

IHJA Board Meeting Minutes

July 18, 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amy Ochoa	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ingrid Schoenlein	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Erica Zirkelbach

Guests Present: Sarah Burton

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Victoria Willock at 7:02 pm

IHJA Annual Show

Annual Show updates

- Ms. Schoenlein reported that Ms. Burton has visited horse park recently to finalize details with horse park management.
 - Class Schedule has been posted on horseshowing.com and IHJA website. Prize list is pending the Grand Champion sponsor recognition graphic, which should be received in the next few days. Prize list will be posted as soon as possible.
 - So far: 25 stalls reserved, which is fewer than we want to be.
 - Need help setting up on Friday: Adam and Skip Masten, Isabelle Arroyo, Val Harley, and Ingrid are all committed to help set up.
 - Food, EMT, judges, hotel,
 - Ms. Burton reported that the Horse Park has a set of Farm Tech timers available with two sets of eyes that we will be allowed to use at no charge.
 - Sponsors so far: CWD, Grand Champion, Purdue, Bill and Ingrid Schoenlein, Canterbury Manor stables. Ms. Burton is following up with additional potential sponsors.
 - Everything is in place, just need to get additional attendees and sponsors.
 - Ms. Willock inquired about banners from previous years for sponsors. Ms. Vaught reported that the banner from Bill and Ingrid could be re-used, but that most of the banners would be newly printed: for example, the graphics on the previous Grand Champion banner are very low resolution and difficult to read, and the previous Canterbury banner has a phone number that is no longer valid.
 - Invoice was sent to Purdue in order for them to send the check for their sponsorship.
 - Purdue is donating three blankets that we can use for prizes. Two can be used for the Jumper and Hunter derby winners, the third blanket will be TBD.
 - Prizes: Ribbons have been ordered. With the small number of entries currently projected, residual prizes from previous years will be distributed.
 - Tack Sale: Ms. Zirkelbach reported that some items have been dropped off at Sierra Woods. She will continue to share info on Social Media channels to encourage participation.
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OLD BUSINESS

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

05/15/22 to 07/16/22

Income:	\$3,055.81
Expenses:	\$3,823.78

Account Balances:

Checking:	\$7,124.63
Savings:	\$20,140.46
Horseman's Assistance Fund:	\$5,627.33
TOTAL:	\$32,892.42

Membership Report Ms. Vaught shared the following membership information:

2022 Memberships: 161 (increase of 27 from May)
2022 Horse Registrations: 126 (increase of 24 from May)

Membership Survey: Has not been developed yet

NEW BUSINESS

Medal Finals Committee Report

- There is a problem with the IHJA program and no medal qualification points have been posted. Points Secretary is working to resolve. Therefore, there is no way to know how many might participate. However, the number of current qualifiers is estimated to likely be low.
- Last year, 19 participants.
- Ms. Boyle has sent a proposal to IHJA for hosting Medal Finals at Black Dog Farms. Ms. Boyle stated that she is concerned that hosting the show at her facility would not be financially viable for the organization. In addition, she has struggled to get enough participants in her local shows. However, she also has a limitation of only 20 stalls available for the show, so if more than 20 horses registered, then IHJA would need to rent portable stalls and tents. Could spread the show across two days, but that would significantly impact the costs (i.e. judge and EMT for two days).
- Ms. Boyle reviewed the financial proposal and stated that, based on the Black Dog fees plus the additional costs that IHJA would be responsible for (Judge, staff, ribbons/prizes, port-a-potties, etc), that IHJA would need at least 33 participants in order to break even. This would exceed the number of stalls available and would necessitate either portable stalls/tents or splitting the show into two days.
- Ms. Boyle suggested that we could hire a non-rated judge for Medal Finals to help alleviate costs, which would require an extraordinary rule change. Many members of the Board thought that this would be acceptable if the non-rated judge was someone who does not routinely judge local horse shows.
- Ms. Willock suggested that we could offer Medal Finals to non-qualifiers for this year in order to increase number of participants.
- Ms. Stumm suggested that we consider either hosting Medal Finals at a different venue or to not host Medal Finals this year.
- Ms. Foreman suggested offering the Jumping Seat medal again.

