Minnesota Hunter Jumper Association

Board Meeting Minutes
February 3, 2020
Held at Leatherdale Equine Center

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

Summary of Motions

Motion	Moved	Second	Approved	Not Approved	Comment
December Minutes	Castro	Steeves	X		
January Minutes	Renier	Steeves	X		
Treasurer's report – (January)	Giacchetti	Renier	X		
C-rated Horse Show at Harvest Hill	Wilcox	Masica	X		
Adjourn	Castro	McDermott	X		

Guests: Patty Humphries, Alex McKay

Kelsey Ostberg called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

1. **Treasurer's Report:**
   January Total Revenue: $20,149.94 – See attached Treasurer's Report for details.
   January Total Expense: $3,222.53 - See attached Treasurer's Report for details.
   Action item: Detailed MHJA 2019 Banquet financial statement to be presented at the March meeting.
2. **Banquet/Silent Auction Recap:** Total of 216 reservations with 11 no shows; 4 additional tickets sold at door. The larger room was well received. Looking at different spaces for next year. Would like to have the 2021 date decided by our next meeting, March 2nd. Mostly positive feedback on handing out the awards in one hour. However, a few comments indicated the kids would like to walk up to received their ribbons. Bags went over well. The juniors took advantage of the dance floor, great to see. Next year we should eliminate the additional appetizers.

   91 Silent Auction items were collected. See email from Betsy Gambach to BOD dated Feb. 2, 2020 for findings and details regarding the silent auction.
   Action item: None.
3. **State Fair July Horse Show:** Patty Humphries passed out handouts on the new Fair Horse Show to be held July 21-25, 2020, with the 21st being move in and schooling day. The Fair would like to have sponsors and vendors at the show. There was much discussion on obtaining sponsors for the show and how it would affect our sponsors for Harvest. BOD decided it should be vendors only. Cost per vendor booth - $100. There will be a Jumper Classic Saturday evening. The Fair is looking to attract many spectators. There was discussion about inviting various groups to attend. See Patty's handout attached to these notes.
   a. ***Action item***: Gaye will contact Samantha Fisher to discuss inviting groups.
4. **Stonegate Farm July Jumper Horse Show:** The MHJA Jumper Show is approved and will be held at Stonegate Farms from July 10-12th. In addition to jumper classes, there will be 3 additional classes-MHJA Medal, Mini Medal and a Hunter Derby. Points will be awarded.

5. **MHJA Hunter Show Discussion:** Alex McKay provided an update on needs to host a C-rated MHJA Hunter Show at Harvest Hill with the possibility of having a couple of jumper classes. Alex would like approximately $8,000-10,000 for improvements and will submit a proposal to the board. A motion was made by Norine to approve this show, 2nd by Lisa and unanimously passed. Kelsey asked for a show of hands to work on the MHJA sponsored show. Committee consists of: Anna as Chair, Sue, Kaylyn, Gretchen, Norine, Betsy K, Betsy G, Anne, Kelsey and Pat. Double or single points were also brought up and Betsy will include this vote in her email.

   Action item: Proposal from Alex McKay requesting MHJA funding for farm improvements.

6. **Advertising/PR/Membership Update:** Nancy sent out reminders to trainers about advertising in the Horseman's Directory. It was effective and she received quite a few back.

   As of February 3rd, membership response stands at 95 competing members and 10 sustaining members which is on par with last year. Nancy indicated electronic signature records need to maintained for 3 –years. Anna and Nancy are still working on member survey questions.

   Action items: Nancy will check with advertisers from the Harvest Show on interest in Directory ad. Draft of survey questions.

7. **Points and Year End (YE) Awards:** 410 Awards were presented out of possible 536. Translates to 1.95 awards per member. Should number of YE awards be reduced for next year? Too many people getting YE awards for warm-up classes.

   Concern was expressed about the 3 horse show requirement to receive a YE award. Betsy gave a history on the USHJA Divisions. Kaylyn suggested starting with awarding points for 1-6th place only. Classes with 1-8 participants would still have 1-8th ribbons awarded.

   a. ***Action item:*** Decision regarding the number of YE awards needs to be made so information can be published in next newsletter. Betsy Kieffer will put together changes for next year and send an email out to members. Board members will then vote on the changes.

8. **Junior Board Update:** Junior Board met on January 25th and elected officers:
   - President -Peyton LaFrenz
   - Vice President Quinn Lee O'Halloran
   - Secretary -Isabella Wright and Grace Griffin
   - Treasurer-Zoe Lampert and Lauren Masica
   - Communications/Social Media-Bella Castro and Lauren McLain

   Lisa was very impressed with the commitment of these juniors and the goals they have set, both short and long range. Next Junior Board meeting will be on February 10th.

