

OHJA Meeting Minutes Feb 4, 2013

Present: Kathy Valentine, Mike Howell, Anne Thornbury, Karen Reid, Frankie Stark, Scott DeHillion, Lindsey Yinger, Chris Eadline and Matt Payne

The meeting was called to order at 8:04pm

- I) Minutes from the last meeting were read. Mike made a motion to approve. Lindsey seconded.
- II) Old Business:
 - A) Confidentiality forms were all returned.
 - B) Banquet was recapped.
 - 1.) Matt brought up the fact that reservations must be brought down from the website earlier, and that there should be no same-day adding. Lindsey agreed and would rectify the problem for next year.
 - 2.) Attendance for the banquet was 301. Lindsey asked if we are able to give refunds if someone can not attend and it was decided that it is ok if the extra dinners are sold.
 - 3.) There was a discussion about possibly using the Roberts facility next year as it was offered as an alternative. Frankie will follow up with Robbie to get a formal proposal and specifics regarding cost and what will be provided.
 - 4.) Online balloting was discussed and the overall consensus is that it was easier for all. Karen requested an idea of percentage increase. Kathy stated that although we don't have a specific percentage, voting numbers for both the BOD and perpetuals were up significantly. Mike expressed a need for a better e-mail list and it was decided to ask David for a required field for e-mail on next years forms. Mike also informed the board that we should not have to purchase ballots for next year and possibly the next couple of years as the ballots are purchased in blocks of 5,000 and we are very far under this amount. Mike assured all that there is total confidentiality in the on-line voting process, and everyone had confidence in the process.
 - 5.) Perpetual Awards. There was a general agreement that doing the Perpetual Awards throughout the evening did not work out well, as people were not aware of when certain awards were being presented.

- 6.) The idea of using a different venue was brought up by Karen. Mike, Lindsey and Chris suggested finding something further North to make it a little easier for Columbus members.

IV) New business:

- 1.) The proposal from Marybeth Knight to run a Facebook page was brought up. Matt and Karen felt that a board member should also be in charge of content along with Marybeth. Lindsey volunteered to monitor it, and Karen will talk to Marybeth regarding the situation.
- 2.) Matt discussed recognizing Carolyn Knab in a more significant way. The idea of a “Founding Member” award was brought up and somehow documenting her history of service.
- 3.) The official request from Judy Brentlinger to change the rule stating that no one shall be entered in the OHJA Medal class after it has started was reviewed. It was decided that the rule will stand as written for this year.
- 4.) A Written test for OHJA Medal was discussed. Karen opposed the idea because she believed it would be hard to implement. Anne, Mike and Chris strongly supported the idea. It was decided that a proposal from Anne should be submitted that included the pros and cons of the change as well as the format.
- 5.) It was agreed that Karen would be heading up sponsorships for this years Medal and door prizes for the banquet. The Facebook page should be helpful in bringing in sponsors.
- 6.) After much discussion, the question of having judges cards submitted with results was deemed impossible to enforce.
- 7.) The need to establish an “Approved” non-rated judges list was discussed, with everyone in agreement. Matt will work on language to get this started.
- 8.) The need to have surveys filled out at shows was discussed at length. If any actions will be taken against a show there should be at least one bad survey with any questionable actions noted.

- V) Karen voted to adjourn. Frankie seconded
The meeting was adjourned at 9:24pm

Respectfully submitted by Chris Eadline