

Minutes of a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors of the Minnesota Hunter and Jumper Association, held Jan.9, 2012

Present: Linda Ostberg, Betsy Kieffer, Tracy Grandstrand, Sharon Golden, John Puckett, Heather Parish, Elzbeth Lampert, Mary Armstrong, Patti Nelson, Brenda Roloff, Becky Nay, Mary Jo Cody and Liza Brustman

Absent: Nikki Salazar and Sara Hogan

Minutes: November - Accepted with the following correction – Gail Brandt said she was unwilling to continue as newsletter editor if there continued to be 4 issues a year, and if it was not printed in color. Motion by Kieffer, 2nd by Golden.

December: accepted as read. Motion by Roloff, 2nd by Nay.

Treasurer's report: Accepted. Motion by Grandstrand, 2nd by Miner. Final standings at the end of 2012 –

- Savings - \$36,364.11
- MHJA Checking - \$5616.66
- MN Harvest Horse Show checking - \$15, 295.78 (check to We Can Ride had not cleared yet.)
- MHJA Horse Show checking - \$3,266.23

Tentative Meeting Dates 2012:

- February 6
- March 5
- April 23
- June 25
- July 30
- September 17
- October 15
- November 5
- December 10 Open Meeting at U of M Equine Center

Committee Chairs – see attached sheet

Discussion of Schooling shows – It was discussed how to encourage exhibitors at schooling shows to step up to recognized shows. One idea presented was to offer prizes from the MHJA to schooling shows to use as a first place prizes which would encourage attendance at a recognized show; like entry fees for an Opportunity class or a day stall. Also look into having info on the MHJA and our shows available at schooling show offices. (Pr/Marketing to look into this.)

Newsletter: First issue under the new incarnation is at mailing house and will go out shortly. This issue will give us a better idea of actual cost of mailing house, printing and mailing. New look is very attractive, hope it and a better schedule will boost advertising.

New Specifications: Motion by Kieffer, 2nd by Armstrong. Approved. Below are the specs.

HUNTERS

Pre-Green Hunter: USEF HU106.3 – no jog required. (Now national specs of USEF, but they are identical to old Zone 6 specs.)

MHJA Year End Award offered

Limit Children's Hunter: Open to horses and ponies ridden by juniors who have not won more than six(6)first place ribbons over fences 3' or higher at any USEF or EC recognized competition, including equitation. First place ribbons won in USEF Pony Hunter sections not to count. A rider who is eligible as of December 1 shall retain his/her eligibility throughout the entire show year regardless of ribbons won. To be judged on performance and soundness, with emphasis on manners. Not to jog for ribbons. Fences not to exceed 2'9".

If there are fewer than four entries in either the Limit Adult Hunter section or the Limit Children's Hunter section, they may be combined. If there are four or more entries in both sections they must be held separately.

No MHJA Year End Award Offered

Modified Children's/Adult Hunter 2'6": Open to Junior and Amateur riders. Amateur certification required.

Modified Children's/Adult Hunter 2'9": Open to Junior and Amateur riders. Amateur certification required.

JUMPERS

MHJA Year End Award offered

Modified Children's/Adult Jumper: Open to Junior and Adult Amateur riders. Height of Fences .85m to .95m.

Discussion was made on cross entry prohibitions for both the Modified Hunter and Modified Jumper and BOD feeling was that as the motive behind these specs was to increase entries for the horse shows, it was in best interest to leave them as open as possible. If horse/riders progress as we hope these sections will encourage, cross entry prohibitions will kick in at those levels.

Motion to adjourn made by Armstrong, 2nd by Parish. Meeting adjourned at 9:00.

Respectfully submitted by Betsy Kieffer, acting Secretary for Sara Hogan

2012 MHJA COMMITTEES CHAIRS

MHJA Horse Show: Tracy Grandstrand and Barb Ahrens

MHJA Clinic: N/A

Year End Points: Patti Nelson and Betsy Kieffer

Year End Awards/Medal: Sharon Golden

Nominating: Heather Parish and Elzbeth Lampert

Membership: Becky Nay

PR & Marketing: John Puckett – encourage short stirrup people to move up/Horse Expo

Newsletter: Heather Parish and Betsy Kieffer

Annual Meeting: Linda Ostberg

Zone 6 Liaison: Tracy Grandstrand and Betsy Kieffer

Show Standards: Becky Nay, Sara Hogan

Jr. Board Coordinator: Sharon Golden

MHJA Awards Banquet: Linda O., Becky N., Mary Jo Cody, Sara Hogan

Jumper: John Puckett

**Minnesota Harvest Horse Show: Patti Nelson and Mary Jo Cody chairs: Linda, Mary A., Niki
and Betsy**

**Professional Liaison/Show Managers and Professionals meeting: Tracy Grandstrand,
schooling show support, MHJA presence at schooling shows.**