

IHJA Board Meeting Minutes

January 24, 2022
7:00 pm – Zoom Meeting

Attendance

Officers/Board Members Present:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Victoria Willock	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dawn Stumm	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Heather Vaught
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maggie Boyle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Terri Foreman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Holly Maclean-Whittaker
<input type="checkbox"/> Amy Ochoa	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ingrid Schoenlein	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Erica Zirkelbach

Guests Present:

Jim Farmer

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Victoria Willock at 7:06 pm

GUEST BUSINESS

H&H Summer Show Series @ Traders Point

Mr. Jim Farmer shared with the board that Mr. Chad Hughes, Ms. Kelly Hughes, and Mr. Farmer were going to be leasing the show grounds and stables at the Wild Air Farms/Traders Point show arenas. Mr. Farmer also indicated that they were committed to efforts to improve the show experience, including adding sand to the hunter rings, improving the format, and that he appreciates everyone's support for the upcoming show season. Mr. Farmer stated that Alan Reinhimer would loan his four-in-one drag equipment to perform a good drag of the jumper ring to improve the footing in the jumper ring. Ms. Hughes will manage stabling at the facility at the top of the hill, and Mr. Farmer and Ms. Hughes will be co-managers for the shows held at the facility. Mr. Farmer stated that there was a lot of work to be done at the facility, but committed to do everything that was required to host shows this season.

Ms. Willock inquired if his team was interested in submitting a bid for the IHJA Annual Show in 2022. Mr. Farmer stated that they were focused on preparing the facility for the 2022 show season and did not think that his team could support the Annual Show at this time.

Mr. Farmer indicated that the Homes of Hope Charity Horse Show, previously held at Canterbury, would be held at the Wild Air/Traders Point facility this year. Ms. Schoenlein asked Mr. Farmer to describe the charity's objectives. Mr. Farmer stated that a team of 16 people travel to Mexico to build homes. The prospective homeowner, who previously lives in a shack, provides the funds (\$10,000) to purchase the land, and the charity provides the materials and labor to build the home in a 5 day period of time. Volunteers pay for their own airfare for travel (approx. \$400 per person).

OLD BUSINESS

Financial Report Ms. Vaught shared the following details from the Financial Report:

11/8/2021 to 1/23/2022:

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Income:	\$4,343.43
Expenses:	\$13,562.57

Account Balances:

Checking:	\$ 4,292.19
Savings:	\$20,139.48
Horseman's Assistance Fund:	\$5,477.05
TOTAL:	\$29,908.72

Ms. Stumm motioned to approve the Financial Report.

Ms. Schoenlein seconded the motion.

The financial report was approved unanimously with no objections.

Membership Report

Ms. Vaught shared the following membership information:

2022 Memberships: 51

2022 Horse Registrations: 37

Banquet Committee Report

Ms. Willock reported that there was an issue with one of the HITS results from the summer, and that as a result, a member (Sarah Gould) was challenging the previously published High Point Hunter results.

- Ms. Willock has confirmed the horse's (Catching Fire's) results on the HITS website.
- Ms. Willock suggested, and the board agreed, that there were two options to correct the situation:
 - Correct the results so that Catching Fire is awarded the High Point Hunter award, and award Reserve High Point Hunter to the previously announced High Point Hunter, Sol Naciente (Brooklyn Engle).
 - Award High Point Hunter to both Catching Fire and Sol Naciente, and maintain Reserve High Point Hunter to the previously announced HH Gabriel (Kathy Clark)
- Ms. Boyle inquired why the HITS results were not received and posted properly. Ms. Willock stated that she investigated and determined that the results were sent to Liz Obrecht's personal email address, and when Liz forwarded the results to Sarah, the file containing the results was not attached to the email. Therefore, we determined that the results were submitted on-time and to the appropriate party, but the failure was within the IHJA Organization.
- Ms. Boyle motioned that IHJA award 2021 High Point Hunter Champion to both Catching Fire and Sol Naciente, and maintain Reserve High Point Hunter to the previously announced HH Gabriel (Kathy Clark). Ms. Stumm seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously with no objections.**

Sportsmanship Awards:

- Nominations were forwarded to the Officers and Board Members before the meeting.
- Junior Sportsmanship Award nominees were Annie Yorgen, Carly Quandee, and Ashley Vaught. Ingrid Schoenlein, Holly Maclean-Whitaker, Maggie Boyle, and Erica Zirkelbach voted for Ashley Vaught. Ms. Stumm made a motion to award the 2021 IHJA Junior Sportsmanship Award to Ashley Vaught. Ms. Foreman seconded. **Motion carried unanimously with no objections.**

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- Adult Sportsmanship Award nominees were Catherine Blessing and Erin Morin. Ingrid Schoenlein, Holly Maclean-Whitaker, Maggie Boyle, Erica Zirkelbach, and Victoria Willock voted for Erin Morin. Ms. Stumm made a motion to award the 2021 IHJA Adult Sportsmanship Award to Erin Morin. Ms. Foreman seconded. **Motion carried unanimously with no objections.**
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2021 IHJA Annual Show

Ms. Stumm reported that the Board received an email on December 28, 2021 from the Boone County Sherriff's Department because the three deputies hired for overnight security from the 2021 Annual Show had not yet been paid.

- Checks were mailed to the three deputies on December 29, 2021.
 - Ms. Stumm apologized to the Sherriff's Department via email and to the Board for failing to follow up and ensure that the deputies were paid.
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IHJA Shows @ HHP

At the previous Board meeting, there were four dates proposed for shows at the Hoosier Horse Park. A robust discussion was held about the logistics and financial implications surrounding holding schooling shows in addition to the previously approved Annual Show at the Hoosier Horse Park.

