

Minnesota Hunter Jumper Association

Board Meeting Minutes

May 30, 2017

Held at Leatherdale Equine Center

Name	Present	Name	Present	Name	Present	Name	Present
Tracy Grandstrand		Kirsten Priebe	X	Sue Novak	X	Betsy Gambach	X
Elizabeth Lampert	X	Mary Armstrong		Betsy Kieffer	X	Nicole Salazar	
Tammy Johnson	X	Nancy Giacchetti	X	Jane Martinson	X		
Susan Wepplo	X	Lindsay Vail	X	Angela Mahoney			
Norine Wilcox	X	Joann Gibbs-Rumble		Elizabeth LaFrenz	X		

Summary of Motions

Motion	Moved	Second	Approved	Not Approved	Comment
Meeting Minutes – April 24, 2017	Wilcox	Kieffer	X		
Treasurer’s Report – April, 2017	Kieffer	LaFrenz	X		
Adjourn	Kieffer	Giacchetti	X		

Elizabeth Lampert called the meeting to order at 7:11.

1. Meeting Minutes: Approved.

2. Treasurer’s Report:

- **Income for April** included \$2270 donations/sponsorship deposits for MHJA Horse Show and \$1620 in membership deposits.
- **Expenses for April** included the following for the MHJA Show: \$3626.111 in expenses, \$1181.91 for ribbons, \$194.20 for championship baby pads, \$1250 for cash per diems and \$1000 cash for raffle change and office petty cash. Other expenses included \$952.98 to Franz for Q1 Newsletter printing and \$200 for wooden trunk to present to Medal Finals winner in the fall.
- **Other items** 2016 taxes are extended until September, preparation has started and financial will be submitted in June. Annual invoicing for the newsletter advertising and Horseman’s Directory listings are complete and sent out. MHJA Horse Show numbers are being prepared.

3. MHJA Horse Show:

- The horse show was a success. Overall it made a small profit. There were 99 USEF registered horses and 23 non-registered horses entered. The Opportunity and Puddle Jumper Classes were a great success.
- Norine Wilcox indicated that lessons learned include:
 - More volunteers are needed and we need to figure out how to get more people to commit.
 - Provide job description for volunteers.
 - Setting shifts for the volunteers may be helpful.
 - Lights are needed for the Judges in the indoor arena.
 - Additional fill may be needed for the indoor jumps.
- Carriage House purchased all the left over shavings. There was discussion around the schedule. There was discussion around the Horse Show Manager position and whether or not it should be a paid position. There was discussion around the ribbons and what can be done to get people to pick up their championship prizes. Suggestion included putting a sign on the ribbon box, moving the ribbon trailer closer to the office and decorating the trailer or making a sign.

4. **Other Horse Show Items:** Elizabeth Lampert met with Tim Hott, Dan Urban, and Mark Aplin to discuss the horse shows. There was discussion around having two shows at Maffitt Lake in the spring, two Mid States Shows in June, two Maffitt Lake Shows in August and two Mid States Shows in September. There was discussion around the horse show schedule and how we can support our circuit.
5. **Show Standards Specifications and Approvals:** Betsy Kieffer indicated that the specifications for the Modified Children's/Adult Hunters and Modified Equitation, Low Junior/Amateur will be updated to be consistent with the MHJA specifications for the Mid States Horse Shows.
6. **Miscellaneous Committee Reports:** No reports on Banquet, Silent Auction, Year End Points, PR and Marketing.
7. **Membership:** There were 39 new memberships received in May, 19 of which were from the MHJA show. There are currently 256 members. 14 renewed from last year, 5 joined that were previous members several years ago, and 17 new members joined.
8. **Website:** Nancy Giacchetti has added current Class Specifications to the website. She is looking for something for current events or Did You Know. A recommendation was made to add information on the spring show such as thanking the Sponsors, food truck and the Champions and Reserve Champions of each division.
The Harvest Show website was hacked. The cost to repair the website was \$1364.
9. **MHHS Sponsorship Committee:** Nancy Giacchetti indicated the Committee had a meeting with We Can Ride. They would like to do a raffle again this year. They would also like to sell more tickets throughout the summer and there was discussion around which horse shows they could attend. Horse shows included the Carriage House show and the Red Pines Shows. Another recommendation was that they run an ad in the MHHS prize list. They have also expanded their services to people with mental health issues. There was discussion around their presentation and what can be done to keep the interest of the audience. They were told that the MHHS committee has a new organizer for the dinner and they do not have to provide volunteers. They were also asked if they would like to participate on the Committee.
10. **Year Ends Awards:** Jane Martinson spoke with Patty Nelson about ordering year end prizes. Patty will provide samples and costs.
11. **Nominating Committee:** Elizabeth Lampert is looking for recommendations. Laura Critchet, Heather Fites, Tad Piper, Scott Clemenson, Kristen Priebe, Lindsay Vail, Sue Novak, Pat Ness, Stephanie Greeninger, Lauren Wood were recommendations.
12. **Medal Finals:** Elizabeth Lampert indicated that when they are held may be dependent on whether or not the Fall Mid States show is one week or two weeks.
13. **MHJA Open Meeting:** Elizabeth Lampert spoke with Julie Winkle about speaking at the meeting. She is interested. Elizabeth is looking for topics such as rule changes, drugs and medications, sports psychology and town hall meeting. Jane Martinson recommended Daniel Stewart. Nancy Giacchetti recommended Nancy Cullen speak on sports psychology.
14. **Thoroughbreds:** Kristen Priebe indicated that Scott Rake, the Treasurer for the MN Race Horse Association, would like to sponsor a class at a premier MHJA recognized show for Thoroughbreds – possibly the MHHS. They are looking for raising awareness for where ex-thoroughbreds can be used.
15. **Newsletter:** Deadlines are May 26th, August 19th, and November. Pictures from the MHJA show should be sent to Heather Parish.
16. **Future Meetings:** Future meetings will be Monday, June 26, Tuesday, July 25, Monday, August 28, Tuesday September 26, Monday, November 13, and December 4, 2017 at Leatherdale Equine Center. The Open Meeting will be held on Monday, October 23, 2017.

The next board meeting will be at 7:00 pm Monday, June 26, 2017 at Leatherdale Equine Center.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:27.