

Roll call: Scott Dehelian, Anne Thornbury, Patty Rogers, Erica Staib, Lindsay Yinger, Judy Brentlinger, Frankie Stark, Holly Helbig & Kathy Valentine. Sarah Ash was absent

Scott Dehelian called the meeting to order at 8 PM.

The purpose of this meeting was to address barriers for some central Ohio trainers finding OHJA shows and year end awards out of reach for their clients. In part, this is due to the declining number of affordable OHJA only shows (local) in their area and an increase of more expensive USEF shows that also carry an OHJA rating which have additional fees making them financially out of reach. Also cited, was the lack of beginner/entry level classes and large class size at available shows. The trainers submitted a list of potential divisions & solutions for consideration. **Effective immediately**, the following divisions and awards will be included in the year end award line-up for 2017. These are geared toward horses and riders primarily competing at LOCAL (non- USEF) shows

New Divisions:

1. **Very Low Hunter Non-Pro 2'**: open to non- professional junior and amateur riders. **Fences 2'**

Note: this was added to address riders that are not eligible to compete in "opportunity" classes based on previous show experience at rated shows.

2. **Future Hunters : Fences 18"-2'**

Open to riders of any age or beginner horses or ponies that have never shown over 2'. Horses and ponies may not cross enter into any other over fence classes except walk trot or cross rails.

3. **Novice Children's/Adult Jumpers: Fences 2'9-3'** open to horses and ponies ridden by juniors and amateurs.

Thoroughbred Jumpers: Fences 2'6 -3' participation will be monitored during 2017 for association interest

New Awards, OHJA Cup: The following to be offered as a **SEPARATE** year end award. These are geared to exhibitors participating at **OHJA LOCAL SHOWS** & will follow the specs for their respective divisions. The association will sort and post points to website quarterly. Lindsay has a person in mind to help Kathy with this since it has to be done manually.

Points will be submitted electronically in their respective divisions. The association will go thru and sort points into 2 categories, only regular (rated shows) & only local (OHJA cup). Riders may accumulate points in **both** categories.

1. **OHJA Cup 3' Children's Hunter:**

2. **OHJA Cup 3' Adult Hunter**

3. **OHJA Cup 2'6" Intermediate Children's Hunter**

4. **OHJA Cup 2'6" Intermediate Adult Hunter**

Scott moved to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Erica at 9:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Erica Staib