

## MINNESOTA HUNTER JUMPER ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2009

Held at Franz Repro

In attendance: G. Brandt, S. Clayton, L. Danielson, J. Erickson, P. Franz, S. Golden, V. Holst, D. Hudlow, T. Johnson, B. Kieffer, J. McCaffrey, G. Novak, L. Ostberg, L. Pritzker, N. Reid, J. Schulz, and K. Watson

Meeting was called to order by G. Brandt.

1. **Minutes** of the February 2, 2009 meeting were read and approved on a motion by T. Johnson, seconded by L. Pritzker. Approved minutes will be sent by L. Ostberg to J. Marshall for uploading to the MHJA website.
2. **Treasurer's Report:** J. Erickson presented the treasurer's report. There is a total of \$19,631.36 in the following accounts: Horse Show Account \$3,249.72, checking \$4,801.35, savings \$11,580.29. The horse show doesn't need their full funding until May. CD No. 1 and No. 2 each mature soon. A motion was made by G. Novak, seconded by L. Pritzker, to transfer the funds from CD No. 1 into the horse show account and to renew CD No. 2. Motion passed. The 2009 budget was discussed. A motion was made by K. Watson, seconded by S. Clayton to approve the 2009 budget and treasurer's report. Motion passed.
3. **Fundraising:** S. Clayton reported that to encourage sponsors we could have presentations of championships, for selected higher money divisions at the MHJA horse show, given by the sponsors. Winners must attend and a schedule would need to be developed (a 2 hour window) so sponsors could be present. Everyone is to forward names of potential sponsors to S. Clayton.
4. **Horse Show:** K. Watson has included \$500 for the Mini Prix and Hunter Challenge classes. Kelly Kennedy has offered prizes at a very good price. K. Watson has hired S. Clayton to be the jumper course designer, and she has made arrangements for 94 total stalls; down from 120 last year. The MHJA will charge \$145 per week per stall.
5. **Spring Clinic:** J. Schulz reported that the date for the spring gathering will be Sunday, April 19 from 1 PM to 4 PM at Alpine Farm. G. Brandt will provide a power-point presentation, there will be demonstration rides, a trainer panel discussing jumper levels, a talk by Pam Keillor, a horse show style show, and a raffle. There may be a tack exchange. Refreshments will be provided courtesy of Alpine.
6. **USHJA Zone 6:** The Emerging Athletes program will be held at Raven Ridge Farm, May 30 and 31. Information will be posted on the MHJA website. Applications are due March 23 and riders must be younger than 21.
7. **PR:** J. Schulz reported that there will be an ad in the Minnesota Horse Expo catalog similar to last year. She mentioned that Phil Kieffer won a Minnesota Horse Council scholarship. Maddie Genereux was written up in the USHJA In Stride publication. The Edina newspaper had an article about the local High School equestrian teams.
8. **Newsletter:** P. Franz mentioned that we could use more advertizing. The deadline for the next issue is April 6.
9. **Banquet:** G. Brandt reported that moving the banquet to January would be more expensive than our November date; the 2009 Banquet will be in November.

10. **Junior Report:** L. Jensen will schedule a start up meeting for the Junior Committee.
11. **Maffitt Lakes Shows:** G. Brandt reported the the Prize List is out for the May shows. She will continue to work with them to modify their specifications to more closely match ours where possible.

12. **New Business:**

T. Johnson is working with the Minnesota State Fair to improve the entry and attendance. Reasons people choose not to attend were discussed. Of major concern is the poor quality of the public address system; she will relay this information to the State Fair.

J. Schulz reported that the Minnesota Horse Expo would like to have a hunter/jumper speaker in 2010 as their main speaker. Various names were suggested. The top names to be recommended, in this order, were as follows: 1. Frank Madden, 2. Linda Allen, 3. Diane Carney, and 4. Jeff Cook. J. Schulz will relay this to the Minnesota Horse Expo. It was noted that we should have a booth at the 2010 Horse Expo.

B. Kieffer noted that there will be a Boy Scout/Girl Scout/4H horse education session at the Equine Center at the University of Minnesota the weekend prior to the Harvest Horse Show. We Can Ride will assist and it will be free of charge.

It was suggested that we develop a list of stables with lesson horse for beginning riders and include this on our website under a "for Beginners" tab; there would be a fee to include each stable here and in the Newsletter.

At the MHJA Horse Show there will be a "Rules of the Road" information session on trailering horses.

The 2009 Membership Directory will be published on April 1.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be Monday evening, March 30, 2009 at Franz Repro.