

# Indiana Hunter and Jumper Association

## Current News

Updated: October 21, 2017

**Points and Results:** As we are coming to the end of our 2017 show season, I hope that all of you are aware of using the website to join and renew memberships and horse registrations. Payments can be made online with either PayPal, or your credit/debit card. This will enable your membership to immediately count for points. Please be aware that points will not be counted before the join date. The program is very definite with the dates. If you have any questions about your points, please use the point report that is on the website. This information is then forwarded to Sarah Burton.

**Please also be aware that the IHJA website is [www.in-hja.org](http://www.in-hja.org). No other website is authorized by Indiana Hunter and Jumper Association.**

**Annual Awards Banquet:** Plans are underway for the 2017 Annual Awards Banquet to be held at the Ritz Charles in Carmel, Indiana. If you are interested in volunteering to help with this event, there are many ways in which your help is needed. Please contact a member of the Banquet Committee, which consists of Amy Tilson-Ochoa and Dawn Stumm.

**Annual Horse Show and Medal Finals:** The IHJA Annual Horse Show and Medal Finals were held at Wild Air Farms. The Annual Horse Show was held on August 3 - 5, and August 6 was the date of the Medal Finals. Our judges for this year were Christina Schlusemeyer, main Hunter ring judge and Medal Finals judge and course designer, Erin McCabe Clayton, jumper ring judge and Joey Brown, Hunter ring 2 judge. Seth Clayton was the course designer for all rings at the Annual. The Annual Horse Show Chairmen were Richard Rinehart and Dawn Stumm along with Amy Tilson Ochoa, Angela Brown and Maggie Boyle.

There were nearly 150 stalls sold, and the weather this year was definitely in IHJA's favor. IHJA wishes to thank all of the sponsors and volunteers that helped with this show.

The exhibitors were treated to a pizza party sponsored by Hot Box Pizza, a dessert party, and a luncheon sponsored by Bending Line Jumps on Medal Finals Sunday. The \$1,000 Welcome Stake sponsored by Black Dog Farm was won by Dutch Martini, ridden by Chris Johnson, Reserve Champion was Annabelle, ridden by Richard Rinehart. The \$2,000 Jumper Derby sponsored by Wild Air Farm and Hill Top Stables was won by Dutch Martini and Chris Johnson, with Reserve Champion Bronte, ridden by Isabel Arroyo. The \$3,000 Hunter Derby sponsored by Digestive Health Center Gastroenterology of Indianapolis, was won by Dreamwork ridden by Allison Vinatieri, with Reserve Champion Let's Talk, ridden by Andrea Stout. All were very exciting classes. Congratulations to all riders that competed.

Thanks to our many generous sponsors, there was prize money in each division. IHJA would like to thank all of our division sponsors, Harley and Dude Carr, Greyhavens Farms, Harris Tire and Automotive, Right Lane Farm, Sierra Woods, Jared Jackson Farrier, Front Row Farm, Classico Clipping, Grandview Stables, Grand Champion Tack and Saddlery, Village Embroidery, and L'epave's Journey.

The IHJA Medal Finals sponsored by Treesdale Farm, were held on Sunday with each qualified rider presented with a custom t-shirt designed for the event. The winner of each division was awarded with a bouquet of roses, donated by Zionsville Flower Company and an award cooler. The reserve champion was presented with a saddle pad. Congratulations to all riders that qualified for this year end event. Also congratulations to the following winners of each Medal. Maiden Medal - Lacy Crannell, Reserve Champion - Miranda Morrisette, Children's Mini Medal - Catelyn Combellick, Reserve Champion - Lily Swartz, Adult Mini Medal - Jessie Ann Bolash, Reserve Champion - Katie Bowman, Pony Medal - Luke Rinehart, Reserve Champion - Tori Lynn Sollars, Children's Medal - Allison Vinatieri, Reserve Champion - Gabrielle Lewis, Adult Medal - Taylor Johnson, Reserve Champion - Karlee Reagan, and Junior Medal - Amelia Jenson, Reserve Champion - Ashley Stumm.

### **Board of Director Biographies:**

#### **Secretary/Treasurer Nominee**

#### **Elizabeth Obrecht**

I have served on the IHJA Board of Directors for approximately 20 years, first as a Director, then as Secretary, and currently as Secretary/Treasurer. I have also assisted on many committees each year, including the Annual Horse Show and Medal Finals, Annual Awards Banquet, Financial, and Rules and Regulations.

