

# IHJA Board Meeting Minutes

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January 23, 2023  
7:00 pm – via Zoom

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## Attendance

### Officers/Board Members Present:

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

**Guests Present:** Sarah Burton

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## Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Dawn Stumm at 7:00 pm

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## Guest Business

Ms. Sarah Burton stated that she has been working with investors who are interested in bringing USEF-rated shows to Indiana. She and the investors had some questions about:

- How the “entity” is defined who “owns” the dates, and
- The Extraordinary Rule change that was approved at the September meeting requiring that a horse show must be held at the same location as the previous year in order to be considered an Established Show.

After a lengthy discussion, IHJA Board decided to consider Ms. Burton’s feedback and revisit the issue at a special meeting to be held on February 6 with the following action items:

- Ms. Stumm volunteered to talk with other horse show managers about best practices regarding horse show scheduling.
  - Ms. Vaught and Ms. Willock volunteered to review USEF rules.
  - Ms. Ochoa volunteered to review other hunter jumper organizations’ rules within our zone.
  - Ms. Maclean-Whittaker volunteered to talk with one of her clients, who is a lawyer and a tax accountant
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## OLD BUSINESS

<b>Financial Report</b>	Income:	\$21,690.49
	Expenses:	\$24,006.56
	<b>Account Balances:</b>	
	Checking:	\$9,399.53
	Savings:	\$20,141.51
	Horseman’s Assistance Fund:	\$5,817.62
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$35,358.66</b>

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## Membership Report

Memberships: 62  
Horse Registrations: 46

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## **USHJA Annual Meeting Report**

Ms. Schoenlein attended the USHJA meeting and had the following notes:

- Check the USHJA website to determine what rules were actually approved.
  - A horse welfare item: adding a rule that a horse that is being lunged must have a number either worn or present with the handler.
  - Many changes were made to equitation tests.
  - The new Channel System that is being implemented.
  - USHJA is now offering a Recognized Riding Academy designation for lesson programs, as well as a lesson horse Honor Role.
  - Zone 5 committee nominations: There was no Zone 5 representation at the USHJA meeting, and one of our Indiana trainers is a Zone 5 committee member but has not attended a committee meeting. Nominations must be submitted to USHJA between January 1 and March 1. Ms. Schoenlein stated that it would be beneficial to have someone from the Board or someone who would be a liaison on behalf of IHJA.
  - USHJA offers a Sportsmanship Quiz that we should promote with our members.
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## **NEW BUSINESS**

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### **Committee Chair Assignments**

- Banquet: Amy
- Annual: Ingrid/Dawn
- Medal: Ingrid/Dawn
- Finance: Dawn/Victoria
- Rules: Holly
- Junior: Erica
- Education: Terri
- Communication: Erica/Katie

### **Annual Show Committee**

Two submissions were received:

- H&H Stables
- Hoosier Horse Park

Ms. Schoenlein presented the proposed contractual obligations for both facilities and the pros and cons of each proposal. The financial proposal for each facility was approximately equal between the two venues, however the biggest benefit to the H&H proposal is the availability of three rings, which would allow for the incorporation of Medal Finals into the Annual Show.

Ms. Ochoa made a motion to hold the Annual Horse Show at H&H Stables, August 12-13. The motion was seconded by Ms. Zirkelbach. The motion was approved unanimously.

Ms. Zirkelbach made a motion to hold Medal Finals at the Annual Horse Show at H&H Stables, August 12-13. Ms. Ochoa seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Ms. Stumm will contact H&H and let them know that they won the bid. Ms. Schoenlein will contact Hoosier Horse Park and let them know that we have decided on another facility.

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## **Banquet Committee**

The 2022 Banquet was held on January 14. Feedback from the event:

- Bar situation was less than ideal.
- Staff was great and nice to work with.
- We felt like this year's attendance probably stretched the capacity of the venue.
- Invitations arrived very late. An electronic option for RSVP and payment might streamline things for next year.
- Date and venue were also announced very late – would possibly have more attendance if the date and venue were published sooner so that people could save the date.
- Mix-up with order from Hodges and not everything was delivered.
- Buffet meal was good, but execution was not the best. Everyone loved the Costco cake.

Additional suggestions for next year's event:

- Get venue and date secured by May and invitations sent by December 1.
  - A lot of speeches were omitted: Victoria's speech, Medal Final Champion speech, etc. Ensure that Emcee knows about those special
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## **Judge Application Review**

Reviewed application and resume for Ms. Erin Morin to become a recognized IHJA judge.

Ms. Schoenlein made a motion to approve Ms. Morin to be approved as an IHJA judge. Ms. Ochoa seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Ms. Vaught agreed to update the Approved Judge list on the IHJA website.

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## **Board Meeting Schedule for 2023**

- February 6: Special meeting for Show Application Rules
  - March 20
  - May 15
  - July 17
  - September 18
  - November 13 (General Membership meeting)
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## **Adjournment**

9:28 pm