

IHJA Board Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2022

7:00 pm – In person at H&H Stables and 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 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 type="checkbox"/> Erica Zirkelbach

Guests Present: None

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Victoria Willock at 7:00 pm

Election Results

Ms. Vaught shared the results of the 2022 Board of Directors election:

- 76 ballots were submitted.
 - President: Dawn Stumm (100%)
 - Vice President: Ingrid Schoenlein (70.67%)
 - Board Positions:
 - Terri Foreman (25.23%)
 - Katie Heim (21.62%)
 - Holly Maclean Whitaker (18.47%)
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OLD BUSINESS

Financial Report

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

09/11/2022 to 11/13/2022

Income: \$3,538.04
Expenses: \$5254.36

Account Balances:

Checking: \$7417.19
Savings: \$25,141.12
Horseman's Assistance Fund: \$5,627.52
TOTAL: \$38,185.83

Membership Report

Ms. Vaught shared the following membership information:

2022 Memberships: 192 (increase of 7 from September)
2022 Horse Registrations: 147 (increase of 2 from September)

Membership Survey: Has not been developed yet

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NEW BUSINESS

Medal Finals Report

- Medal Finals expense = \$2,594.61
 - Medal Finals income = \$2,100
 - Bought more prizes than were needed due to low participation and some Medal Final events not running. Were able to give out more prizes to participants (Grand Champion gift certificates to Reserve Champions) and will repurpose some prizes for raffles at the Banquet.
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2023 Fee Update

- The Board discussed horse show application fees for 2023 and moving forward. With the addition of the Points Secretary to our program, our costs for administering our year-end points has increased significantly. It was suggested that fees for one-day shows should remain unchanged, but the fee for two or more-day shows could be increased slightly to help offset costs.
 - The Board discussed membership, business membership, and horse registration fees. The board expressed a general desire to keep the single and family membership dues the same as 2022, but increase the horse registration, since most of the divisions that accrue year-end awards are Hunter and Jumper divisions, which are horse-specific.
 - Ms. Foreman made a motion to increase the application fee for horse shows that are two or more days to \$60, and to increase the horse registration fee to \$60 for each horse and \$50 for each additional horse. Ms. Stumm seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**
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Banquet

Ms. Ochoa could not attend the meeting, but provided updates to Ms. Willock.

- Ms. Ochoa recommended The Wellington Fishers Banquet and Conference Center
 - Venue is \$2500 with \$500 deposit, final payment due before the event
 - Buffet pricing is reasonable (approximately \$20 per person)
 - Cash bar option available
 - Nearby hotel options available
 - Ms. Ochoa had previously determined that January 7 and 14 were both available. Would need to check with the venue to determine if either are still available.
 - Ms. Stumm made a motion to hold the IHJA Annual Banquet at The Wellington Fishers Banquet and Conference Center with a first preference date of January 7 and a second preference of January 14. Ms. Stumm seconded. **The motion passed unanimously**
- End of Year awards: The Junior Board and others have expressed interest in different year-end awards for Champion and Reserve Champion prizes. Ideas included backpacks, quarter sheets, garment bags, grooming totes, boot bags, pillows, rain sheet, and picture frames. For Hunter and Jumper prizes, suggested matching garment and boot bags for Champion and Reserve Champion prizes – whichever is most expensive should be the Champion prize and the less expensive should be the Reserve Champion prize. For Equitation awards, suggested C4 belts, director's chairs, or any of the other prizes.
- Ms. Vaught will order ribbons as needed. Since the Board is proposing renaming some divisions (discussion to follow), would like to order only those ribbons that are confirmed after December 1.
- Recommended price per ticket = \$55 per person

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Rules

The Rules Committee sent suggested rule changes. See attached documents for proposed rule changes:

- Equitation rule changes were suggested by Ms. Maclean Whitaker. Ms. Vaught made a motion to accept Items 2-7 with modifications discussed in the meeting. Ms. Foreman seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**
- Hunter rule changes were suggested by Ms. Schoenlein. Ms. Vaught made a motion to accept Recommendations 1, 3, 8, 9, and an added Item 10 for Open, Schooling, and Mini Hunter division changes. Ms. Maclean Whitaker seconded. **The motion passed unanimously.**
- Jumper rule changes were submitted by Ms. Stumm. Ms. Foreman made a motion to further modify and approve the changes to the Future Jumper division. Ms. Whitaker Maclean seconded. **The motion passed unanimously.**
- The Board discussed the problems with riders cross-entering into ineligible classes at a horse show. It was recommended that a rule be added stating that if a rider or horse cross-enters into incompatible classes/divisions, then the year-end points for the lower-height classes/divisions will not be counted. Ms. Vaught made a motion to adopt this rule change, as well as the proposed changes to Puddle, Mini, and Intermediate Child/Adult Jumper divisions. Ms. Stumm seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**
- Ms. Foreman made a motion to add two Jumping Seat medals at 2'6"-2'9" and 3'-3'3". Ms. Vaught seconded. **The motion passed unanimously.**
- Ms. Sarah Burton submitted three emails containing proposed rule changes.
 - Ms. Foreman made a motion to approve Ms. Burton's recommendation to rename the Child/Adult Jumper division to High Child/Adult Jumper. Ms. Vaught seconded. **The motion passed unanimously.**
 - Ms. Foreman made a motion to approve the following two rule changes. Ms. Stumm seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**
 - Change Rule 15 to the following: Potable Water: Convenient and ample water for horses and potable water for human consumption must be free and available at all times. If the facility cannot provide adequate potable water or runs out of potable water, management must provide an alternate water source as soon as possible. If the competition has been without ample water for horses for four consecutive hours, the competition must be halted until water is available.
 - Change Rule 16 to the following: Restrooms: A minimum of one operable, sanitary restroom must be provided for every fifty (50) horses entered the prior year. All restrooms must be stocked daily, or more often depending on use, and must be cleaned and thoroughly sanitized daily, at a minimum.
 - Ms. Foreman made a motion to approve the following two rule changes. Ms. Stumm seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**
 - A rail must be able to roll on its support; in this case the support must have a depth of 18 mm (.7") minimum and a depth of 30 mm (1.18") maximum. For planks, gates, etc. the diameter of the supports must be more open or even flat, but not deeper than 1/2".
 - 2. Jump Cups. a. Any licensed competition must use FEI-approved Safety Release Cups for the back pole of all spreads in every jumper class. b. The use of FEI Approved Safety Cups to support the back rails of all spread obstacles and in all warm-up and schooling areas is mandatory.
- Ms. Stumm made a motion that the change of Officers and Board Members should occur on December 1. Ms. Foreman seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

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USHJA Annual Meeting

Both Ms. Foreman and Ms. Schoenlein have requested IHJA support to attend the USHJA Annual Meeting in Seattle. Ms. Stumm made a motion to pay for Ms. Foreman and Ms. Schoenlein's hotel rooms. Ms. Vaught seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

IHJA Annual Show and Medal Finals

Need to notify show managers that bids are open for hosting the 2023 Annual Show/Medal Finals.

Board Meeting Schedule for 2023

- January 23
 - March 20
 - May 15
 - July 17
 - September 18
 - November 13 (General Membership meeting)
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Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by Ms. Willock at 9:15 pm.

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Equitation Recommendations

Item	Recommendation	Outcome
1	Long/Limit Stirrup 18"-2'0"	The Board voted to not adopt this change.
2	Remove the non-championship specification to allow championship	The Board voted to adopt this change if there are two Over Fences classes.
3	Add "EQ 106 Appointments" covering attire, tack, electronic devices (w/ hearing impaired exceptions)	The Board voted to adopt this change.
4	Add "EQ113 Tests from which Judges Must Choose"	The Board voted to adopt this change.
5	Show entry must specify birthdate	The entry form includes a space for birthdate.
6	Membership entry includes ability to sponsor divisions for YE awards	A sponsorship level of \$350 per division was suggested. The sponsor would be asked if they had a preferred division. If there were multiple sponsors for a division, then they could both be listed.
7	<p>Medal Classes at shows other than the Medal Finals include O/F phase only</p> <p>Under SPECIFICATIONS FOR ALL HUNTER SEAT MEDAL CLASSES, Remove the below language in red:</p> <p>Class routine: To jump a minimum of 8 (eight) hunter type fences with or without wings. Judge and course designer MUST incorporate at least two tests from the USEF Rule Book (Equitation Division) in the course. The judge will then select at least one-fourth of the class, but not less than 6 (six) contestants, if available, to show at a walk, trot and canter plus two or more tests from the USEF Equitation rules. Judge MAY call back additional riders if deemed appropriate. EACH PHASE SHALL COUNT 50%. The same animal must be shown in all phases of the class and with the same tack in which it began the class except NO MARTINGALES ON THE FLAT. Class to be judged on hands, seat, guidance and control throughout. Fall of horse or rider, three disobediences or "off course" shall eliminate contestant and no credit will be awarded toward eligibility. Show Management and Judges of medal classes must complete both phases of the medal class to be a qualifying class. Completion of a medal class must be done at the scheduled show. In cases where attempt to complete the class fails, the Board may vote to accept results for phase held.</p>	<p>The Board voted to adopt these changes with modification. Updated rule to read as follows:</p> <p>Class Routine: to jump a minimum of 8 (eight) hunter type fences with or without wings. Judge and course designer must incorporate at least two Equitation Tests in the course. The flat phase will consist of a walk, trot, and canter, as well as two or more Equitation Tests. Each phase shall count 50%. The same animal must be shown in all phases of the class and with the same tack in which it began the class except NO MARTINGALES ON THE FLAT. Class to be judged on hands, seat, guidance, and control throughout. Fall of horse or rider, three disobediences, or "off course" shall eliminate contestant and no credit will be awarded toward eligibility. Both phases of medal classes must be held in order to be a qualifying class. It is recommended that the flat phase be held first for qualifying classes.</p>