## **Director Nominees**

### **Richard Rinehart**

I am the owner and operator of Rinehart Farms. I have competed for many years as a regional Grand Prix rider, as well as train riders from the groundpole and beginner level to grand prix. I have served on the IHJA Board of Directors for the last two years, and served as co-chair of the Annual Horse Show and Medal Finals both years.

### **Amy Sandhu**

I grew up riding hunters and equitation in northern Illinois. I began riding at age 5 and continued on through my childhood. I purchased my first horse at age 16 after a childhood of riding anything I could get my hands on. I attended college at the University of Kentucky where I rode on the equestrian team and worked for Robert Murphy Stables. After graduating with a BS in Animal Science in 2010, my husband and I ended up in Indiana. I spent time teaching beginner and intermediate lessons as well as managing an eventing barn before purchasing my own property and running White Brook Farm. Currently, I have a great group of clients showing in the hunters, jumpers and equitation.

### **Ingrid Schoenlein**

I am a Purdue University Graduate with a Bachelor Degree in Agriculture and longtime resident of Lafayette, Indiana. I am a Research Assistant for the Basic Medical Sciences Department at the School of Veterinary Medicine. I am a long time Indiana Hunter & Jumper Association member and have been an exhibitor and judge of many IHJA approved shows. I have previously been on the IHJA board of directors. I have served on Annual Horse show, Medal Finals and Rules committees. I have served on the Indiana Horse Council board of directors. Serving on Hoosier Horse Fair, Octoberfest Charity Horse Show and Horse Show committees. I have also served on the SVM Equine Research Committee. I have been an IHJA approved judge for 17 years. I have judged horse shows in Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, Michigan, Illinois, Missouri, Wisconsin and Kansas. I have attended USEF Judges clinics as well.

I have strengths in planning events and good organizational skills. I am consistent attending IHJA board meetings and helping at IHJA events.

If elected I would like to help IHJA push forward sponsoring annual clinics with top clinicians that specialize in jumpers, equitation and hunters for IHJA members. I would like to help organize a grass roots judge's clinic for local judges and exhibitors interested in the judging process. I would also like to see if IHJA can help make some rated shows happen at Indiana facilities.

### **Amy Tilson-Ochoa**

I am the owner and trainer at Sierra Woods Farm. I have served for the last two years as a Director on the Board of Directors. I was chairman of the IHJA Annual Awards Banquet last year and for the 2017 Banquet. I also served as chair of the awards at the Annual Horse Show and Medal Finals. I have volunteered on many other committees.

**IHJA Board of Directors minutes:** Held on September 18, 2017 at Grandview Stables, Indianapolis, Indiana. Present were Sarah Burton, President, Liz Obrecht, Secretary/Treasurer, Dawn Stumm, Director, Terri Foreman, Director, Angela Brown, Director, Neal Yerian, Director, Richard Rinehart, Director, and Diane Renihan, Past President. Absent were Maggie Boyle, Vice President and Amy Tilson-Ochoa, Director.

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m.

Liz presented the Board with a Financial Report. The checking balance is currently \$13,851.12, the savings balance is \$38,082.70, for a total of \$51,933.82, There is a deposit of \$1,857.90 to be made which will bring the total to \$53,791.72. As Liz did not have her computer available prior to the meeting there was no membership report available to the Board.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

As there were no questions, the Annual Horse Show and Medal Finals financial report was passed out and discussed. With this year's Annual Horse Show and Medal Finals being held over four days, there were additional expenses this year. The Board also had voted to keep the costs for the event the same as the last several years, and the number of exhibitors was down by approximately 30 exhibitors. The event went very well, and was still nearly a record attendance. The Annual Horse Show Committee was very glad to have had Dawn manage the show, and hire an independent course designer to help keep things running smoothly.

Some items discussed were the schedule, which seemed to run very well. It was decided to next year have the 2'0" jumper warm up for the Maiden Medal riders be run as a class to be judged. Although many of the riders enjoyed being able to ride in a jumper class, it was felt that it should be more of a warm up for the medal class on Sunday.