- Ms. Foreman motioned that the Board ask Sarah Burton and any other individuals who are interested to submit a bid for managing the Annual Show; and that IHJA would not host a Schooling Show this year.
 - Ms. Stumm seconded the motion.
 - **Motion carried unanimously with no objections.**
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Medal Finals 2022

The Board previously voted to hold Medal Finals at Black Dog Farms.

- Ms. Schoenlein stated that her preference would be to have a "R" judge because of the prestige of the event.
 - Ms. Foreman stated that there are far more "r" judges available locally, thanks to IEA and IHSA, and that we could get a very good equitation judge.
 - Ms. Zirkelbach and Ms. Vaught indicated that they had no preference.
 - Ms. Boyle stated that she felt that a "r" judge would be adequate, but it would also be acceptable for a local, high-quality, non-rated judge to preside over medal finals.
 - Ms. Foreman motioned that Ms. Boyle could hire a "R", "r" or an unrated judge at the board's approval as long as the cost was appropriate considering the organization's financial capacity to do so. Ms. Stumm seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously with no objections.**
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Report from USHJA Meeting

Ms. Foreman reported that she attended the meeting and had notes to report, but requested that we discuss at the next Board meeting.

Ms. Foreman stated that there was opportunity to request support from USHJA for our 2022 events. Ms. Vaught agreed to contact USHJA to determine what support was available.

NEW BUSINESS

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- 2022 Rule Book** Ms. Vaught had previously submitted the updated rule book to the board for review via email.
- Divisions added: IHJA 2'3" Equitation and IHJA 18" Hunter.
 - Version date of 1/24/2022
 - Ms. Stumm inquired about the list of approved judges. Ms. Willock state that the list of approved judges needed to be reviewed and updated to support the rule book.
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- 2022 Show Calendar** 2021 IHJA Calendar was sent to the Board prior to the meeting.
- Ms. Schoenlein motioned to approve the show calendar as presented.
 - Ms. Stumm seconded the motion.
 - **Motion carried unanimously with no objections.**
- Ms. Schoenlein motioned that IHJA waive the show fees for Mr. Farmer's Homes of Hope Charity Horse Show.
- Ms. Foreman seconded the motion
 - **Motion carried unanimously with no objections.**
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- Committee Chair Assignments**
- Banquet: Amy Ochoa
 - Annual: Ingrid Schoenlein
 - Medal: Maggie Boyle
 - Finance: Dawn Stumm
 - Rules: Holly Mclean-Whitaker
 - Junior: Erica Zirkelbach
 - Education: Terri Foreman
 - Communication: Erica Zirkelbach
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- Points Secretary** Ms. Willock spoke with Linda Seay, an experienced points secretary, who has worked with multiple associations in the past to record points.
- Ms. Seay stated that her normal rate is \$50 per show, but she would be willing to charge \$40 per show for IHJA because of our volume.
 - Therefore, at approximately 100 shows per year (Ms. Vaught's estimate based on the current calendar), IHJA would pay approximately \$4,000 per year instead of the \$3,000 currently budgeted.
 - Ms. Willock stated that there were concerns in the past about points recording for IHJA and possible conflicts of interest
 - Ms. Seay helped David Bridges write the OrgPro program and understands the nuances that are required for optimal performance of the program.
 - Ms. Foreman suggested that IHJA evaluate show registration fees for 2022 in order to compensate for the increased costs to IHJA for administering the horse shows. The Board agreed to investigate further and evaluate updating show registration fees for the 2023 season.
 - Ms. Foreman made a motion to hire Linda Seay as the IHJA Points Secretary for 2022 at a fee of \$40 per horse show. Ms. Stumm seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously with no objections.**
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NSBA Points

Members from multiple barns have been inquiring which points table in the IHJA rule book would be applied for NSBA-sanctioned shows at WEC-Ohio. The IHJA board had previously voted that NSBA-sanctioned shows would count as “local show” points.

- WEC-Ohio has a limited number of USEF shows available, with the rest of the shows being sanctioned by NSBA. Ms. Vaught agreed to investigate becoming a NSBA affiliate.
- Ms. Stumm suggested that IHJA should investigate becoming a NSBA affiliate. Currently, IHJA is affiliated with USEF and USHJA.
- Ms. Willock stated that OHJA and KHJA are counting NSBA shows as AA or A-rated shows.
- Ms. Stumm suggested that NSBA shows should be recognized at least as a B show.
- One concern raised was that the points structure would incentivize riders to show at out-of-state horse shows, which could possibly take away support from local show venues. Ms. Zirkelbach shared that her barn’s experience was that out-of-state shows are cost-prohibitive for some riders, separating riders into two client bases. Those who can afford the out-of-state shows will continue to do so, and those who cannot will show locally. Also, that WEC shows are offered year-round whereas local shows are only held spring through fall.
- Ms. Vaught inquired about the requirements from NSBA to host a horse show. It was determined that NSBA has similar requirements to USEF, such as rated judges, stewards, etc. that are not required of local shows.
- Ms. Stumm made a motion that NSBA-sanctioned shows be recognized as A-rated shows. Ms. Schoenlein seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously with no objections.**

Cut-off date for Medal Finals Qualification

Cut-off date for medal final qualification will be September 5 (3 weeks before medal finals). Any medal classes after that date would count toward 2023 Medal Finals.

Board Meeting Schedule for 2022

- March 14, via Zoom
- May 16, in-person with Zoom offered
- July 18
- September 12
- November 14 (General Membership meeting)

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by Ms. Willock at 9:00 pm.
