

Indiana Hunter and Jumper Association

Current News

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Website points: Please let the Points Secretary know of any problems or errors with your points. Please remember that equitation and medal points are recorded under the member's name and hunter and jumper points are recorded under the horse/pony name. Also, points are in the system, but do not show up on the website until two shows have been competed making the member or horse eligible for year end awards. The same is true for Champion/Reserve Champion points.

Elections for Board of Directors: The following is the slate for this year's election to the IHJA Board of Directors.

President – Sarah Burton, Vice President – Maggie Boyle, and Erin Butler, Terri Foreman, Ingrid Schoenlein and Victoria Willock for Director. The absentee ballots will be mailed out by October 10, 2018.

At this time, the following biographies have been presented to the Board.

President Nominee:

Sarah Burton

Vice President Nominee:

Maggie Boyle

Director Nominees for 2019-2020

Erin Butler

I am a young professional that is just getting her career started in the Hunter/Jumper world. I am the Assistant Trainer for Cavalletti Croft, which is owned and operated by Amanda McRae. I also assist Amanda in coaching the Ball State Hunter/Jumper team (having competed on the team myself during my college years) as well as coaching her IEA teams.

Terri Foreman

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.

Victoria Willock

I am the assistant trainer at Bit Whip Farm. We have a great group of horses and customers that compete at local and rated horse shows. Previously, I worked for CWD Sellier in the area allowing me to meet many of the IHJA members and get to know the community. Before moving to Indiana, I was the assistant trainer/barn manager for David Q Wright at Hunters Court Stable for 4 years. We ran multiple local Middle Tennessee Hunter Jumper Association (MTHJA) horse shows at our farm and I volunteered at multiple MTHJA events, including the annual banquet. I look forward to the opportunity to be more involved with the IHJA.

Proposed Rule Changes for 2019: Following are the proposed rule changes that were submitted to the Board of Directors for the 2019 show season. The Rules Committee met to discuss and give their recommendations on these rules. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact a board member or come to the general membership meeting in November.

1. Page 6, Judges and Show Managers: Hunter/Equitation Judges - Change from Judges may not officiate at more than two shows given by any show manager or facility in one year period to – **more than three shows**

The Rules/By Laws Committee voted to recommend this rule change.

2. As the results program does not receive the information, it will be required that all show managers turn in to the names of their judges, EMT, and three person horse show committee to the Points Secretary.

The Rules/By Laws Committee voted to recommend this rule change.

3. Beginner Jumper -0.65 - 0.70 m Eligibility: Open to all riders. May cross enter into the 0.75 m Puddle Jumper Division, but not a division higher than 0.75. One class in the division must be run as an optimum time class with no combinations. Riders may be eliminated or penalized for reckless riding at the judge's discretion. Fences: 0.65 - 0.70 m Scoring: Current USEF Jumper Rules to apply.

The Rules/By Laws Committee voted to recommend this rule change with a name change to Future Jumper.

4. New Membership Category – Student School Year Membership – for private school students riding on horse teams. Points calculated from beginning to end of the school year. Points combined for both IHJA show seasons during that period of time.

The Rules/By Laws Committee voted to not recommend this rule change.

5. Page 22 – Novice Children's/Adult Jumper – Add Rider to beginning of the second sentence – Rider may not cross enter any classes above 1.0 m at the same show.

The Rules/By Laws Committee voted to recommend this rule change.

6. Eliminate Pony Jumper division

The Rules/By Laws Committee voted to recommend this rule change.

7. Add Schooling Jumper Division – 0.95 – 1.0 m Eligibility - Open to all jumpers and riders. Fences – 0.95 – 1.0 m. Scoring: Current USEF Jumper rules to apply.

The Rules/By Laws Committee voted to recommend this rule change.

8. Limit Equitation – Open to riders 12 years and over. Fences 2’0” NO IN AND OUTS. Only 1 over fence and 1 flat class will count in this division. If more classes are held, only the first over fence class and/or the first flat class held will count for points. Not a Championship division; therefore, points for Champion and Reserve Champion, if awarded, will not count.

