

MINNESOTA HUNTER JUMPER ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2013

Held at the Ostberg Architects, Saint Paul

In attendance:

Name	Present	Name	Present	Name	Present	Name	Present
Betsy Kieffer	X	Sharon Golden		Patti Nelson	X	John Puckett	
Mary Armstrong		Tracy Grandstrand		Linda Ostberg	X	Brenda Roloff	X
Thea Bailey	X	Sara Hogan	X	Heather Parish	X	Nicole Salazar	
		Elizabeth Lampert	X	Stewart Underhill		Ashley Woodhouse	X

Elizabeth Lampert called the meeting to order.

1. **Minutes:** Woodhouse moved and Ostberg seconded approving the February Board meeting minutes with one correction. The motion carried.
2. **Treasurer's Report:** Ashley Woodhouse provided the treasurer's report. For the end of February, there was \$25,757.86 in the MHJA checking account, \$5219.28 in savings, \$8,047.83 in the MHJA Horse Show checking account, \$100.25 in savings, and \$21,826.10 in the Harvest Horse Show checking account and \$100.25 in savings for a total of \$61,051.57. Most of the revenue in February came from memberships as well as several newsletter ads. Woodhouse reported that the bank has corrected its previous mistake in charging service fees for two of the savings accounts. There is a discrepancy of \$411 between the reported revenue from the banquet auction and the actual deposits. This is probably due to "promised" checks that winning bidders forgot to send. In the future, we should require that all payments be made at the banquet. Ostberg moved and Hogan seconded approving the Treasurer's Report for February. The motion passed.
3. **Changes to Jumper Specifications:** Kieffer reported that the High Children's/Adult jumper specifications have changed. In reporting the new specifications, the USHJA mistakenly changed the wording that had been approved by the Zone jumper committee. The Zone 6 committee recommends that there be two high child/adult classes: one at 1.05m and one at 1.10m. The modified junior/amateur class should be combined with the higher child/adult up to 1.15m in determining year-end points. Several board members mentioned their concern that the names of the divisions are confusing. The terms low, medium and high would be more descriptive, but we can't change the zone specifications. For the MHJA, it was suggested that year-end points be tallied as follows:
 - Low Child/Adult 1.0m
 - Medium Child/Adult 1.05-1.10m
 - High Child/Modified Junior/Amateur 1.15m
 Because of the USHJA's error in publishing the wrong specifications, the MHJA should wait to notify its members of the new specifications. The newsletter will state that the specifications are not final and will be publicized after resolution by the USEF's executive committee meeting on March 18. Kieffer moved and Roloff seconded approving this course of action.

4. **Membership:** Roloff reminded everyone, especially Board members, to renew their memberships as soon as possible. MHJA membership is a requirement for serving on the Board.
5. **Year-End Awards:** Nelson reported that all awards should be chosen by the end of June. She suggested and the Board agreed that we should split up our purchases of year-end awards between different vendors.
6. **Show Approvals:** Hogan reported that she has received requests for MHJA approval for all of the usual shows as well as a request from the Urbans to approve two new shows at their facility in Nebraska. The new shows are hunter/jumper shows that will be held in the week prior to the summer Mason City shows and the week prior to the fall Mason City show. There was considerable discussion about whether the MHJA should approve these new shows. Some of the concerns mentioned are that INHJA has increased its membership fee for out-of-state members and is only approving two shows per year in states outside of Iowa and Nebraska. In addition, Nebraska is not a contiguous state to Minnesota and is a considerable distance away. The Board decided not to approve the new shows this year, but will reconsider the Urban's request again next year. Maffitt Lake is also adding a new week in the summer preceding the usual two weeks in August, and approval was requested for this new show. After discussion, this new week was approved. The Board also granted approval to all of the Mason City shows, the Alpine shows, the State Fair, and the Otter Creek show.
7. **Zone Finals:** The zone final classes will be held during the last week of the Maffitt Lake shows in August. Kieffer raised the question whether hunters should receive double points if they win the zone class, as it is also a regular hunter round. The judges score two cards for this class. Roloff stated that it is her understanding that zone final jumper classes have always been handled this way.

Lampert moved and Ostberg seconded adjourning the meeting. Motion carried: meeting was adjourned.