

MINNESOTA HUNTER JUMPER ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2011

Held at The Ostberg Architects, Saint Paul

In attendance:

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

Meeting was called to order by B. Kieffer.

1. **Minutes:** B. Roloff moved and N. Reid seconded approving the October Board meeting minutes. The motion carried.
2. **Treasurer's Report:** J. McCaffrey provided the treasurer's report. For the end of October there is \$7,694.88 in the MHJA checking account, \$36,357.04 in savings, \$3,266.23 in the MHJA Horse Show account, \$100.11 in savings, and \$15,574.39 in the Harvest Horse Show account, \$100.11 in savings, for a total of \$63,092.76. J. McCaffrey also provided the 2011 budget compared to actual to date. It was suggested to add the previous year actual revenue and expenses to date to this form in the future. L. Brustman moved and M. Armstrong seconded approving the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed.
3. **Elections:** Results are in. The following received the most votes: Sharon Golden, Elizabeth Lampert, Linda Ostberg and Nicole Salazar. M.J. Cody moved to certify the results, B. Roloff seconded the motion. The motion passed. T. Grandstrand will send letters to those nominees who did not get elected. The following slate of officers for 2012 was suggested: President: Linda Ostberg; Vice President: Becky Nay; Secretary: Sara Hogan; Treasurer: Lisa Brustman.
4. **Annual Meeting:** The meeting will be at the University of Minnesota Equine Center. J. Puckett will provide Punch Pizza, other Board members should bring soda, water and cookies. B. Kieffer will email all trainers to encourage them to attend and she will email the membership with topics to be discussed.
5. **MHJA Horse Show:** We still need a show manager. If E. Lampert cannot be the show manager, another suggestion was Barb Ahrens.
6. **Possible New McIntyre Horse Show:** Todd McIntyre contacted B. Kieffer about starting a new hunter/jumper horse show in Minnesota. A possible location is the Dakota County Fair Grounds which has 1 show ring and 1 schooling ring. He has also been in contact with Beth Minor. T. Grandstrand provided information about the Fair Grounds, including photos, via email.
7. **Banquet/Awards/Points:** The coolers for Championship awards are being held up in customs; P. Nelson is not sure if they will arrive on time. All other awards have arrived. Points have been calculated and are complete. There will be no live auction this year, just a silent auction. Auction item information is to be sent to L. Brustman or Tammy Johnson as soon as possible to prepare bid sheets. There will not be live music this year. We will ask D'Amico's to provide music over their speaker system.

8. **Newsletter:** B. Kieffer indicated that the fall issue is not complete yet. Gail Brandt has indicated that she will not continue to produce the Newsletter if we have four issues per year and if it is not in color. There was discussion about the Holiday Issue with Holiday ads and when that would be issued; the entire Board feels strongly that it is important to get this issue out as close to the Holidays as possible. H. Parish volunteered to gather all the information for this issue. B. Roloff and B. Kieffer will talk with Sarah Donnell and Franz Repro about producing and printing the Holiday issue for a fee. We will need to investigate having someone (Glenn Prairie, Lily, others?) mail it. The target is to have this issue available early January. There was agreement that a Board member should be in charge of the Newsletter even if we pay someone else to produce it. There was discussion about going to three issues per year; we don't include show results any longer as those are on line. The general consensus was that four issues would be preferred if we can produce them economically.
9. **2012 Year End Awards:** B. Kieffer reported that due to a USEF rule change for 2012 we will no longer be able to provide Year End awards for the Opportunity class divisions. She will discuss this with the USHJA and see if there is a way to continue with these awards.* Other possible new Year End awards include Limit Children's Hunters and Modified Children's. These will be discussed in more detail at the Annual Meeting on December 12, 2011.

B. Roloff moved and S. Hogan seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried; meeting was adjourned.

*It was subsequently approved by the USHJA for the MHJA to provide Year End Awards for our Opportunity divisions.