

## New BOD

- Welcome to Meredith, Nicole, Lauren, Mia

## Volunteer opportunities coming this year

## Membership info

- Online membership only
- Add each additional horse you might ride this season

## Points

- Need to make it clear that you need to join before the show
- Patty wants a QR code or sign to help people renew membership AT SHOWS
  - Too much happening to ask if they've joined
  - Make a QR sign to send to Patty??

## Stonegate Horse shows

- MHJA horse shows happening in July
- With Maffitt not in spring, would MHJA show in spring be helpful?
- More crossover divisions? More affordable
- Tracy might not host spring show, but thinks it's a good idea
- Get a survey out to see if people would be interested

## Banquet

- Want to maybe do new location (or go back to Earle Brown)
- Do members want a sit down dinner?
- Comments
  - Display trophies with names
  - Walk up is great but doing all the names takes a while
  - Display the names or a picture with bio
  - More mingling or doing an activity!
  - Silent auction needs more volunteers
  - Brought up doing a live auction or bigger ticket items

## Lettering System

- MN High School Equestrian reached out to Patty
- Meeting Jan 8 to get specs approved
- Beginner type program is JV (2'6" and above), other is varsity (meters switched to 3'0")- for hunters/jumpers (going to try to get everything passed)
  - Strict about it being a height thing
- Tried to make it fit in with eventing and dressage
- Shows will be USEF, MHJA, and Red Pine (affordable for everybody)
- USHJA does a program (that's how we did it)
- It's been on a school-by-school basis
  - Maple grove had to have someone be a coordinator

- Not recognized by MSHSL
- Go on MN high school equestrian association- has a list of recognized schools
- NCAA does 3'0", IHSA

#### Last minute comments

- We should try to find non-board members volunteering
- Betsy being Zone rep for USHJA
  - 2024 elections being held again
  - Mixed committee- hunters or jumpers accepted
  - USHJA has nominating committee for each zone (if you're interested in running, text or email Dan Urban to get on the list)
  - MHJA should look at who they want to appoint
  - We will need a new affiliate rep (Betsy will not run again)
  - There are some USHJA changes already gone into effect
    - Jumper specs are just junior/am (no child/adult, just height diff)-- we should change our specs too!
    - Every horse has to have number on at shows when they leave their stall (schooling, warmup, exercise, lunging areas)
      - Little tags for numbers you can put on halter
    - Zone has grant money for things like clinics
  - New rule for 2024: all horses microchipped, all have USEF numbers (had problems with USHJA being a different number than USEF before)
  - Junior board come back
    - We tried doing committee,
  - Board discussed points being weighted differently
    - Classes with more entries weighted higher
    - 3-9 competitors: 1st place 10 points
    - 10-19 competitors: 1st place 15 points
    - Will effect 2024 season
    - MHJA can look at this every year, see if we need a split
  - USHJA Rule change proposal for 24: in jumpers, anything junior/am below 0.90 has to be either optimum time or blue ribbon (cannot have timed jump off)
    - Only classes specifically restricted for junior/ am
    - Board meets and votes on proposals to send to USEF, this one got voted on to go through

Newsletter deadline is February 16