The problems with the brush were next discussed. IHJA paid to have a dumpster brought in to dispose of the brush with the bagworms, and Dawn was able to provide the labor to remove it immediately. IHJA has not yet received the invoice for the dumpster. This unfortunately is a problem with ordering brush, but it was resolved to everyone's satisfaction.

It was suggested that the venue be contacted about using a different drag to work the footing better. This would help with any footing problems.

The t-shirts for the medal finalists were very much appreciated by the riders, and the vendor was happy with being able to be there during the show. The Board agreed that they are interested in doing this again next year as the Medal Finals Qualified Rider gift. Angela gave Liz the invoice received from the vendor for payment.

It will be necessary next year to contract with a different stall company due to two years of problems with the company that IHJA has been using. This will need to be discussed by the first of the year as most tent and stall rental companies book their year very much in advance.

## NEW BUSINESS

The Rules Committee presented the Board with the proposed rule changes for discussion. These rules will be posted on the website for the membership, and will be voted on at the General Membership meeting in November.

There were some minor changes made to the proposed rules submitted by the membership as suggested by various Board members. Liz will type up the rules and present them to the Board before publishing them for the membership. There were also a few clarifications and corrections that were discussed that need to be made in the Rule Book before printing it for next year.

The Election Committee will consist of Board members Terri Foreman, Maggie Boyle, Dawn Stumm and two IHJA members. The absentee ballots will be mailed to the Chairman, Dawn Stumm, for delivery to the November 13 General Membership meeting. At this time, the position of Secretary/Treasurer, Richard Rinehart, Director, Amy Ochoa, Director, and Angela Brown, Director are up for election. There have already been several nominations received. These will need to be finalized and mailed 30 days prior to the election.

Neal asked about the number of votes for a business membership. There was a difference between the rule book and the absentee ballot that was mailed out last year. As the rule book is in error, it will be corrected to reflect two votes for a business membership.

Two proposed amendments to the Bylaws were presented by Neal Yerian. These will be voted on at the General Membership meeting. There was discussion as to the process of voting on these proposed amendments. One amendment was related to the structure of the Board and the other was a Code of Conduct for Board members.

Liz presented the Board with a question from a member about whether IHJA has any policies addressing special needs riders. It was discussed, and decided to have Liz follow up with the parent what specifically they would like to have in place.

Liz was asked about the upcoming WEC shows approvals as well as other October shows. She will check into this matter and let them know.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

**Proposed Rule changes for 2018:** Following are the proposed rule changes that were submitted to the Rules Committee along with the Rules Committee recommendations to the Board of Directors.

### \*\* Make 2'6" Puddle Jumper a recognized division

The Rules Committee voted to recommend this proposed rule change with the following specifications:

Fences: .75 m

Scoring: Current USEF Jumper Rules to apply

May cross enter into the 2'9" Mini Jumper Division, but not a division with fences

higher than 2'9" (.85 m) One class in the division must be run as an optimum time class.

### \*\* Horse Welfare, Health & Safety

#### A. IHJA Annual Show & Medal Finals;

1. *Excessive Use of Whip or Spurs or Improper Use of Bits – First Offense:* At a Judge's discretion an exhibitor may be excused from the ring and disqualified from the class. Fees associated with that class will not be waived or refunded. *Additional Offense:* If additional offenses take place during the course of the show IHJA may at their discretion, retroactively, disqualify the exhibitor from all classes offered or entered. Show fees accrued will not be waived or refunded.

2. *Cruelty/Abuse/Neglect to include excessive riding, lunging, training & showing, deprivation of water or feed or striking with an object-* IHJA may at their discretion, retroactively, disqualify a single or multiple exhibitors associated with a horse who has suffered during the course of a show. Show fees accrued will not be waived or refunded.

3. *Signs of Previous Cruelty & Abuse to include wounds associate with excessive use of spurs or improper use of bits-* IHJA may at their discretion disqualify a horse from participating in a class if it arrives at the show ring showing signs of potential abuse. Show fees incurred will not be waived or refunded.

#### B. NON-USEF Approved Shows;

It shall be the duty of the Show Committee and Show Manager to enforce IHJA Horse Welfare, Health & Safety rules. However, each show venue may set its own policies regarding the waiving or refunding of show fees.