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- Ms. Boyle suggested that she felt that the best path forward for IHJA was to allow other sites to bid for the IHJA medal finals. If another facility can submit a bid that is more financially feasible for the organization, then she would support having Medal Finals at an alternate location. However, she was also more than happy to have Medal Finals at her facility as well.
 - After much discussion, the IHJA board decided to meet again in two weeks (Monday, August 1):
 - This would give the Points Secretary time to get the Qualification points posted.
 - This would allow the Board to network with trainers and determine how many clients they plan on having participate in Medal Finals.
 - Consider an extraordinary rule change to allow a non-rated judge.
 - Determine fees for stalls, classes, warm-up, office fee, etc.
 - Any additional classes that IHJA might want to offer, such as an IEA or ISHA medal or Jumping Seat medal.
 - Ms. Boyle made a motion to extend the cut-off date for Medal Final qualification to September 17-18. Ms. Foreman seconded the motion. **The motion was unanimously approved.**
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Banquet

- Ms. Ochoa stated that she has not yet reserved a venue, and that the Board first needed to decide on a date for the banquet. Ms. Stumm suggested that we find a different venue because the prices at the Ritz Charles were becoming cost-prohibitive. Ms. Ochoa stated that she had a member with a possible connection at a Country Club, and Ms. Willock stated that she recently attended a Military Ball at a venue in Fishers that was very well-run.
 - The Board decided to continue to discuss the Banquet at the meeting on August 1.
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Newsletter

- Ms. Willock stated that a newsletter should be sent with the updates for the IHJA Annual Show, Medal Finals, Banquet, etc.
 - Ms. Foreman asked if we could promote the USHJA Stable Challenge and Horsemanship Quiz Challenge. Ms. Vaught stated that we could promote those after the Annual Show.
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Education

Ms. Willock stated that the education session at Sierra Woods was very well-received and suggested that anyone else with ideas for education sessions should bring them forward to the Board.

Rules

Ms. Whitaker reported that the initiative to review USHJA/USEF rules was still underway. As a reminder, the proposed rules need to be completed by September 15 so that they can be distributed to the Members prior to the Annual Meeting in November. The following individuals have agreed to review rules:

- Ingrid: Hunters
 - Dawn: Jumpers
 - Holly: Equitation
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Finance/ Fundraising

Seeking sponsorships for Annual Show and Medal Finals!

Junior/ Communication

- Ms. Zirkelbach stated that she has created a Facebook Event for the Annual Show.
 - Junior Board is working on the Tack Sale for the Annual Show.
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Education

- Ms. Foreman stated that she had books available as prizes for Medal Finals champions.
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Board Meeting Schedule for 2022

- March 14
 - May 16
 - July 18
 - September 12
 - November 14 (General Membership meeting)
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Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by Ms. Willock at 8:34 pm.

FOLLOW-UP MEETING

August 1, 2022

Attendance

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Medal Finals

- Currently 16 qualified for Medal Finals.
- Ms. Stumm proposed to hold Medal Finals at the H&H Stables show on September 17-18 and had previously emailed a proposal to the Board.
 - H&H would not charge use a facility rental fee, EMT, jump crew, ring staff, etc.
 - IHJA would hire a judge for
 - IHJA would get the revenue from the Medal Finals classes.
 - Bob Tweedlie would design the courses, and would optimally use the existing course setup (but could move jumps if we wanted to).
- Ms. Boyle stated that it has been difficult to get individuals to come to her shows, therefore she does not think that we would get the required 33 entries in order to break even at Black Dog Farms.

Ms. Stumm made a motion to hold IHJA Medal Finals on September 17 at the H&H Show. Ms. Maclean seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

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Ms. Stumm made a motion to make an extraordinary rule change to not require qualification to participate in Medal Finals, however qualified individuals will receive a \$20 gift certificate to Grand Champion. Ms. Ochoa seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Ms. Stumm stated that she will start contacting potential judges and let the Board know who she would like to hire as a judge. If a non-rated judge is identified, the Board will vote on an extraordinary rule change via email.

Ms. Schoenlein volunteered to donate flowers for the medal finals winners.

Banquet

Ms. Ochoa stated that she has reached out to a couple of venues and is awaiting responses for pricing. She is also going to work with Grand Champion to order year-end awards.
