

MINNESOTA HUNTER JUMPER ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes

October 15, 2012

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	John Puckett	X
Mary Armstrong		Tracy Grandstrand	X	Patti Nelson	X	Brenda Roloff	X
Lisa Brustman	X	Sara Hogan	X	Linda Ostberg	X	Nicole Salazar	X
Mary Jo Cody	X	Elzabeth Lampert	X	Heather Parish	X		

Linda Ostberg called the meeting to order.

1. **Minutes:** Brustman moved and Parish seconded approving the September Board meeting minutes. The motion carried.
2. **Treasurer's Report:** Lisa Brustman provided the treasurer's report. For the end of September, there was \$10,450.58 in the MHJA checking account, \$11,882.69 in savings, \$8,134.59 in the MHJA Horse Show checking account, \$100.21 in savings, and \$41,939.70 in the Harvest Horse Show checking account and \$100.21 in savings for a total of \$72,607.98. Some checks related to the Harvest Show still have to clear, and the bill from the State Fair in the amount of \$23,500.00 will come at the end of November. Kieffer moved and Grandstrand seconded approving the Treasurer's Report for September. The motion passed.
3. **Credit Card Payments:** Brustman reported on her ongoing research into the possibility of making available the option of using credit cards to pay for MHJA expenses. The annual fee for having a credit card option would be \$400. The credit card machine itself would cost \$500. Pay Pal has no annual fee, only a 2.2% transaction fee, but it has no App for the iPad. There has not been a huge demand from our members for having a credit card option, but it has been increasing. The board discussed the idea of setting up Pay Pal on the MHJA website in time for the banquet. Brustman will speak to Sarah Donnell about this. Roloff moved and Puckett seconded approving this plan. The motion passed.
4. **New Officers:** The board counted ballots received from its members for the election of new officers. Betsy Kieffer, Ashley Woodhouse, Mary Armstrong, Thea Bailey, and Stewart Underhill received the most votes and were each elected to serve a three-year term on the MHJA Board. Lampert will notify the new officers of their election.
5. **Harvest Show:** Grandstrand reported that donations were excellent this year because it became an MHJA show. There were 182 horses in attendance. There were more rounds ridden than in previous years. The average bill was \$751, down by about \$50 from last year. This is most likely because there were fewer horses in the big jumper classes. At present, it looks as if the Harvest Show will finish about \$6000 ahead of last year. Ostberg will request the show dates for next year from USEF. This must be done each year according to USEF regulations. There is a nominal fee of around \$150 to hold the dates for an "A" rated show. The board discussed whether we could expect members to donate to both the Carriage House and Harvest shows in the future. In the past, about 20 people have made contributions to both shows in the same year. Many people are willing to donate \$25, and these contributions add up. For example, this year, 78 people donated

- \$125 each to the Malone Memorial Grand Prix. MHJA should also seek donations from veterinary clinics, feed mills, and other companies who benefit from our members.
6. **Year -End Banquet:** Hogan reported that the invitations have been ordered and will be mailed to members during the week of October 15th. Descriptions of silent auction items should be sent to Becky Nay so bid sheets can be prepared. Lampert suggested that each barn contribute a gift basket as an auction item. She has also been in touch with the Urbans and the Underhills, and they have agreed to donate a stall at each of their shows in 2013. She will contact Tim Hott to see if he will donate stalls at the Maffitt Lake shows. Some other ideas for donations that were discussed were braiding services, vet services, farrier services and golf-club outings. Anne Donahoe will be honored with an MHJA award at the banquet for her work in starting and running the Pony Club for many years. This will be a surprise to her. John Kieffer will be the MC for the banquet. Sharon Golden will put together a slide show to run during the cocktail hour, so any photos that members would like to contribute should be sent to her. She has also ordered all the prizes for the recognized divisions as well as prizes for the Opportunity divisions (beginner, intermediate hunter and equitation, jumper and shortest stirrup).
 7. **Points:** The deadline for tallying and submitting points for year-end awards is October 31st. There was a discussion about the distinction between “competing” and “sustaining” membership. Those who join as sustaining members are not eligible for year-end awards, so their points do not count. Apparently, there are two people who fall into this category. Kieffer suggests that the trainer be advised of the situation, but that an exception cannot be made even if they mistakenly joined the wrong category. In order to prevent any confusion in the future, it was suggested that the “sustaining” membership category be replaced with a “non-showing” membership. Puckett moved and Salazar seconded implementing this change. The motion passed.
 8. **Hunter Rule Changes:** Kieffer reported that the USHJA has implemented a rule change that classes with different age groups will be split if there are over 6 in the class and combined if there are less than 6. MHJA already does this with the Adult Hunters and some of the other divisions. We will examine our specifications to see if any need to be changed to comply with this new rule.
 9. **Future Meeting Dates:** The annual meeting will be held on December 10 at the University of Minnesota Equine Center. All members are welcome to attend.

Parish moved and Kieffer seconded adjourning the meeting. Motion carried; meeting was adjourned.