

MINNESOTA HUNTER JUMPER ASSOCIATION

Annual Open Board Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2010

Held at the Crown Plaza Hotel, Brooklyn Park

In attendance:

Name	Present	Name	Present	Name	Present	Name	Present
G. Novak	X	J. Erickson		T. Johnson	X	L. Ostberg	X
G. Brandt	X	P. Franz		B. Kieffer	X	N. Reid	
L. Brustman	X	S. Golden	X	J. McCaffrey	X	S. Riley	X
M. J. Cody	X	T. Grandstrand	X	B. Nay	X		

Members in attendance: Katherine Bentfield, Therese Faulconbridge, Patty Humphries, Joan Schulz

Meeting was called to order by G. Novak.

- Minutes:** B. Kieffer moved and T. Grandstrand seconded approving the Annual Meeting minutes from 2009. The motion carried.
M.J. Cody moved and B. Kieffer seconded approving the minutes from the previous Board meeting. The motion carried.
- Treasurer’s Report:** J. McCaffrey presented the September financial report: At the end of September there was \$16,265 in the checking account, \$35,899 in savings and \$3,918 in the Horse Show account. B. Kieffer moved and L. Ostberg seconded approving the Treasurer’s Report. The motion passed.
J. McCaffrey also mentioned that she is looking into possibly moving the accounts to a different bank with more favorable fees.
- Horse Show:** M.J. Cody reported that the MHJA Horse Show should net the organization \$3,789.21 after all expenses. We will include the Opportunity classes next year and maybe the Quarter Horse classes.
- Opportunity Circuit:** B. Kieffer reported that there were 34 new riders and 37 new horses entered in these classes. We received a \$500 grant from the Zone for trophies and ribbons. The best turnout was at shows that held the Opportunity classes on the weekends.
- MHJA Awards Banquet:** S. Riley reported that the event will be held November 20 at the Metropolitan; invites will be mailed this week. The budget is the same as last year. All silent auction item descriptions and values are to be sent to T. Johnson; she will prepare the auction sheets. We would like about 20 items. The awards have been ordered but not the ribbons. Embroidery has not been completed yet.
- MN Harvest Horse Show:** G. Novak reported that it was a successful show and the fund raising and other areas that we were responsible for was all done in three months time. Thank you to everyone involved especially T. Faulconbridge. B. Kieffer reported that \$46,800 was raised in sponsorships, \$37,500 paid to Kris Rame for prize money, and \$13,011 was raised in ticket sales. \$26,804 remains in the account. Yet to be paid: box lunches, party costs (waiting for the State Fair to invoice), Franz Repro cost for programs (approximately \$2,000). We should end up with approximately \$10,000 before making a donation to We Can Ride of perhaps \$5,000. All costs should be finalized before

December 31, 2010. There is a tentative “wrap up” meeting scheduled for November 4. There were about 182 horses entered in 2010; about the same as 2009 (best year was 1997 with 298 horses). Fund raising for next year has begun. In general, the MHJA does the promotion, sell tickets, sell vendor spaces, pay the prize money for the three largest prize money classes, and handle hospitality. The rider’s lounge was a good idea. Send any suggestions for 2011 to Therese Faulconbridge.

7. **Show Specifications:** B. Kieffer reported that beginning December 1 the ratings will change to: 50 horses for a B rating, 100 horses for an A rating and 150 horses for the AA rating. There is a new Performance Hunter division. The High Performance Hunter is the new name for the Regular Working Hunter division with fence heights of 4’-0” to 4’-6”. The highest height hunter classes must offer the most prize money. Green Hunters can be offered without having the High Performance Hunter division. Two new divisions are the 3’-3” Performance Hunter and the 3’-6” to 3’-9” Performance Hunter. These will have Zone and Horse of the Year awards.
8. **Website:** G. Brandt reported that we are now live on GoDaddy and the Harvest Horse Show results are on line. She has been updating the home page and continues to meet with Sarah Donnell. Hopefully, the new site will be fully functional by January 1. The fall Mason City horse show and Year to Date points through the Harvest show should be posted on the website.
9. **Maffit Lakes Horse Shows:** Regarding points won at these approved shows: G. Brandt moved and B. Kieffer seconded that only those divisions where the Maffit Lakes specifications were not more restrictive than ours would count toward MHJA Year End Awards. Motion carried.
10. **MHJA area horse shows:** T. Grandstrand mentioned that we will be losing horse shows; some of the smaller B Rated shows may not continue much longer due to the economy, retirement and other issues, and this was a concern. There was discussion about various ways to help such as providing assistance to increase prize money, perhaps have shows that are not USEF approved, perhaps hold some two day shows, and so on.

M.J. Riley moved and T. Grandstrand seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried; meeting was adjourned.