The Rules/By Laws Committee voted to recommend this rule change.

9. Combine Low Junior/Amateur Owner Jumper and High Junior/Amateur Owner Jumper into one division to be shown at 1.15 m – 1.20 m at local shows. At USEF rated shows all heights will count for year end points.

The Rules/By Laws Committee voted to recommend this rule change.

10. Combine Amateur-Owner Hunter 3’3” and 3’6” into one division to be shown at 3’3” at local shows. At USEF rated shows all heights will count for year end points.

The Rules/By Laws Committee voted to recommend this rule change.

11. Combine both heights of Junior Hunter into one division to be shown at 3’3” at local shows. At USEF rated shows all heights will count for year end points.

The Rules/By Laws Committee voted to recommend this rule change.

Annual Horse Show and Medal Finals: The Annual Horse Show and Medal Finals were a huge success with a sold out show of 132 stalls. Of these stalls, there were 125 horses entered. This was the first year that the event offered triple points! Congratulations to the winners of the Hunter and Jumper Derbies as well as our Medal Finals winners.

Thank you to our sponsors – CWD, Ingrid Schoenlein, Talbot Street, Rinehart Farms, Westgate Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram, Gastroenterology of Indianapolis, Sterling Shields Stables, LLC, Bryan Hoffman, Bab Rohrman Toyota, Caldwell Farm, Canterbury Manor, Dude and Harley Carr, Twisted 6 Hay Company, Jared Jackson, Hill Top Stables, Village Custom Embroidery, Front Row Sport Horses, Sierra Woods, Black Dog Farm, Affinity Equestrian and White Brook Farms.

Thank you to our sponsored prize sponsors – Grand Champion Tack and Saddlery, Hot Box Pizza, Liz Obrecht, Greyhavens Farms and Zionsville Flower.

Board of Directors meeting minutes: The Board of Directors meeting was held on August 27, 2018 at Treesdale Farms, Carmel, IN. Present were Sarah Burton, President, Maggie Boyle, Vice President, Liz Obrecht, Secretary/Treasurer, Amy Ochoa, Director, Ingrid Schoenlein, Director, Amy Sandhu, Director and Terri Foreman, Director. Absent were Neal Yerian, Director and Richard Rinehart, Director.

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m.

Liz presented the Board with a Financial and Membership Report. The checking balance is currently \$16,982.90 the savings balance is \$44,601.32 for a total of \$61,584.22. Liz also presented and board with a breakdown of income and expenses from the period of July 10 – August 26, 2018. It was **moved, seconded and passed unanimously** to approve the financial report.

The current renewed membership is 195 members with 189 horses registered. This is an increase from July of 176 members and 179 horses.

OLD BUSINESS

Sarah gave a report on the points. The points at this time are less than a month behind in getting reported and updated. Liz will need to contact show secretaries to have them change their contact email to the points email, as many are still sending them to Liz.

Annual Horse Show and Medal Finals Committee: A report on the Annual Horse Show and Medal Finals was next on the agenda. There were a total of 113 horse, 17 tack and 1 medal finals stalls paid at the show. As of August 26, there were \$5,000.00 in sponsorships paid with \$1,850 still outstanding. There was another \$813.84 in provided prizes for the show by sponsors.

Liz presented the board with a report on the billing for the generator rented from MacAllister Equipment Rental for the upper barn. The quote was \$1,150.00, but the final invoice was for over \$2,000.00. After conversations, they were only willing to credit \$571.38 from the invoice. Sarah is going to contact them to discuss the invoices.

It was suggested that IHJA add the TIP classes to the schedule for next year's show. These classes are held at other schooling shows, and this would help members trying to qualify for the TIP finals to get the points needed. It **was moved, seconded and passed unanimously** to apply for the 2'6", 3'0" Hunter and Jumper classes as well as the TIP Pleasure. Liz will fill out the applications.

