

MINNESOTA HUNTER JUMPER ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes

February 2, 2009

Held at Franz Repro

In attendance: G. Brandt, L. Danielson, P. Franz, M. Genereux, S. Golden, V. Holst, D. Hudlow, T. Johnson, B. Kieffer, J. McCaffrey, L. Ostberg, N. Reid, S. Riley, J. Schulz, and K. Watson

Meeting was called to order by G. Brandt.

1. **Minutes** of the January 5, 2009 meeting were read and approved on a motion by P. Franz, seconded by J. Schulz.
2. **MHJA Horse Show Report:** K. Watson reported that we have 2 of the 3 judges required for this year's horse show. She indicated that we need to raise \$6,000 minimum in order to break even based on approximately 125 horses; we will probably lose 2 barns to the Maffitt Lakes shows. The horse show software will now cost the MHJA \$500 per show. Prizes have not been selected yet; there are some prizes left from previous shows. There was discussion about possible fund raising ideas: college equestrian teams having booths, another raffle at the horse show.
3. **MHJA Spring Clinic:** J. Schulz reported that we will not have a traditional clinic but instead have a "Clinic/Party/Spring Fling" at Alpine which would be free (there would be a cost for food if food is available). This could be promoted to all local horse organizations. Possible dates are Sunday April 19 or Friday evening April 24. Ideas included a Horse Show 101 PowerPoint presentation, a horse show fashion show, tack and clothing swap, a mounted demonstration panel with moderator. J. McCaffrey and S. Golden agreed to help with the spring clinic. S. Golden will investigate the potential of having recruiters from colleges with riding programs at the show. The Committee is planning on a fall clinic with an out-of-town trainer.
4. **Banquet:** The Saturday before Thanksgiving appears to be the best date (November 21), but, there was discussion about moving it to January 2010. The Committee will investigate whether the costs would be lower in January. They are anticipating a 10% increase in prices.
5. **Fundraising:** S. Clayton is the Chair of this Committee. B. Roloff will work with the Committee. S. Clayton's idea about providing a seminar at our Horse Show on trailering horses, given by MnDOT personnel, should be pursued.
6. **MHJA Specifications:** There was discussion regarding holding Shortest Stirrup and/or Rusty Stirrup classes as "opportunity classes" where the horse does not need to be registered with the USEF and owners and riders do not need to be USEF members. It was decided to recommend that shows offer the shortest stirrup classes as opportunity classes. Owners and riders would need to be MHJA members to receive year end awards. It was noted that the Maffitt Lakes shows are not planning on holding either of these classes; they will have other classes at the 2'-6" height; this could be confusing to MHJA members as these classes will not count for our year end awards.
7. **Budget:** 2009 budget line items and amounts were set for most items; this will be reevaluated at the next meeting. We need to raise \$12,000 to \$15,000 to continue with the kinds of programs we have provided in the past. All fund raising will be for the MHJA general fund, not for the horse show or other events specifically. It was suggested that each Board Member find one new sponsor to donate to the organization. Various

raffle ideas were discussed such as raffling off a stall or use of a golf cart at the MHJA horse show. V. Holst volunteered to work with S. Riley and S. Clayton on fundraising. K. Watson will provide information on the number of awards needed for the horse show. J. McCaffrey will help K. Watson coordinate ads and other items for the horse show. It was noted that each receipt received or request for funding must have the budget line item identified.

The next meeting will be Monday evening, March 2, 2009 at Franz Repro.

The meeting was adjourned.