Minnesota Hunter Jumper Association

Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting Minutes
June 1, 2021
Virtual Zoom Meeting

Name	Present	Name	Present	Name	Present	Name	Present
Kelsey Ostberg	X	Heather Parish		Gretchen Erpelding	X	Pat Perry	X
Sue Novak	X	Anna Renier		Megan Schnebly	X		
Kaylyn Cody		Nancy Giacchetti	X	Mia Forbes		JR BOD Members:	
Norine Wilcox	X	Betsy Kieffer	X	Heather Fites	X	Abbie Leidig	
Betsy Gambach	X	Jeni McDermott		Richelle Fermanich			

Summary of Motions

Motion	Moved	Second	Approved	Not Approved	Comment
Meeting Minutes (April)	Gambach	Novak	X		
Treasurer's report – (April)	Giacchetti	Perry	X		
Provide support, not to exceed $500, to each set of upcoming horse shows to be used for hospitality, classes, prize money, etc.	Kieffer	Wilcox	X		
Adjourn	Kieffer	Erpelding	X		

Kelsey called meeting to order at 6:42 pm.

1. **April Meeting Notes:** Approved - No opposed.

2. **Treasurer's Report:** Approved - No opposed
    a. April Total Revenue: $5,610.00
    b. April Total Expense: $286.02
    c. The Treasurer's Report provides additional details.

3. **Junior Board (JB) Update:** Betsy G (BG) provided update. JB looking to do a volunteer project for Red Pine or Tracy's horse show but not quite ready. It was suggested the BOD help promote and identify volunteer opportunities for juniors. JB to hold an ice cream social at Mason City Horse. Abbie Leidig is writing a letter introduce the JB and welcome new members. It was suggested the letter be sent to via US mail. Currently, there are only 3 JB members including Abbie.

4. **Newsletter update:** Deadline for the graduating class of 2021 to submit profile questions is June 7th. Please encourage seniors to get their information in by the 5th. Looking for photos, articles, etc. from winter adventures, Maffitt Lake, Mason City, etc. Also looking for more stories, photos from the last 50 years. Next Newsletter deadline is June 22nd.

5. **Membership and Communications Update:** There are 80 Jr's of which 22 are new to MHJA (27% of all Jr's). Membership is creeping up there, finally! Nancy requested that as membership applications are received from the Maffitt show to please pass them along to her.

Type	Total	May Added	Jr's		Online Membership
C	178*	36		45%	86%
S	17	4			64%
TOTAL	195*	40			91%

27% of Jr's are new

As of 5/30/21, C=181 for total 198 members.

Communication: Heather F. and Nancy want to explore in more detail the philosophy and what we want to accomplish with the website. Comment came back on survey that communication could be stronger which was a bit surprising. Heather F. wants to dig in to determine what members really want and need. Also, where and how people want to get information, not everyone is on Facebook.

6. **Education Committee/Clinics:** Results of the Clinics survey have been sent to the Clinics committee for consideration. The Clinic committee is reviewing. No updates. It was mentioned, the big survey didn't show clinics as a big interest with members; however, education, in general, showed strong interest by membership in that survey.

   Went on to talk about general education opportunities such as:
   - Holding the Emerson Burr Horsemanship test. Permission to administer that test is required from USEF. We would also need to decide what horse show would be a good event to hold the test.
   - Host an "Ask the Judge" event, probably at a horse show, where members could ask questions. The Browns, husband and wife, will be judges at Fall Mason City; they would be good candidates for the Q&A.
   - Other education event possibilities - A few trainers have offered to host and present educational events. The BOD agreed that we should promote this type of involvement by members.

7. **Horse Show Updates:** July and Fair Shows
   We have been asked to support the State Fair horse show with water and hospitality table for the show. Discussed option and decide to give $500 for each set of shows coming up to be used for hospitality, Classes or prize money.

   We have left over ribbons and some coolers. Norine will reach out to Tracy to see if she is interest in these items for the Hunter Derby at her show.

   State Fair prize list will be mailed to trainers and posted on MHJA website. Notice will be put on Facebook that connects to website location to sign-up. Raised the idea of sending email to members to make the aware of horse deadlines.

   Motion: provide support not to exceed $500 to each set of upcoming shows to be used for hospitality, Derby classes, prize money, etc.

8. **Zone Updates/Specs:** New qualifying rules for adult amateur/children's classes. Betsy encouraged people to vote for USHJA board members. Greg, Heather P, Betsy K are on the ballot. Betsy K will write a post for the website.

   Action: Betsy K to write post regarding USHJA elections.

9. **Points:** Points from Omaha Preview Show have been entered. Betsy K is working on Maffitt and will try to finish before Mason City Show.

10. **Banquet Discussion:** Need a point person for the banquet. Norine is happy to help and chair but with a co-chair. It was suggested that a survey would be helpful in gaging interest in a banquet. Nancy mentioned the last survey asked about banquet and auction. Nancy will send results to Norine.

    Action: Nancy to send survey response to banquet questions to Norine.

11. **Awards Committee:** Prize scrims or coolers have been given the last few years may want to change up in 2021. Ear bonnets mentioned but need something else. Concern was raised about timing to order prizes given the current situations with factories in Asia. Betsy K was going to contact Patty about availability and timing.

    Action: Betsy K to contact Patty Nelson

12. **Nominating Committee:** Sue will be starting the recruitment process. She asked for suggestions from the BOD. Sandy Morris may be interested.

13. **2021 Board Meeting Dates:** May 25th, No June meeting, July 19th, August 23rd, September 27th. Betsy G. will host Zoom meetings. Sue has a call into Leatherdale to get our meeting room booked. Other options could be explored too.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.