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Hunter Division Recommended Changes

Item	Recommendation	Outcome
1	Renaming Novice Children's and Adult to Low Children's and Adult Hunter. Will match USHJA names and other states. Follow through renaming medals Low Children's and Low Adult.	The Board voted to adopt this rule change with the following clarifications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Novice Children's Hunter will be renamed Low Children's Hunter. • Novice Adult Hunter will be renamed to Low Adult Hunter. • Novice Children's Medal will be renamed Low Children's Medal • Novice Adult Medal will be renamed Low Adult Medal
2	Adjust fence height for Low Children and Adult; Fence height 2'3"-2'6".	The Board voted to not adopt this rule change.
3	Rename Special Hunter 2'9" to IHJA 2'9".	The Board voted to adopt this rule change.
4	Amend Short and Long stirrup fence height 1'6"-2'0".	The Board voted to not adopt this rule change.
5	Amend Children's Hunter fence height 2'9"-3'0".	The Board voted to not adopt this rule change.
6	Amend Special Hunter fence height 2'6"-2'9"	The Board voted to not adopt this rule change.
7	Amend Mini Hunter fence height 18'-2'0".	The Board voted to not adopt this rule change.
8	Hunter divisions need to have at least three nominations to give out complete awards. If less than three nominations just award out ribbons. Unless sponsorship for division is received for awards.	The Board voted to adopt this rule change with clarification: ALL divisions need to have at least three eligible participants in order to receive year-end awards unless sponsorship for the division is received.
9	Add to IHJA rulebook USHJA division description.	The Board voted to adopt this rule change.
10	No recommendation from the Committee	After further discussion, the Board voted to rename the following divisions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Hunter will be renamed to IHJA 3'0" Hunter • Schooling Hunter will be renamed to IHJA 2'6" Hunter • Mini Hunter will be renamed to IHJA 2'0" Hunter

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Jumper Division Recommendations

Item	Recommendation	Outcome
1	<p>Future Jumper Eligibility: Open to all riders. Horse may cross-enter into the 0.75 Puddle Jumper Division, but not a division higher than 0.75. All classes in the division are optimum time classes. No combinations or liver pools. Riders may be eliminated or penalized for reckless riding at the judge's discretion. Fences: 0.60-0.65 meters Current USEF Jumper Rules to apply.</p>	<p>The Board voted to adopt this change, but to also add:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is NOT a championship division • Maximum of two classes, both must be Optimum Time.
2	<p>Puddle Jumper Eligibility: Open to all riders. Horse/Rider combination may cross-enter into the 0.80-0.85 meter Mini Jumper Division, but not a division with fences higher than 0.85 meters. At non-rated shows, one class in the division must be run as optimum time class. No combinations or liver pools. Riders may be eliminated or penalized for reckless riding at the judges discretion. Fences: 0.70-0.75 meters Scoring: Current USEF Rules to apply</p>	<p>The Board voted to adopt this change.</p>
3	<p>Mini Jumper Eligibility: open to all riders Fences: 0.80-0.85 Scoring: Current USEF Rules to Apply</p>	<p>The Board voted to adopt this change.</p>
4	<p>Intermediate Child/Adult Jumper Eligibility: Open to all jumpers ridden by Junior or Adult Amateur Riders. <u>RIDER MAY NOT CROSS ENTER ANY CLASSES ABOVE 0.85 METER AT THE SAME SHOW.</u> Fences: 0.80-0.85</p>	<p>The Board voted to adopt this change.</p>