

# Minnesota Hunter Jumper Association

Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting Minutes

June 27, 2022

Virtual Zoom Meeting

Name	Present	Name	Present	Name	Present	Name	Present
Norine Wilcox '23	X	Alyssa Deering '24	X	Jeni McDermott '22*			
Kaylyn Cody '24	X	Heather Fites '23*	X	Anna Renier '22*			
Betsy Gambach '22	X	Mia Forbes '22*		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 (May)	Cody	Kieffer	X		
Treasurer's report – (May)	Kieffer	Gambach	X		
			X		
Adjourn	Wilcox	Hayden	X		

Meeting called to order by Norine Wilcox at 6:49PM.

1. **Meeting Notes (May):** Approved - No opposed.
2. **Treasurer's Report (May):** Approved – No opposed.
  - a. April Total Revenue: \$9,395
  - b. April Expense: \$2,894.81
  - c. The Treasurer's Report provides additional details.
3. **Newsletter:** Deadline for the next newsletter was 6/22/2022. Save the date for the banquet, Kaylyn will reach out to see if we can add one to the next newsletter. Question raised about senior spotlight, should we highlight past members if they were members their last junior year. Graduates do not need to be highschool seniors only, can be any graduate.
4. **Guest Speaker:** Guest speaker is Nancy Giacchetti. Has been harder to find volunteers to work the harvest show. Biggest Harvest show expense is the sponsor dinner, this is canceled and will be replaced with a sponsor reception. This reception will be hosted in the riders lounge. New approach to box seating, this will be called premium seating for \$75. There won't be drink buckets in box seating. New approach / prices for farm box seating, see attachment from Nancy G.  
 Riders lounge will have coffee and pastries Friday-Saturday  
 No loud music, maybe just on Prix night.  
 Hospitality office will only be open Thursday-Saturday. Shorten hours.  
 Will be encouraging people to buy tickets online and pay for advertisements online. MHJA has 503c discount on paypal now.

5. **Banquet:** In person November 12<sup>th</sup> at Historic Concorde Exchange. Save the date to membership. Committee to meet about details. Need to decide on awards.
6. **Education Committee:** Did not have the event at Mason City, Urbans were busy. Juniors may have set up their own event. Zandra Powers test is now a written test, no riding, held at fall mason city. Having the test be written may present opportunities for more juniors and amateurs to participate. Suggested topic – Tracy and what goes into horse show management.
7. **Membership & Website:** Add more MHJA branding and work on brand awareness. Sportsmanship award at Red Pines, we could do something similar.  
  
20 new competing members joined since last meeting. Total competing members are now at 184. Total sustaining members are now at 12.
8. **Succession Planning:** Christina has taken over as secretary. Norine has started recurting for the board. Need new canidates. Have two sports open. 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 has spoken with trainers for potential candidate ideas. BOD is amateur heavy - need a balance with professionals.
9. **Horse Show Approval:** Question raised, for stongate should we do \$500 per horse show or per series. \$500 to each show. State Fair donation of \$500. Suggested happy hour at Stongate horse show to promote the MHJA. Stonegate hunter show has low entieres, MHJA will do a big website/social media push.

***Motion:** to approve a \$500 dontation to the both Hott Horse Show and Midstates horse Show by Kaylyn. Heather Fites second motion. Motion passed; no opposed.*

***Motion:** to approve a \$500 dontation to the State Fair Horse Show by Betsy G.. Kaylyn second motion. Motion passed; no opposed.*

***Motion:** to approve a \$500 dontation to both the Stonegate Hunter and Jumper Horse Shows by Kaylyn. Heather 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.

10. **Old Business:** *n/a.*

11. **New Business:** *n/a*

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May 23, 2022

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:39 pm.