

OHJA Annual Meeting Jan 18, 2014

Roll call:

Anne Thornbury
Skip Thornbury
Chris Eadline
Michael Howell
Matt Payne
Karen Reid
Kathy Valentine
Frankie Stark

Not in attendance were: Scott Dehillian and Lindsay Yinger

Last years annual meeting minutes were read and Michael made a motion to approve. Frankie seconded.

Kathy read the treasury report. The account is above the amount reported last year at this time. Karen suggested putting the budget report on a disc for easier access. The positive balance can be attributed to the 13 division sponsors acquired this year.

Frankie motioned to approve the treasurers report. Kathy seconded the motion.

The new rule changes are in place and are as follows:

Effective October 1, 2013

Rule II.D.1

Show managers will be required to use judges with a USEF Recorded (R) or registered (r) status. Other qualified individuals may be selected, but the show manager should submit the name and qualifications of the prospective judge for approval from the Board of Directors at least 30 days prior to the show. Once a judge is approved, they will remain on the

approved judges list for 3 years. A judge may be removed from the list at any time by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. A name may be added at any point, without submission from a show manager with a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Effective Dec 1, 2013

CHILDRENS HUNTER HORSE

Eligibility: To be ridden by exhibitors who have not reached their 18th birthday by December 1 of the current competition year. Cross entry: Riders entered in Children's Hunter Horse sections may not compete in any class in which the obstacles exceed 3'5" at the same competition (exception: Equitation classes up to 3'9", Jumper classes 1.20m and lower, Junior Hunter sections, USHJA National Hunter Derby Classic and USHJA International Hunter Derby). A Children's Hunter Horse rider may only compete one different horse in the Junior Hunter sections. A Junior Hunter rider may only compete one different horse in the Children's Hunter Horse section. Horses entered in Children's Hunter classes may not cross enter into Junior Hunter sections at the same competition. Riders entered in the Children's Hunter Horse section may only compete on one Children's Hunter Pony at the same competition.

New Business:

There was discussion of re-structuring the BOD to put Kathy Valentine in a paid position and continue her present duties and also to oversee the balloting process.

She would now be a non-voting member and the Board would replace her with someone chosen by The Chairman (Matt Payne). Skip stated that we have a quorum and this would avoid ties in any voting.

A motion was made on this restructuring with a Presidential appointment. The motion was passed with only Karen opposed. The motion was passed.

Board term limits were discussed and tabled until the next meeting. Skip will bring some ideas from other organizations.

Submitting bios with BOD and Perpetual Award nominations was brought up and was also tabled.

Medal finals were discussed and there was a consensus that we should have only 2 section: 3' and 2'6" and under.

Karen made a motion to split the Medal Finals to 3' and 2'6" and under. The motion was seconded by Mike and was carried unanimously.

After a discussion on limits to winning Medal Finals a motion was made by Michael to limit to only two times winning Medal Finals (consecutive or non-consecutive) at the same height. Skip seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Wording of the rule was tabled until the next meeting.

Antares has requested being the sole sponsor of The OHJA Medal Finals and donating a saddle to the champion. All agreed.

Karen commented that this year \$10,000.00 in sponsorship materials were donated for the Medal Finals and Hunter Classic. All agreed that this is a huge incentive to attract members and adds excitement to the year end class.

A motion to adjourn was made by Michael. Skip seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15pm

Respectfully submitted by Chris Eadline