

MINNESOTA HUNTER JUMPER ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes

October 17, 2011

Held at The Ostberg Architects, Saint Paul

In attendance:

Name	Present	Name	Present	Name	Present	Name	Present
Betsy Kieffer	X	Sharon Golden	X	Becky Nay	X	Heather Parish	
Mary Armstrong	X	Tracy Grandstrand	X	Patti Nelson		John Puckett	X
Lisa Brustman	X	Sara Hogan	X	Greg Novak	X	Nancy Reid	X
Mary Jo Cody	X	Janet McCaffrey	X	Linda Ostberg	X	Brenda Roloff	X

Meeting was called to order by B. Kieffer.

- Harvest Horse Show:** B. Kieffer indicated that the horse show will have a profit, however, we are not sure how much will be given to *We Can Ride*. There were 174 horses, 200 discount coupons were used, Extremetix sold about \$4,000 in tickets online, sponsorships reached \$37,000 to \$38,000.

There was discussion about continuing to hold this show. For 2012 there will be a second show ring available as the Judging Arena is being replaced; perhaps 2'-6" classes could be added. Should the MHJA spring horse show merge with the fall Harvest show? In order to cut expenses further we could have appetizers in lieu of a dinner on Prix night. We should have flyers/business cards/brochures for the local barns available next to the Rider's Lounge. G. Novak noted that this is the one large local horse show that spectators can attend and learn about hunters and jumpers; a good introduction for future hunter/jumper riders and exhibitors. It was decided that this discussion should continue at the open meeting.
- Minutes:** B. Roloff moved and T. Grandstrand seconded approving the August Board meeting minutes. The motion carried.
- Treasurer's Report:** J. McCaffrey provided the treasurer's report. For the end of September there is \$8,964.88 in the MHJA checking account, \$36,352.40 in savings, \$2,818.23 in the MHJA Horse Show account, \$100.09 in savings, and \$16,204.92 in the Harvest Horse Show account, \$100.09 in savings, for a total of \$64,540.61. N. Reid moved and L. Brustman seconded approving the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed.
- Board Nominations:** Ballots were assembled at the meeting and will go out in the mail this week.
- Show Manager/Trainers' Meeting:** It was determined that this meeting is not needed.
- PR/Newsletter:** Information for our *Ringside* e-blast should be sent to B. Kieffer and Sarah Donnell. N. Reid is putting the slide show together for the Banquet and is need of additional photos of members; this will go out in *Ringside*. The due date for the photos is November 12.

The third issue of the Newsletter is behind schedule but is in process. There was concern that the fourth issue (year-end, holiday issue) may not be issued until January or February. The bulk-mailing process is getting more difficult and much more time consuming for Gail Brandt. B. Kieffer will talk with Gail. Next year we should look into paying to have the bulk-mailing done by the printer or a mail house.
- Points and Awards:** Prizes for the Year-End awards have been ordered. There was discussion about points in the Opportunity classes. L. Brustman was not clear if the

points all were rider points or if they went with the horse/pony. She indicated that for this year it would not make a difference either way. This should be clarified for next year.

A question had come up regarding a leased horse with no membership for the owner. It was once again restated that the by-laws are very clear on this point: The owner of the horse must be a Competition Member for points to count for awards based on the horse.

8. **Open Meeting:** The date of the open meeting was moved to December 12 so as not to conflict with the USHJA convention as both B. Kieffer and T. Grandstrand will attend the convention.
9. **Special Awards:** B. Kieffer stated that some people/organizations should receive special recognition for providing goods and services to the MHJA at low cost or donated. The following companies were suggested for this award this year: Franz Repro, Pommer Co., St. Croix Saddlery, and Stone Ridge Saddlery. T. Grandstrand moved, N. Reid seconded, that we provide awards to these four. The motion passed.
10. **Year-End Banquet:** L. Ostberg reported that the date is Saturday, November 19 at the Metropolitan in Golden Valley; same as last year. The banquet committee met earlier and decided to stay with the same format and menu as last year. There will be silent and live auction items. Each Board member should be responsible to gather auction items; this worked well last year. Tammy Johnson will once again produce the bid sheets for each auction item; she needs a description of each item and a value by November 12. N. Reid will once again assemble the slide show and is requesting photos of members as stated in Item #6 above. Invitations are in process and will go out soon.

B. Roloff moved and M.J. Cody seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried; meeting was adjourned.