

IHJA General Membership Meeting
November 02 2020
Via Zoom

Present: Sarah Burton, President
Maggie Boyle, Vice President
Liz Obrecht, Secretary/Treasurer
Terri Foreman, Director
Ingrid Schoenlein, Director
Amy Ochoa, Director
Amy Sandhu, Director
Victoria Willock, Director
Dawn Stumm

Guests: Michele Arnold
Jessica Boyd

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

As there were no nominations from the floor, Sarah displayed the results screen from Election Buddy application that was used for voting this year. There were 28 votes cast. The election results were, President, Victoria Willock, Vice President, Dawn Stumm, and Directors Terri Foreman, Maggie Boyle, Ingrid Schoenlein and Holly MacLane for the 2020/2021 Board of Directors. Sarah offered her congratulations to all and thanked them for volunteering their time to the organization.

Liz presented the Board with a financial and membership report. As of November 1, 2020, there are 139 members and 131 horses registered. The checking account balance is \$7,503.40, the savings account balance is \$35,134.06, and the Horseman's Assistance Fund balance is \$5,326.45 for a total of \$47,963.91. A report on the financials for the year was also sent to the members of the Board prior to the meeting. It details all income and expenses for the year to date. Liz will update a final financial report at the first Board meeting of 2021..**It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the financial report.**

Committee chairman, Sarah asked the board and guests if there were any discussion or questions about the proposed rule changes before the voting. After discussions of the proposed new rules, a guest brought up a question about the results of the Culver show. Sarah explained that the results will need to be inputted manually as well as the HITS shows that had sent corrupted results. All results will be brought up to date.

Liz will send out an email to the membership regarding the results of the election, along with the new rules and a reminder to renew memberships.

Sarah thanked the guests, and the General Membership meeting was then closed to open the Board of Directors meeting.

Old Business

Liz stated that the financial report was presented at the general membership meeting. There are no changes.

Results of the Board votes on the proposed rule changes are as follows:

1. TIP Year End Division – Proposal to establish a year end division for the TIP classes to encourage the membership with eligible horses to compete in those division at horse shows. Terri and Sarah are going to work together to determine appropriate specs and a way for the points program to count those points accurately. The final specifications will be presented at the General Membership meeting.
The Board voted unanimously to approve this division.
2. Modified Horse Show – As discussed at the previous Board meeting, this rule will establish the guidelines and point system for the Modified IHJA approved horse show. Such decisions still to be made are the number of divisions/ classes in order to qualify as an approved show. Specifications still need to be finalized in order for the Board to vote on this for 2021.
The Board voted unanimously to approve this new format after all specifications and divisions have been determined.
3. All trainers must be members of IHJA in order for the client's points to count for year end awards. Like the membership and horse nominations, this membership must be done prior to their client's first show. Points are not retroactive.
The Board voted unanimously to approve this rule change.
4. IHJA Hunter 2'3"
Fence Height 2'3".
Open to all horses and ponies.
In and outs not allowed.
Division will have three over fences and under saddle.
To be judged on performance, soundness and way of going.
Not to be jogged.
The Board voted unanimously to approve this division.
5. Only one person on the three person committee can be a member of show management or staff of the horse show.
The Board voted unanimously to approve this rule change.
6. Future jumper. Change this sentence: One class in the division must be run as an optimum time class with no combinations. To be read as follows (same as puddle jumpers): One class in the division must be run as an optimum time class. **No combinations.**
The Board voted unanimously to approve this clarification.

7. Future and Puddle Jumpers- add rule to prevent use of liverpools in these classes.
No Liverpools may be used in these divisions.
The Board voted unanimously to approve the rule change.

8. Intermediate Rider Equitation – Add the following limitation (to match Novice Hunter)
Riders showing in this division may not cross enter into any class or division over 2’6” at the same show.
Eliminating this line. Open to riders of any age who have not won TEN (10) BLUES in this division. Eligibility will be determined on DECEMBER 1 and shall be maintained throughout the ensuing show season. Prior year(s) BLUE ribbons will be carried forward to current year.
The Board voted unanimously to approve this rule change.

9. During discussion of the IHJA 2’3” Hunter division it was decided that an extraordinary rule change needed to be made to allow amateur riders in this division as well as the 2’3” jumper divisions to be allowed to show in the 2’0” Mini Medal class. *Change sentence four to read: Not eligible to show in any division or class exceeding 2’3” in height.
The Board voted unanimously to approve this extraordinary rule change.

Terri updated the Board on the discussions with the Hoosier Horse Park. She and Sarah met with Kevin about the footing issues. An estimate of \$50,000 was discussed for improving the footing for use by IHJA and other organizations such as IEA. IEA is willing to donate \$10,000 towards this improvement. IHJA would also donate \$10,000 towards the footing. The hope is that the Hoosier Horse Park will fund the remainder with a possible additional \$5,000 donation that will need to be raised. The Hoosier Horse Park would like to be told of the dates that the IHJA would be interested in using the facility in 2021. Until the additional investment is raised discussion was held as to the possibility of holding a show there in April using only the one suitable ring. The plan would be to have a Spring, Summer and Fall show there. Jumps will need to be rented, and both a manager and a grounds staff to clean the stalls as there are no volunteers available currently due to the pandemic. Victoria will talk to Jack about possibly hiring him and renting his jumps.

There is also an indoor arena available that would be suitable for a clinic possibly in March. Sarah and Victoria will look into using Election Buddy or another app to survey the membership regarding a clinic. Victoria asked the Board to submit any clinician recommendations that they have.

New Business:

Banquet Committee:

The current rising numbers in COVID cases has made it necessary to make the decision to not hold the banquet at the Ritz Charles this year. Discussion was held as to other

options to have an awards celebration with social distancing. It was suggested that a virtual banquet could be held asking each barn to participate in this way. All awards could be delivered prior to the event for the trainers to give the division placement winners as well as the champion and reserve champions of each division. Liz mentioned that TherAPlay used a Hoe Down at Home option during their Hoe Down fundraiser this year. She will talk to them about who they used and the cost involved. It was a nice option and seemed to be used by many as TherAPlay had to greatly limit the number of in person attendance. An email needs to be sent out letting the membership know the Board's decision on the Banquet as well as asking for nominations for the Good as Gold, Junior Sportsmanship and Adult Sportsmanship awards for 2020.

Membership:

Liz will send out an email to all current members with a reminder to renew their membership prior to the December 1 start of the 2021 show season.

USHJA Annual Meeting:

The meeting is being held virtually this year due to COVID. Sarah asked the Board members that are interested in attending the meeting to let her know which meetings and days that they would like to participate.

Liz received a phone call from a member regarding a proposed rule change the weekend before the General Membership Meeting. Although it was explained that the rule change was submitted after the deadline, Liz did offer to mention this rule change to the Board. It was asked by the member to drop the judge's rule that only allows them to officiate at three shows during the year at a show facility. This was noted, and it was suggested that a better course of action would be to look at ways to add more judges to the approved list. Liz will update the list and send it to the website.

Victoria will send out an email with date suggestions for the first meeting of the Board of Directors for 2021.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.