

Minnesota Hunter Jumper Association

Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting Minutes

May 23, 2022

Virtual Zoom Meeting

Name	Present	Name	Present	Name	Present	Name	Present
Norine Wilcox '23	X	Alyssa Deering '24	X	Jeni McDermott '22*	X		
Kaylyn Cody '24	X	Heather Fites '22*	X	Anna Renier '22*			
Betsy Gambach '22	X	Mia Forbes '22*	X	Megan Schnebly '22*			
Pat Perry '22*	X	Christina Hayden '24		Gina Vlahos '24			
Kelsey Ostberg '21		Betsy Kieffer '22	X				

*Eligible to run for another term

Summary of Motions

Motion	Moved	Second	Approved	Not Approved	Comment
Meeting Minutes (April)	Cody	Kieffer	X		
Treasurer's report – (April)	Kieffer	Gambach	X		
Approve 2 Stonegate Horse Shows	Kieffer	Cody	X		
Adjourn			X		

Meeting called to order by Norine Wilcox at 6:53 PM.

- Meeting Notes (April):** Approved - No opposed.
- Treasurer's Report (April):** Approved – No opposed.
 - April Total Revenue: \$145.00
 - April Expense: \$1,977.31
 - The Treasurer's Report provides additional details.
- Newsletter:** Deadline for the next newsletter is June 22 (after the two Midstates horse shows). It will be a larger issue with photos of the horse shows and a tribute to our graduates. Several posts on Facebook and on the website with pdf detailing how information needs to be submitted to Heather P. Question raised as to how many seniors we have. Alyssa will make some posts as well. At Mason City, talk up the Newsletter and remind seniors to submit.
- Banquet:** Decision made and confirmed November 12th for banquet date. Save the date to membership. We need to make decisions on prizes. Next steps explore approach to menu with Historic Concorde Exchange – “Valentino.” The venue is located in St Paul. Facility has hotel space that can be rent for the event. Committee needs to meet again to firm up other details.
- Education Committee:** Haven't been able to meet since the clinic at Fortuna Farm. Betsy is going to try to contact Patrice Urban regarding a clinic on course design for members. It was mentioned that Heather P. had asked the Urban's and they are on board with doing the clinic the first week of Mason

City – Summerfest show. MHJA will sponsor and provide refreshments. We can hang signage at the show the Urbans just want to know what it is. Betsy Kieffer will call Dan and will get details. Zandra Powers test is now a written test, no riding. Having the test be written may present opportunities for more juniors and amateurs to participate. Discussed holding a raffle to encourage people to take the test. Horsemanship study guide is on the USHJA website. Comprehensive resource and useful resources.

- 6. Membership & Website:** Due to scams, Board decided it's best to remove personal phone numbers for the website and refer inquiries to the general email address until we can get a secure site. Heather will figure out cost to update website. Horseman's directory needs to be assembled for publication. Show specs changes include YE award participation will dropped from 2 shows to 1 show to qualify and modify children/adult amateur can run concurrently if more than 6 rides but pinned separately. Specs need to be updated and posted on website.

27 new competing members joined since last meeting. Total competing members are now at 158. It was suggested that a message get posted to the website before Mason City reminding people to renew membership. Heather F will send a list of members to Betsy K.

Jeni watched an online demo of "Orgpro" software which part of the Horse Shows online program. General thoughts were that it is one of the hardest programs to work with. Jeni looked at another software for point management. Today, we get printed results from horse show offices. Goal is to get data to automatically upload to a software program to streamline process.

Alyssa will create a posted reminding people of the May 26th due date for entries for Midstates Shows.

- 7. Succession Planning:** Searching for a President for next year. We need to start recruiting process for a leader for the BOD. Looking for leader who will bring good energy and enthusiasm to the organization as well as motivate members to be active in the organization. Norine will talk with trainers for potential candidate ideas. BOD is amateur heavy - need a balance with professionals.
- 8. Horse Show Approval:** Received application from Tracy Grandstand for two Stonegate Horse shows. One show July 8th through 10th for jumpers; and another from July 15th through 17th for hunters. Need to separate shows to manage the allowable number of people and horse on the property at one time. No specific request of MHJA.

Motion: to approve two Stonegate Horse Shows by Betsy Kieffer. Kaylyn Cody second motion. Motion passed; no opposed.

Kaylin is the contact for Harvest Horse Show. Initial facility application has been file with the Fair Grounds, obtained license from USEF, and there will be some changes to working committees. Kaylin will let us know where MHJA can help. Betsy G take over hospitality from Nancy. We need to hear from the Harvest Horse Show committee about planned changes.

Hott shows will happen in August and they need to be promoted.

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9. **Old Business:** In person meeting for next meeting raised as an option. Due to schedule, some board members would prefer the flexibility that Zoom calls offer. Harvest Hill schooling show was a big success and very professional - many complements from folks.

10. **New Business:** Zone 6 is sending 4 riders to the EAP this year.

2022 Board Meeting Dates: June 27th, no meeting July, August 22nd, Sept 26th, Oct. 24th.
Betsy G will host Zoom meetings. Changed meeting time from 6:30pm to 6:45 pm

Meeting was adjourned at 8:28pm.