

MINNESOTA HUNTER JUMPER ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes

December 10, 2012

Held at the University of Minnesota Equine Center, Saint Paul

In attendance:

Name	Present	Name	Present	Name	Present	Name	Present
Betsy Kieffer	X	Sharon Golden	X	Becky Nay	X	John Puckett	X
Mary Armstrong	X	Tracy Grandstrand	X	Patti Nelson		Brenda Roloff	X
Thea Bailey	X	Sara Hogan	X	Linda Ostberg	X	Nicole Salazar	X
Lisa Brustman	X	Elzabeth Lampert	X	Heather Parish	X	Stewart Underhill	X
Mary Jo Cody	X					Ashley Woodhouse	X

Linda Ostberg called the meeting to order.

1. **Minutes:** Lampert moved and Grandstrand seconded approving the November Board meeting minutes. The motion carried.
2. **Treasurer's Report:** Lisa Brustman provided the treasurer's report. For the end of November, there was \$25,077.71 in the MHJA checking account, \$5,218.46 in savings, \$7,874.27 in the MHJA Horse Show checking account, \$100.22 in savings, and \$49,609.03 in the Harvest Horse Show checking account and \$100.22 in savings for a total of \$87,979.91. The bill from the State Fair for the Harvest Show has been paid, but has not gone through yet. The banquet made \$8710, and the silent auction made \$6468.00. Grandstrand moved and Lampert seconded approving the Treasurer's Report for November. The motion passed.
3. **Double Points:** There was extensive discussion between the board and the members who were present concerning the question of whether to continue to award double points at Minnesota horse shows during the 2013 competition year. Various board members stressed that we want to receive input from the members. Gail Brandt stated her belief that many of the year-end jumper results were changed because of double points. This was confirmed by Brenda Roloff who tabulated the jumper results. John Puckett stated that he favors double points in order to encourage attendance at Minnesota shows. Tammy Johnson favors local shows because she works full-time, and it is harder to get to out-of-state shows. Betsy Kieffer reported that the Urbans, who purchased the Mason City dates, plan to continue to hold the spring and summer shows, but will probably not continue with the fall show. Elzabeth Lampert and Karla Watson also spoke in favor of double points. Grandstrand moved and Lampert seconded approving the award of double points at Minnesota shows for the 2013 competition year. The motion passed.
4. **Zone 6 Report:** Kieffer reported on the USHJA Zone 6 committee. In Zone 6, there are an equal number of hunter and jumper riders. The USHJA awards money to each zone hunter and jumper committee from the \$2 it collects from each show entry. The Hunter committee presently has \$11,000 to spend, and the Jumper committee has \$6000. Part of the money typically goes to scholarships for juniors. Armstrong thinks that some of the money should be spent on other programs such as the Emerging Athlete program and Trainer Certification programs. Bailey suggested some being used to benefit adult amateur riders. Lampert suggested unmounted clinics to educate parents and new riders as well as those new to showing. Wisconsin and Iowa are part of Zone 6, and also get

part of the money. Kieffer suggested that members should email her or any of the other Zone 6 committee members with ideas for utilizing the money.

5. **USHJA Hunter rule changes:** Kieffer reported that the USHJA has enacted certain rule changes affecting the High Performance Hunters, Children's Hunters, Amateur Owners and Adult Amateurs. High Performance Hunters will now be combined with Green Hunters when there are less than 6 in a class. The two age groups of Children's Hunters will probably always end up being combined, as may Amateur Owners and Juniors. This is for calculation of national, not MHJA, points. The MHJA rules concerning Adult Amateur hunters already match the new USHJA rules, so the AA's will not be affected.
6. **USHJA Professional/Amateur Status Rule change:** Kieffer reported that GR Rule 1306 has been rewritten, and should be reviewed by all working students in particular. If a person over 18 "accepts remuneration AND acts as an intern, apprentice, or working student whose responsibilities include, but are not limited to, riding, driving, showmanship, handling, showing, training or assisting in training, giving lessons/coaching and/or schooling horses other than horses owned by him," that person is considered to be a professional. There is an exception for those who are students at accredited universities.
7. **Zone Jumper Championship:** Gail Brandt, a member of the Zone 6 Jumper committee, reported that there will now be a regional final for the high children/high adult jumpers.
8. **Modified Child/Adult Hunter division:** There was discussion concerning whether the 2'6" section of this division should be restricted to prevent cross entry into classes which exceed 3' at the same show. There was also some discussion about whether this class should be opened to professionals. It has been a popular division for MHJA members, and the Board consensus was for it to remain an unrestricted amateur division.
9. **Red Pine Schooling Show Circuit:** Missy Fedor has started a local schooling show circuit. There will be seven horse shows on the circuit between May and September. Entries will be affordable with divisions ranging from crossrails to 2'9".

Armstrong moved and Bailey seconded adjourning the meeting. Motion carried: meeting was adjourned.

Additional board discussion concerning the Harvest Show continued after the adjournment of the open meeting. There was a suggestion that the Board should investigate how much it would cost to bring in an outside manager to run the Harvest Show. Lampert feels that whoever spearheads the investigation should be a board member. Greg Novak, a member of the Minnesota Harvest Horse Show committee (MHHS), feels that MHHS should be a fundraising committee only. Grandstrand is willing to manage the show, but needs to know by January if this is what the Board wants. Novak stated that the upside of running the show in-house is that the MHJA membership understands where the money is going. An outside manager would be working on a per diem basis only since there would be no possibility of profit. If managed in-house, the manager would have to be paid since it is too big of a job to be undertaken solely on a volunteer basis.

