

March 8, 2021

Roll call: Scott Dehelian, Anne Thornbury Erica Staib, Judy Brentlinger, Aubrey Sears, Jamie Mills, Kathy Valentine, Allie McBreen, Aubrey Sears Trena Kerr and Sarah Ash were present. Maureen Fagan was absent.

The meeting was called to order and minutes from last meeting were read.

There was a lively discussion whether WEC Ocala/ NSBA shows should count towards OHJA awards as there are fundamental differences between NSBA and OHJA/USEF competition rules. For example: NSBA defines Junior exhibitors as “18 year and younger” vs the USEF rule of not having reached their 18th birthday. Another example is you’re not considered an NSBA “Amateur” if judging shows of any kind vs. USEF where this is acceptable. Or, horses & riders must be NSBA members to participate etc. Additionally, some of the class specs don’t align with OHJA’s. This topic will be revisited for 2022.

Also discussed was whether to count the NSBA “open to all” 2’6 & 3’ hunters toward OHJA Special and Low hunters. A motion to was made and approved to count.

A board member shared how KHJA accrues points and what criteria is used to approve shows. It was noted that KY only counts divisions and classes with titles and specifications that are exactly as stated in the rule book and only shows in states contiguous to Kentucky may be approved for points.

A few board members felt the rules should be in the best interest of the “local”, grass roots members of the organization and not be interpreted or adjusted to accommodate the interest of a show.

Our calendar has grown significantly over the past few year and there has been just one person to manage it as well as points. A committee has been formed to review show approval requests, review prize lists and bring rule disparities to the board for discussion as appropriate. Hopefully, we can better manage the calendar and eliminate confusion over what points will count. The committee members are: Erica, Jamie, Judy, Maureen, Sarah and Scott.

We are grateful for the support of the Robert’s family for their overwhelming support of our Medal finals and hunter classic the past few years. That said, have gotten dependent on this generosity to make the OUR Medal finals special. To make sure these classes are special, a sponsorship committee has been formed to begin securing awards now. Sarah, Jamie, Aubrey and Allie will spearhead this effort. Additionally, all agreed to award ribbons to 12th place instead of to just tenth.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

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