meeting will be on December 10.

Kieffer moved and Armstrong seconded adjourning the meeting. Motion carried; meeting was adjourned.