Issues that occurred during the show were discussed. It is becoming important to hire professional course designer and show manager in order to have the show run more smoothly. It might be necessary, though, to have a local assistant show manager to handle the daily set ups that occur before the actual event. Jake Surette was mentioned as a potential person to handle this job. The co-manager, or the horse show committee, would be responsible for hiring all of the staff. A solid sponsorship committee will also need to be working months before the show begins in order to assure that sponsorships are in place in time for publication of the prize list.

There was a claim turned in to IHJA's insurance company for damage done to a water spigot on the property. This water spigot was apparently run into by someone on the grounds. Currently the insurance is denying making payment on this claim due to it being property damage and the fact that Hill Top is an additional insured on the insurance policy. Sarah will contact the agents to discuss the claim.

The Three Person Horse Show Committee also needs to be published in the newsletter and posted in many places throughout the show grounds. This will help to immediately address some of the problems that came up this year during the show. This committee will address issues that are covered by Horse Welfare in the Rule Book as well as rule violations.

Sarah suggested that IHJA needs to purchase a wheel for measuring distances, and possibly buy the timers from Treesdale if they are available. Liz will contact Kristen to see if they are for sale.

The footing seemed to be much better this year, and watering and dragging was done when needed.

Rules and By-Laws Committee: Propose to combine Low and High Junior/Amateur Owner Jumpers for next year. Also combine Amateur Owner Hunters to 3'3" only.

The Rules Committee will meet at a location TBA on September 17, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Banquet Committee: The Banquet is schedule for January 19, 2019 at Ritz Charles in Carmel, IN. Amy will contact them to start the plans for the event. Liz will contact Kristen Moss to see if she is willing to again do the banquet program and contact sponsors for the program.

Communications Committee: Discussion was held as to how to improve communications with the membership especially through the website. It was suggested that we contact a member to work with David to bring about new ways

to update the website. Brian Winters and Bruce Williams were suggested. Amy will talk to Bruce to see if he is interested.

NEW BUSINESS.

An increase of asking members and parents to volunteer was discussed as much needed to run help with the many events that are currently handled by a very few people. All Committee chairs are asked to contact members for help with each committee.

A discussion was begun during the Annual Horse Show and Medal Finals report that it might be a good idea to host a second IHJA Member Schooling Show at the Hoosier Horse Park. In looking over IHJA's schedule and the Hoosier Horse Park's schedule, a date of September 22, 2019 seemed to be available. Ingrid and Terri volunteered to co-chair this show. The show would be held as a double point show.

Ingrid and Terri will contact the HHP to confirm that this date is available and let the Board know. The forms to apply for the rings are online on their website. As one of the rings needs improvement, discussion was held as to the cost of helping the HHP to improve this ring for our use.

In further business, it was pointed out that the remaining WEC shows are not on the schedule as approved. Liz will contact them to correct this.

The creation of an assistance fund for emergency assistance was discussed at this time. It was **moved, seconded and voted unanimously** to create a IHA Horseman's Assistance Fund. Several ways to fund this were suggested. These included charging \$1.00 per class at the local shows to be collected by the show management. Also, raising the show application fees for approved shows outside of Indiana to \$75.00. These fees have not been raised for any shows in many years. It was suggested that a cap of \$5,000.00 be on any requests received for help from this fund. IHJA will transfer money to start the account.

The account will be opened under the name IHJA Horseman's Assistance Fund. Liz will talk with the account manager at IHJA's bank to determine which account will work best for this. Liz suggested contacting Craig Dobbs for suggestions.

St. Mary of the Woods College contacted Terri with their desire to host a clinic at their facility. Several types of clinics including Veterinary Clinic, Rider's Clinic and a Trainer's Certification Program clinic. The TCP clinic seemed to be the best fit for this facility or another facility such as Black Dog Farms. The specifications for the TCP clinic were looked at online. An 80 x 200 foot ring and room for 100 spectators are two of the requirements to host this clinic. Ingrid and Terri volunteered to work on this clinic. A date of April 13-14 was mentioned as a possible date.

October 1, 2018 was mentioned as the next Board of Director meeting. Liz will contact TherAPlay to see if the room is available on that date.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:13 p.m.

News: Please let a board member know if you have any news to include in the current newsletter.