

## Minnesota Hunter Jumper Association

Board Meeting Minutes

September 28, 2020

Virtual Zoom Meeting

Name	Present	Name	Present	Name	Present	Name	Present
Kelsey Ostberg	X	Heather Parish	X	Jeni McDermott		Richelle Fermanich	X
Sue Novak	X	Anna Renier	X	Betsy Kieffer	X	Pat Perry	X
Kaylyn Cody	X	Nancy Giacchetti	X	Jane Martinson	X		
Norine Wilcox	X	Lisa Masica		Gayle Castro	X		
Betsy Gambach	X	Anne Steeves	X	Gretchen Erpelding	X		

### Summary of Motions

Motion	Moved	Second	Approved	Not Approved	Comment
August Minutes	Kieffer	Castro	x		
Treasurer's report – (August)	Kieffer	Parish	x		
Adjourn	Kieffer	Parish	x		

Kelsey called the meeting to order at 6:38 pm.

- Meeting Notes:** Correction to spelling of Abby Leidig's last name. Notes approved.
- Treasurer's Report:**  
August Total Revenue: \$27,938.65 related to horse show.  
August Total Expense: \$27,962.36 mainly related to horse show expense.  
The Treasurer's Report provides additional details. Discussed show financials and reasons for no positive revenue such as no sponsorships (MHJA choose not to solicit), and the extra day which resulted in about \$3K of unplanned expense.
- 2020/2021 MHJA Horse Show:** Betsy Gambach sent report via email summarizing 2020 horse show. Overall, the show was viewed as a success. The email from B. Gambach provides additional details. Regarding 2021, a plan is needed on how to go forward with MHJA horse shows. Patty Humphries re-instated the license for August dates in 2021. USEF allows dates to go dormant for 1-year.  
**Action Item:** Need a committee and plan for 2021 horse show season.
- Newsletter Update:** Deadline for next newsletters is November 1<sup>st</sup>. Planning holiday issue and wrap up of 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Awards issue will be in January issue or will be published after the virtual awards meeting.
- Communications/Membership Update:** Membership stands at 198 with 177 competing members. In spite of 33 new members, there is a net decrease of 39% in our total membership for 2020.
- Nominating Committee Update:** By Laws allow the Board to approve new Board members through the motion process. The Board supports the election process. However due to Covid-19, the Board is willing to make an exception this year and supports adding Board members through the motion process. The Board terms of Anne Steeves, Lisa Masica, Heather Parrish, Anne Steeves and Sue Novak will be ending in 2020. Sue Novak has agreed to stay on the Board another year. Heather Parrish has agreed to continue

with Newsletter but will vacate her seat on the Board. That leaves 3 open seats on the Board for 2021. At this time, the Board has agreed to extend Board seats to Mia Forbes and Meghan Schnebly.

**Action Item:** *Betsy Kieffer to write up motion recommending the Board approve the appoint of Mia Forbes and Meghan Schnebly to the Board in 2021.*

7. **Points/YE Awards:** Betsy Kieffer has most of the fall points. She is waiting on results from Mason City Fall Show to finish up.

8. **Junior Board update:** Gayle Castro gave update. Mentioned the Junior Board hosted an ice cream social at the Mason City Show. A question was asked if the Junior Board had resolved the process for transition of new members to the Junior Board. Gayle was unsure and will get back to the Board.

**Action Item:** *Gayle Castro to provide update on new Junior Board member appointment.*

9. **Virtual Awards:** Scrims will be the year end gift. Ribbons will be ordered after points are all in. Award committee was set-up with the following members: Richelle Fermanich, Norine Wilcox, Betsy Gambach, Anna Renier, and Gayle Castro. Junior Board will be asked to be part of committee to help with the newsletter. Gayle Castro suggested the newsletter with YE awards have a “year book” look with awards, pictures, sponsors.

**Action Item:** *Nancy Giacchetti to draft message regarding the change to virtual award presentation format.*

10. **Virtual Open Meeting:** Discussed the best format and venue for the meeting. It was decided the December 7<sup>th</sup> Board meeting will be use to host the Open Membership Meeting. Kelsey will assemble an agenda. Anna Renier and Nancy Giacchetti to review the survey Anna had put together earlier in the year. Survey will be used to solicit feedback from members before the Open meeting. Survey will be reviewed by the Board at the October meeting.

**Action Item:** *Nancy Giacchetti and Anna Renier to prepare survey for review by Board at the October meeting.*

11. **Future Board Meeting Dates:** Monthly virtual meetings going forward at 6:30pm on: October 26<sup>th</sup>, No November meeting, December 7<sup>th</sup> (Open Membership Meeting).

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.