- Much discussion was held on how best to cover these issues in the IHJA Rule Book as we already have a rule in place to follow USEF guidelines, and page 10 number 5 currently covers use of poling and abuse of an animal on the show grounds. The Rules Committee voted to not recommend this rule as written, but to amend the rule book as follows: It was suggested that it might be helpful to clarify the Part 3: Disputes section of the rule book on page 14. **Change to add Disputes and Horse Welfare Issues.** The first paragraph to begin - questions, disputes or welfare issues at a horse show in connection ... This section puts the decision in the hands of the three person horse show committee. Also change the second paragraph to read: If the disputing member in good standing is not satisfied ...

\*\* Double Point Approved Shows – Any show venue/manager holding at least two shows per year, may designate one of those shows to be a double pointed show. Must decide which show this will be and must have applied for and paid application fee by April 1<sup>st</sup>. The designated show will be posted on the IHJA website by that date.

The Rules Committee voted to recommend this rule change.

\*\* IHJA Annual Horse Show – The Annual Horse Show will be a triple point show.

The Rules Committee voted to recommend this rule change.

\*\* Show Managers - Show Managers may not hold positions other than manager for the duration of the show, i.e. judge, timer, gate keeper, announcer.

The Rules Committee voted to recommend this rule change with the awareness that a show manager may be required to fill in for a brief time in different positions to help maintain the running of the show. Discussion needs to be held as to whether to make this change on Page 6 or Page 9.

\*\* Green Working Division – Eliminate this division and change the Pre Green Hunter division to Green Hunter with the Pre Green specifications to be used. Change the height to 3'0" – 3'6". Eliminate the sentences beginning with a horse's Pre Green status, and ending with the two month grace period for Pre Green. Add the following sentence to the paragraph – Non USEF Schooling Shows may run this division at the height of 3'0".

The Rules Committee voted to recommend this rule change.

\*\* Low Working Hunter Division – Eliminate this division.

The Rules Committee voted to recommend this rule change.

\*\* Pleasure Hunter – Eliminate this division

The Rules Committee voted to recommend this rule change.

**\*\* Change fence heights in Open Hunter, Children's Hunter and Amateur Adult Hunter to 3'0". Add not to be jogged to all hunter division specifications.**

*The Rules Committee voted to recommend this rule change.*

**\*\* Combine the Low and High Junior/Amateur Owner Jumpers at year end if less than three qualified in each division using the same specifications as the Amateur/Owner Hunter.**

*The Rules Committee voted to recommend this rule change.*

**\*\*Change the Junior Hunter Division to fence height rather than size of the horse. Have a 3'3" Junior Hunter Division and a 3'6" Junior Hunter Division. This division will still be combine as Junior Hunter as detailed in the current rule book.**

*The Rules Committee voted to recommend this rule change.*

**\*\* Regular Pony Hunter divisions are to be set as follows:**

**10' stride - Small Ponies, 10'6" stride - Medium Ponies, and 11'3" stride - Large Ponies**

*The Rules Committee voted to not recommend this rule change.*

**\*\* Managers are required to make weather calls and not leave it up to individual ingate personnel to decide if weather is unsuitable for showing.**

*The Rules Committee voted to recommend this rule change. They will look into USEF's guidelines for how long to wait in the event of lightning before restarting the rings. All horses and riders are to be sent back to the safety of the barn area to wait out the storm.*

**\*\* IHJA needs a representative that plays a role similar to that of a USEF steward. The steward would monitor that the show is being run properly. This person would address the complaints with the show management.**

*The Rules Committee voted to not recommend this rule change.*

**\*\* There should be an IHJA Show Management handbook that lays out for rules and guidelines for show management. Suggestions could be made for schedules, types of fences and courses suggested, footing, watering and dragging, as well as communication between rings and stabling.**

*The Rules Committee voted to recommend this rule change.*

**Clarifications to the rule book:**

**\*\* Page 13, Part2, c. Protective Headgear Rule - Remove the paragraph after the statement "to comply with USEF rules"**

**\*\* Page 15, Part 5 f. The number of entries - Add Equitation to the first sentence following Hunter.**

**\*\* Page 16, Hunters: Change the last sentence to read: If unable to break a tie, hack off horses or coin toss to break a tie.**

*Please let me know if you have any member news, horse related or otherwise to share with our membership.*