

# MINNESOTA HUNTER JUMPER ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes

June 27, 2011

Held at The Ostberg Architects, Saint Paul

In attendance:

Name	Present	Name	Present	Name	Present	Name	Present
Betsy Kieffer	X	Sharon Golden	X	Becky Nay	X	Heather Parish	X
Mary Armstrong		Tracy Grandstrand	X	Patti Nelson	X	John Puckett	
Lisa Brustman	X	Sara Hogan	X	Greg Novak	X	Nancy Reid	
Mary Jo Cody	X	Janet McCaffrey	X	Linda Ostberg	X	Brenda Roloff	X

Meeting was called to order by B. Kieffer.

1. **Minutes:** H. Parish moved and L. Brustman seconded approving the April Board meeting minutes. The motion carried.
2. **Treasurer's Report:** J. McCaffrey presented the April, May and June-to-date Treasurer's Reports. For April there was \$9,660.52 in the MHJA checking account, \$36,330.99 in savings, \$4,845.90 in the MHJA Horse Show account, \$100.03 in savings, and \$5,728.67 in the Harvest Horse Show account, \$100.03 in savings, for a total of \$56,766.14. L. Ostberg moved and S. Hogan seconded approving the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed.  
For May there was \$12,390.52 in the MHJA checking account, \$26,335.25 in savings, \$31,293.81 in the MHJA Horse Show account, \$100.04 in savings, and \$5,728.67 in the Harvest Horse Show account, \$100.04 in savings, for a total of \$75,948.33. S. Golden moved and P. Nelson seconded approving the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed. June-to-date there is \$13,710.52 in the MHJA checking account, \$36,335.25 in savings, \$4,604.73 in the MHJA Horse Show account, \$100.04 in savings, and \$5,728.67 in the Harvest Horse Show account, \$100.04 in savings, for a total of \$60,579.25.
3. **Junior Report:** S. Golden reported that the Junior Committee provided an Ice Cream Social at the Midstates Summer Horse Show and it was very well received. The Juniors are brainstorming for their next event.
4. **MHJA Horse Show Recap:** Once all the revenue and expenses were tallied the Horse Show made money this year. We had 120 horses entered of which approximately 39 were entered in the Opportunity Classes. B. Kieffer indicated that she cannot be the Horse Show Manager in 2012. T. Grandstrand recommended Jeremy Raleigh; H. Parish and T. Grandstrand will talk with him to see if he is interested.
5. **Newsletter/Website/Directory:** The current 2011 Directory only has competing members listed, the non-competing members did not get included due to a computer mishap. There will be an email to members with the additional names to insert in the directory.  
The last Newsletter was printed in color; there was concern about the additional cost for this. S. Golden indicated that the cost to print the Renier article in color was paid by others. H. Parish will check with Kris Parish to see if the Newsletter costs are within the budget.
6. **Horse Show Specifications:** There was discussion about the Rusty Stirrup Division and its restrictions. B. Kieffer noted that there is a 2'-6" Modified Childrens/Adult Division at Maffitt Lakes. We could add a similar division with no entry restrictions (other than

- no Professionals) on Saturdays and Sundays for those who are not eligible for Rusty or Long Stirrup.
7. **Zone Specifications:** There was discussion about the Children's Hunter Pony Division. B. Kieffer noted that the pony/rider combination can ride in the rated Pony Division. This is causing problems for some exhibitors. She suggested that we keep the current rules in place for 2012 and discuss them during 2012 to see if changes should be made. Specifications set by December of 2012 will remain in place for four years. T. Grandstrand and H. Parish thought that the more classes ponies and riders can enter the better for them. P. Nelson suggested that the Zone have a question and comment area on their website regarding specifications.
  8. **Jumper Timers:** Kris Rame asked if the Lamplight shows could rent our timers. B. Kieffer sent a contract to Kris two weeks ago. The rent for two weeks would be \$600.00.
  9. **Polo Classic Fundraiser:** MHJA has a table for eight at the Polo Classic on Sunday, July 31. This is a fundraiser for the Piper Equine Center at the University of Minnesota. It was suggested to have a silent auction on our website to sell seats for the table and donate the proceeds to the Piper Center. T. Grandstrand suggested that the auction be at a cost per seat and the highest bidder can select how many seats they want; 1-8. If there are seats remaining after this, the second highest bidder can then select how many of the remaining seats they would like to purchase, and so on until all 8 seats have been taken.
  10. **Nominating Committee:** At the next meeting H. Parish will have the slate of nominees for the upcoming elections.
  11. **USHJA:** B. Kieffer will reserve a room at the host hotel.
  12. **Harvest Horse Show:** G. Novak had a meeting with Kris Rame regarding the horse show finances. The last two years there were 185 horses, 245 horses are needed to make a profit. This year they are anticipating about 200 horses. Kris mentioned that the horse show must cut costs and bring in more revenue in order not to lose money this year. In order to save some costs it was suggested that the Junior/AO Jumper Classic be lowered from \$10,000 to \$5,000 and that the Grand Prix be changed from \$30,000 to \$25,000 as this will qualify for the USHJA Dash for Cash award donated by Bob Bell which provides a prize to high point riders in Grand Prix with prize money of \$25,000 or less. The MHJA needs to raise our contribution to the show to approximately \$75,000 to \$76,000 (including ticket sales). G. Novak and Therese Falconbridge are working on getting sponsors.
  13. **Local Shows:** A new committee with T. Grandstrand and H. Parish is formed to look into the possibility of unrated schooling horse shows, such as the 3 Ring Circus, holding Opportunity Classes that could be approved by the MHJA and would be included in our Year End Awards. It could encourage more riders to try for Year End awards (as long as they are competing members of MHJA). Perhaps riders would need to enter at least one A or B rated horse show in order for points to count. We would need to receive results electronically from these shows. L. Brustman will get the electronic spreadsheet she has developed to T. Grandstrand.

H. Parrish moved and L. Ostberg seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried; meeting was adjourned.