

# Minnesota Hunter Jumper Association

Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting Minutes  
 February 7, 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*		Megan Schnebly '22*	X		
Pat Perry '22*	X	Christina Hayden '24	X	Gina Vlahos '24	X		
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 (January)	Fites	Kieffer	X		
Treasurer's report – (January)	Perry	Fites	X		
Remove the horse show minimum for YE award program	Cody	McDermott	X		Kieffer-voted opposed
make a \$5000 donation to Cudmore Farm through Omaha Equestrian Foundation	Cody	Kieffer	X		
Adjourn	Perry	Cody	X		

Meeting called to order by Norine Wilcox at 6:47pm.

1. **Meeting Notes (January):** Approved - No opposed.
2. **Treasurer's Report:** Approved – No opposed
  - a. January Total Revenue: \$6,633.72
  - b. January Expense: \$20,599.72
  - c. The Treasurer's Report provides additional details.
3. **Newsletter:** Next deadline is February 19<sup>th</sup>. Looking for Eyes and Ears articles as well as other content. Consider short bio or articles on new board members. Also, need letter from the President. Norine and Alyssa are collaborating on the messaging.
4. **Horse Show Schedule:** Patty Humphries confirmed by text the Fair dates of August 19<sup>th</sup> through 21<sup>st</sup> are a go. Patty feels they need another year before they can host the Medal Finals. If we have the Medal Finals at end of year, it needs to be held at the Midstate's fall Show in Mason City or the Harvest Horse Show; however, the Harvest show isn't ideal. The recommendation of the Board is to hold the Medal Finals at the fall Midstates Show if the Urbans are agreeable. Betsy K. will take the lead and contact Jim Urban for confirmation.
5. **General Housekeeping:** Discussed following Roberts Rules - waiting to be recognized, limit discussion to 3 minutes per person upon being recognized. It was proposed to use the "raise" hand function in Zoom to ask for the floor.

6. **Year End Awards:** Awards will be distributed on Saturday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at St. Croix Saddlery between noon and 3:00pm. Awards have been posted on the website. MHJA Awards committee is well organized and ready for the event. It was recommended to have one main pickup at St. Croix Saddlery and then have a drop-off location for awards that weren't collected on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Ribbons have been delivered as well as other awards. Scrims are still delayed due to supply chain issues. Unlikely to be received by the 19<sup>th</sup> distribution of awards. Perpetual award distribution – St Croix will have a separate table for those awards.
7. **Points:** Discussion on the need for a horse show attendance minimum to qualify for Year-End (YE) Awards. Discussed the goals of having a horse show minimum and if MHJA want to support. Strengthen local competitive – encourage our MHJA members to show at MHJA shows. A 2 horse show minimum was proposed because we have 3 local horse shows: Stonegate Farm, State Fair and Harvest Horse Show. We discussed if we wanted the YE awards to be a participation award or a meaningful where members need to qualify based on division, for example. Bylaws say YE award for participation. After discussion, it was decided there would be no horse show minimum. Any horse show recognized on the MHJA website would count towards YE award.

***MOTION:** Kaylyn Cody moved to remove the horse show minimum for YE award program. Motion second by Jeni McDermott. Betsy Keffer opposed the motion. Motion pass with one opposed.*

8. **Membership:** Update from Betsy K., Kaylyn, and Heather F. We will extend the membership discount for sustaining and competing membership through 19<sup>th</sup>.
9. **Old or new business:** Support for the Cudmore Farm to help recover from fire. MHJA will continue to promote farm's needs on Facebook. Kaylyn suggested a donation such as a dollar match or donation similar in value to the donation to the Urban's after flood damage in 2019. It was also mentioned the Omaha Equestrian Foundation is collecting donations. We will post links on Instagram and Facebook. MHJA/MN Harvest horse show supports the donation.

***Motion:** Kaylyn Cody moved to make a \$5000 donation to Cudmore Farm through Omaha Equestrian Foundation. Motion second by Betsy Kieffer. Motion passed no opposed.*

**2022 Board Meeting Dates:** Mar 21st, April 25<sup>th</sup>, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, June 27<sup>th</sup>, no meeting July.  
Betsy G will host Zoom meetings. Changed meeting time from 6:30pm to 6:45 pm

Meeting was adjourned at 8:23pm.