

Minnesota Hunter Jumper Association

Board Meeting Minutes

March 7, 2016

Held at Leatherdale Equine Center

Name	Present	Name	Present	Name	Present	Name	Present
Tracy Grandstrand	X	Kirsten Priebe		Sue Novak	X	Heather Parish	X
Elizabeth Lampert	X	Mary Armstrong	X	Betsy Kieffer	X	Joann Gibbs-Rumble	X
Tammy Johnson	X	Nancy Giacchetti	X	Jane Martinson	X	Doug Kans	X
Nicole Salazar		Lindsey Vail	X	Patti Nelson	X		
Norine Wilcox	X	Susan Wepplo	X	Angela Mahoney			

Summary of Motions

Motion	Moved	Second	Approved	Not Approved	Comment
Meeting Minutes	Armstrong	Kieffer	X		
January Treasurer's Report	Kieffer	Grandstrand	X		
February Treasurer's Report	Kieffer	Nelson	X		
Motion for Betsy Kieffer to arrange with Sarah Donnell to arrange for MHJA membership cards to be sent.	Giacchetti	Gibbs-Rumble	X		
Motion to allow affiliation of the Otter Creek Show on August 31 thru September 4, 2016.	Kieffer	Granstrand	X		
Motion to allow affiliation of the Mid States Horse Shows on April 28 thru May 1, June 9-12, 14-18, and 19-21 and September 14-18 pending their application.	Grandstrand	Parish	X		
Motion to add an Unrestricted Hunter 2'6" MHJA Year-End Award.	Wepplo	Kieffer	X		
Adjourn	Armstrong	Martinson	X		

Elizabeth Lampert called the meeting to order.

- Meeting Minutes:** Approved.
- Treasurer's Report:** Income for January included \$40 in Harvest Horse Show entries and \$2030 in membership dues. Expenses for January included \$2375 deposit to Earle Brown Center for 2016 Banquet, \$48.27 for 2015 membership card mailing, \$1463.76 for Q4 Newsletter, \$149 web hosting renewal for website, \$3 in bank fees, \$1738 for embroidery for year-end award jackets, vests, and coolers, \$2575 for 2014 Tax preparation, \$23.36 Fed-Ex charge for mailing taxes, \$3500 donation to We Can Ride from Harvest Show.
Income for February included \$1150 in membership dues, \$300 in affiliation dues from Maffitt Lake, \$0.03 in interest, and \$200 in Newsletter add revenue. Expenses for February included \$1000 residual bill for Q3 and Q4 2015 Newsletter \$9 in bank fees, \$90.49 in mailing supplies, and \$10.09 in office supplies.
- Banquet:** Elizabeth Lampert is looking for several big ticket items for the silent auction. There was discussion and recommendations for offering a dinner at someones home.
- Zone VI:** Hunter Challenges have been approved at the MHJA, one Mid States, Otter Creek, one Maffitt, Valley Park and one of Urban's shows in Omaha. 2016 is an election year and a new

committee will be seated for the Zone. Nominations had to be in March 1st. There will be people representing Hunters and Jumpers.

5. **MHHS:** The contract was signed and submitted with a \$250 binder fee for rental of the MN State Fair Grounds for the 2016 Harvest Horse Show. 1099 forms were also mailed to contract employees for the 2015 Harvest Horse Show. Elizabeth Lampert met with Pat Boyle this past weekend. He indicated that since there is no conflict with Harrisburg, he expects there to be a larger turnout. Advertising for the prize list is needed by August 1st and for the program is September 1st. The MHHS Committee met and discussed the schedule.
6. **Nomination for Year End Awards:** Betsy Kieffer indicated that several people approached her asking for an Unrestricted Hunter 2'6" MHJA Year-End Award. A motion was made and approved to add an Unrestricted Hunter 2'6" MHJA Year-End Award.
7. **Membership:** Membership is about 200 with 2 new members that joined for 2016. The application is available on the MHJA website. A motion was made and approved for Betsy Kieffer to arrange for membership cards to be sent through Sarah Donnell.
8. **MHJA Horse Show:** Elizabeth Lampert is continuing to work with Jim Urban on managing the show. Jim has several questions on what the MHJA requires of him as manager. Jim indicated it might be possible get a permit and use a fire hydrant for water. A judge has been hired. Elizabeth will bring her three horse trailer that can be used for ribbons. Mary Armstrong has arranged for the food stand. Exhibitor party will be on Saturday. Elizabeth is working on finding a farrier. Mary will talk with Christy Weflen about St Croix Saddlery bringing the tack trailer. Hotels are being held in White Bear. The committee has reviewed the schedule. There will be a slight increase in office and schooling fees. They are also considering holding Opportunity Classes in the indoor arena. Joann Gibbs-Rumble is looking for people to assist with sponsorship and hospitality. Joann will send everyone the sponsorship letters to the Board. Betsy indicated that the horse show has been approved to hold a Handy Hunter Challenge.
9. **Nominating Committee:** Elizabeth Lampert is looking for ideas for nominees.
10. **PR/Marketing:** Advertisers are about the same as last year.
11. **Newsletter:** The next issue is going to print soon. Patty Franz has talked with the mail house about the mailing of the newsletter. The mailing list will be scrubbed. The following issue will contain information on Graduating Seniors.
12. **MHJA Annual Meeting:** Elizabeth Lampert is looking for recommendation on when to hold the meeting. There was a suggestion around having it at a summer Mid States Horse Show.
13. **Website:** Nancy Giacchetti has been working with John, the website manager. Many changes and updates have been made. Nancy will work with John on how the website appears on different mobile devices. New ideas for the website include New Member Guide and changing "Headlines" to "Did you know" that included critical topics such as current points of interest, medical, show related or basic horse care. Issues of the Newsletter from 2014 thru Jan 2015 will be added and headline articles, such as the Message from the President, will be added from issues published in the previous twelve months. Nancy has worked on updating the Shows and Events calendar to make it easier to read and will link it to online results. Susan Wepplo is working on Frequently Asked Questions. It was suggested that the list be color coded to identify rated shows, schooling shows and events.
14. **Horse Show Affiliation Applications:** Otter Creek has applied for MHJA Affiliation. A motion was made and approved to allow affiliation of the Otter Creek Show on August 31 thru September 4, 2016. A motion was made and approved to allow affiliation of the Mid States Horse Shows on April 28 thru May 1, June 9-12, 14-18, and 19-21 and September 14-18 pending their application.
15. **Committee Assignments:** Doug Kahns has been added to the PR/Marketing Committee.
16. **Future Meetings:** Future meetings will be held April 4, Tuesday, May 3, June 27, July 25, 2016 at U of MN Leatherdale Center.

The next board meeting will be at 7:00 pm Monday, April 4, 2016 at U of MN Leatherdale Center.
Meeting was adjourned.