

OHJA Board of Directors Meeting  
December 22, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by Skip Thornbury.

Roll Call: Skip Thornbury, Anne Thornbury, Scott Dehelian, Kathy Valentine, Matt Payne, Erica Staib, Jamie Barkhau, Teresa Pickens, Frankie Stark, Karen Reid (1/2).

Order of discussion:

1. Baby Green division specifications. This will be a new year end point award division for 2011. The specs are as follows: A baby green hunter is a horse of any age in it's first or second year of showing. Fences to be set at 2'6" in this section and a horse may only be eligible for the OHJA awards for one year. The first year a horse shows in this division will be the year it's points will count. Once a horse has shown in the pre-green division, regardless of the declared height at any given horse show, it may no longer compete in the baby green hunter division. Baby green hunter may not be reinstated.
2. Karen suggested at the last meeting that we have a professional photographer at the banquet. At this time, Karen was not on the call and Skip had not heard back from her about this. We are all in favor of doing this as long as there is no charge to the association. Erica was put in charge of following up on this. Erica is also going to work on getting the slide show DVD to play during the social hour. Last year Maureen Fagan paid for this, this year the cost may be approximately \$125 to have it all put together.
3. Jamie will be taking the reservations and man the table at the in gate. Set up will be around 2:30 pm for anyone wishing to help. Dan McCarthy will be announcing.
4. Electronic vs. manual results. Sending written reports for points results is outdated and many associations are now charging extra for handling. All results must be sent to the point secretary electronically after Jan. 1, 2011 or the show will be fined. OHJA is going to sponsor a clinic with Julie Agar to instruct show managers/secretaries on how to properly use the Show Pro/Org Pro system. Matt will set up the date and time.
5. B.O.D. attendance: It is required to be in attendance and participate in the entire meeting for at least 50% of the meetings. Participation

means actively being on the call, not muted out. Listening in while doing something else does not count as participation.. Then new board will need to think about how to handle situations that come up with directors that cannot make the quota of calls.

6. Liability insurance: Matt has investigated liability insurance for the board of directors. We all feel this is important to have. The coverage that KHJA has is a \$1M per occurrence, \$2M aggregate. They have some specific riders attached but most of them are comm. Liability and general liability. Their annual premium is \$788. This is through Dietrich Nelson Agency underwritten by American Bankers. The Schiff Agency in Fairfield quoted an estimate of \$750 annually, based on our annual budget, for a \$1 M policy. They cover quite a few 501C organizations.
7. OHJA medal finals: Matt was wondering if the medal finals should be split into sections instead of everyone showing against one another. Something to ponder for next year. Also wondering if there is or should be a stipulation that once a rider wins the finals that they are no longer eligible to compete in that class.
8. Concerning a letter received from a member: An interested member sent us a letter pointing out some of our groups' shortcomings as said person sees them from reviewing the minutes from the last 2 years. A reply letter was sent by Matt and Skip explaining how the board tries to accomplish things and that every single communication amongst the board is not logged into the minutes. Some things that are discussed in meetings are not always best put out for public consumption as to not embarrass people. Many associations do not publish meeting minutes at all. We try to get the information out in an informative but politically correct manner. They also tried to explain that what works for some associations does not work for all and that some rules and ideas are very area specific. The board welcomes interest from the members as long as the criticism is constructive and has some suggested solutions to the issues brought up.
9. Rules Review: Jamie will go back through all of 2010 minutes and update what we need to add to the rulebook.
10. For next year's board: USEF and USHJA are starting to talk about possibly changing the point year end time to better facilitate rule changes being done before the new show year starts. We should all start talking about having a written process in place for timing for rule change suggestions to be in to the board etc. We will watch and see

what the other organizations are doing and determine whether it is something for us to look into doing.

11. The year end final points were late getting put up due to some problems with Lakeside Arena's results from their last two horse shows. Those problems have been resolved and the point will be up soon.

Motion to adjourn was made by Skip Thornbury and seconded by Matt Payne at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Thornbury.