9. **Zone 6 Update**: Zone 6 Jumper Championship will held with Zone 5 at Traverse City, MI Horse Show, Children/Adult Team Championships (under a different format) will be held at Maffitt Lake, IA Horse Show. The Handy Hunter Challenge will still be held at Mason City, IA Fall Horse Show.
10. **2020 Budgets for Committees**: Tabled until March meeting due to time constraints.
11. **Newsletter Update:** Champion or Reserve photos should be submitted to Heather by Feb. 22nd to be included in the upcoming newsletter.
12. **Future Board Meeting Dates:** March 2nd, April 6th, April 27th (May), and May 26th at the Leatherdale Equine Center at 6:30pm. No meeting in June.
    a. **Action items:** Select meeting dates for remainder of the year at May 25th meeting.

The next board meeting will be Monday, March 2, 2020 at Leatherdale Equine Center.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:01.

Treasurer's Report

January 2020 Financials

Monday, February 2, 2020

January financials are complete. Ready for Board approval.

January:

Total Revenue Activity: $20,149.94

- MHJA Banquet Admissions: $7,007.75
- MHJA Banquet Silent Auction: $7,452.19
- MHJA Banquet Beads: $815
- Membership Revenue: $875
- MHHS Sponsorship Revenue: $4,000

Total Expense Activity: $3,222.53

- MHHS Expense: $405 – Horse Show Expense (USEF Fees)
- Year End Awards: $257.53
- 2018 Tax Preparation: $2,535
- General and Administrative Expense: $25

*Itemized expenses can be found within the January 2020 Income Statement

Note: Detailed MHJA 2019 Banquet financial statements will be presented at the March meeting

Pat

July Minnesota State Fair Hunter/Jumper Horse Show 2020

by Patty Humphries
2.3.2020

New news

$1500 USHJA Pony Hunter Derby

USHJA Jumper Classic Series

1.10m and 1.20m

Fair will be streaming the horse show

Vendors - Sponsorship

Silent Auction

Junior Board

Public – advertising – Saturday evening

Staff

Dan Urban, manager

Kathy Ott, veterinarian

John Kieffer, announcer

Liza Dennehy, course designer

Fees

$10/class, $5/Equitation, $25 Derby/Classic, $10 Office fee, $25/day/RV/Camper, $35 stall duration,

Shavings probably $6.50, ***no trainer splits***, credit cards -no fees

Awards

Betsy – coordinator

MHJA – MHJA Mini Medal Final (Friday morning 8:00 am)

MHJA Medal (Saturday morning 8:00 am)

MHJA Medal and Mini Medal regular classes

Leadline - ribbons

Miscellaneous

Late entries – after closing $50 and double entry fee however there will be a cut off date to late entries

No entries after cut off date, no bringing entries on schooling day

Non-showing horses – questionable

Veterinary scratch all money refunded

Classes/Divisions

Shortest Stirrup

OPPORTUNITY

Cross Rails, 1'6", 2', 2'3-2'6", Equitation Classic 1'3"-1'6", Equitation Classic 1'9"-2', Hunter Classic 1'9"-2'6"

UNRATED

Restricted Hunter 2'6", Wam-Ups, Long Stirrup Hunter 17/U & 18/O, Low Junior/Amateur Hunter, Mod. Child/Adult Hunter, Short Stirrup Hunter, Starter Hunter and Master's Hunter

EQUITATION

Long Stirrup 17/U & 18O, Starter, Masters, Short Stirrup, 11 & Under, 12-14, 15- 17, MHJA Mini Medal, MHJA Medal and MHJA Mini Medal Final (Friday morning) & MHJA Medal Final (Saturday morning)

RATED "C" & "A" divisions

Children's Hunter Pony, Children' Hunter 14/U & 15-17, Adult Amateur Hunter 35/U, 36-49, & 50/O, USHJA Hunter 2'6", Small, Medium, & Large Pony, Small & Large Junior Hunter, 3'3" Junior Hunter, 35/U & 36/O 3'6" Amateur Owner Hunter, 3'3" Amateur Owner Hunter, USHJA Pony Derby, MHJA/MN State Fair Hunter Classic

JUMPER

.70-.75m open jumper (1 class), .70-.75m jr/am jumper, .85m Modified Child Jumper, .85m Modified Adult Jumper, 1.0/1.05m Low Child/Adult Jumper, 1.10/1.15m High Child/Adult Jumper, 1.20-1.25m Open Jumper, USHJA 1.10m Jumper Classic Class, and 1.20m-1.25m USHJA Jumper Classic Class