

**IHJA General Membership Meeting
January 21, 2019
Lucky Farms, LLC
9919 Towne Road
Carmel, IN 46040**

Present: Sarah Burton, President
Maggie Boyle, Vice President
Liz Obrecht, Secretary/Treasurer
Amy Ochoa, Director
Richard Rinehart, Director
Amy Sandhu, Director
Victoria Willock, Director

Absent: Terri Foreman, Director and Ingrid Schoenlein, Director

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Liz presented the Board with a financial and membership report. As of January 21, 2019, there are 63 members and 58 horses registered. The checking account balance is \$11,879.85, the savings account balance is \$34,110.06, and the Horseman's Assistance Fund balance is \$5,050.19 for a total of \$51,040.10. **It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the financial report.**

Banquet Committee: Amy presented the Board with a report on the Banquet. The Board discussed the date for next year's event. First choice date was January 11, 2020 with January 18, 2020 as the alternate date. As they have hosted our Banquet for many years, it was decided to have next year's Awards Banquet at the Ritz Charles again. There was a text received about some food issues which will be discussed with Lindsay of the Ritz Charles. Liz will call Lindsay on Wednesday to confirm our date for 2020.

Despite the weather concerns, there was a very good turnout. Liz Obrecht passed around a brief financial report on the expenses and income from the banquet. As there are several invoices that have not yet been received, this is still an open report. There was \$452.00 sold in raffle tickets, and a \$250.00 sponsor page for the program. There was \$8,760.00 paid in banquet dinner reservations. There are still some remaining to be billed. A final report will be turned in at the next Board meeting.

New Business:

The first order of business was to set the committee for the 2020 season.

Banquet: Chairman – Amy Ochoa
Annual Horse Show and Medal Finals: Chairman – Ingrid Schoenlein
Richard Rinehart and Amy Ochoa

Show manager, judges and tent rental are the first decisions that will need to be made by the committee.

Finance:	Chairman – Maggie Boyle Sarah Burton
Junior:	Chairman – Victoria Willock
Rules and By-Laws:	Chairman – Amy Sandhu
Communications:	Chairman – Amy Sandhu
Schooling Show:	Chairman – Terri Foreman Richard Rinehart

Sarah urged each chairman and board member to reach out to the membership to involve others in these committees.

It was also urged that the members of the Board of Directors make use of the IHJA Dropbox to communicate. Apparently a new scam is sending out fake dropbox notices. The Board was advised to be cautious about these.

Schooling Show: In order to hold the IHJA Schooling Show, the Board will be working with Indiana Eventing Association to update the hunter ring. The Jumper ring is in good condition.

Annual Horse Show and Medal Finals: This has been scheduled for August 1 – 4, 2019. Ingrid has had conversations with a judge for the Medal Finals and main hunter ring. Victoria suggested a possible show manager that she can contact to get information on pricing for both the Annual Horse Show and IHJA Schooling Show. Liz will call Treesdale to see if their timers are available to purchase.

An article regarding Safe Sport was sent to all board members prior to the meeting. A discussion was held. It will be important to have a process to check banned or suspended people on the Safe Sport list. The current approved judge's list will need to be researched to be certain that there is no one currently employed by IHJA approved shows that is suspended. Changes will need to be made to the Rule Book regarding this issue.

Another change that will need to be made is to require all show managers to have available in the office and with all officials the directions to hospitals and trauma centers. Also, make certain that all are aware of the address of the venue to give to emergency providers.

The Horseman's Assistance Fund needs to have governance separate from the Board going forward. The Board was asked for suggestions of an attorney to help with this.

The list of classes that count at out of state shows for IHJA divisions has been difficult to place on the IHJA website. It was suggested that it be emailed out to the membership for their information. Trainers will be encouraged to place this list on the boards at their farms.

It was **moved, seconded and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.