

**OHJA Board of Director's Meeting  
Dec. 14, 2009**

**Members Attending: Skip Thornbury, Anne Thornbury, Kathy Valentine, Erica Staib, Matt Payne, Maureen Fagan, Frankie Stark, Jeremy Sims, Scott Dehelian, Jamie Barkhau. The meeting was called to order by Skip Thornbury at 6:40 pm.**

**Topics of Discussion:**

- 1. Revisit of the New Hope Farm horse show Nov. 7-8/09. After reviewing the letters received from several of the members involved the board still votes to uphold the decision to disallow the points from that show.**
- 2. The board is thinking of putting in a minimum number of OHJA divisions that must fill at a show before the show's points can be counted towards end of the year awards. We have a minimum number of divisions that must be offered but not necessarily filled to make sure the show maintains it's OHJA rating. Making a minimum number of divisions that fill might help eliminate counting points from shows that have such small numbers that maybe only one or two divisions fill. This is hardly enough to count as a competition. This topic will be further reviewed.**
- 3. We will be adding some information into the show packets. A list of the board members and contact information will be made available to the show managers (it is also in the rulebook). Possibly if it is easier for them to find this information, they might call a board member if they have a question as to how to handle a problem that could cause a potential rule violation. This may help us avoid some of the problems we have had with poor choices made by managers causing big problems for members and the BOD.**

**We will also be adding a page with information that should be put in an obvious place on each show's prize list/schedule. Every prize list should now contain a paragraph that describes the basic amenities of the show facility. Show managers should list the show ring and schooling area size and type of footing, size of the parking lot (i.e. is there room to park**

trucks and trailers or only a lot big enough for cars), type of restroom facilities, and type of food vendor. Providing this information in the prize list will be helpful to exhibitors so they will know what to expect before they arrive.

4. Erica is working on the door prizes, McCauley's Saddlery and The Tack Trunk are going to donate, she is working on getting a tack shop from Columbus as well.
5. There was a discussion about a point issue at the Country Heir show on Sept. 5/6. A rider in the int. C/A jumpers questioned why they did not receive championship points for year end awards. The reason is because only 2 people in the first class were listed as entering, competing, and completing the course. With only two completing the first class, no division champion points are awarded.
6. We will be working on the rule revisions for the 2010 rulebook. We would like to have it out in January.
7. Erica questioned the problem with the December Lochmoor prize list. The prize list sent out had different dates on the front page than was listed for the schedule of classes, as well as different days than appeared on the OHJA temporary show calendar. When Anne and Kathy received the prize list, they noticed the conflict with dates and contacted Lochmoor right away. They apologized profusely, the original show secretary had been injured in an accident and several were mistakes were made due to several people trying to get it all together. Since there were no conflicts with the Friday date, Skip, Kathy, and Anne made the executive decision to allow the additional date.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm by Skip Thornbury, seconded by Kathy Valentine.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Thornbury.