

## OHJA Board of Directors Meeting

February 23, 2009

Attending: Erica Staib, Skip Thornbury, Anne Thornbury, Maureen Fagan, Kathy Valentine, Matt Payne, Scott Dehelian, Frankie Stark.

### Topics of Discussion:

1. **Protests:** Erica thinks we should have to complain in a timely manner, possibly even pay a fee with a written statement/ complaint. She suggested there be a rule to make the protest protocol more specific. She suggested that a protest should be filed within 7 days of the horse show where the infraction occurred. In the case of questioning points, exhibitors should have 15 days after the points have been posted or in the case of year-end points, 15 days after the final points have been posted. Board members agreed that being more specific would be good. Kathy needs to figure out a time frame that will work for her.
2. **Beckett Run Horse Show:** Erica did discuss with Gwen the problem with adding the pony classes. They said they did not get the email so they went ahead and ran it. Erica felt that since we have not published the new rules that we cannot delete those points. Anne feels like even though the new rule book is not in print, the old rule book clearly states that if there is a question that is not covered by the current OHJA rulebook, that the USEF rulebook will be the deciding factor and in that book it clearly states that no classes can be added during the show. The rest of the board members do not think the points should count. Other complaints (not filed) were that the schooling sessions had too many jumps with both diagonal lines being set which made it dangerous. Erica suggested we make up a safety suggestion sheet to send out with the horse show packet and that she would be in charge of making it up.
3. **Demographics:** Matt has a customer that may be able to do some sort of survey on things like avg. number of shows an OHJA member attends, how far they travel, etc. He will work on that idea.

4. Intermediate Child/adult jumper division: Several people have indicated that there is no good way to move up from the int. C/A jumpers to the child/adult jumpers. The height difference is significant and are interested in figuring out a solution to the problem.
5. Mileage Rule: There have been some questions in Columbus about horse shows and available dates in the area. Any questions about availability should be directed to Kathy Valentine.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Thornbury