

OHJA BOD meeting minutes

July 8,2010

The meeting was brought to order by Skip Thornbury at 7:00 pm.

Members attending: Skip Thornbury, Anne Thornbury, Matt Payne, Kathy Valentine, Jamie Barkhau, Erica Staib, Karen Reid, Teresa Pickens, Scott Dehelian.

Points of Discussion:

1. Karen Reid had checked into getting a better price for the printing of the OHJA handbook. She found that Kinko's is still the best place for us to do the work.
2. Pre-green eligibility question. It has come to our attention that the horse "Charisma" received points in the pre-green division in February. This horse is no longer eligible for pre-green points. Kathy is to send a letter to the owner alerting them of this fact.
3. The "pie chart project" has still not gotten off the ground. Matt will still try to work on it, he is having trouble getting people to return his calls.
4. Karen did a website survey with a few people. Skip will send the information to Dave Argus. One of the suggestions was a separate trainer directory. This can be done for an additional \$75. Another was maintaining a list of the past year's perpetual award winners on the website. Kathy will work on that. Inovative location presentation to attract advertisers, not sure what this means. She also said that people would like a "message board" for horse show updates etc. This will not work, too much lag time from when we get the info till when it could get posted. That is better left to the show managers to deal directly with the exhibitors.
5. A discussion about OHJA shows hiring judges that do not have a USEF 'r' rating and/or are currently showing in divisions that they are judging. Apparently there is some concern that some of these judges that show and judge may not be impartial when judging. Scott says many areas will not allow judges without a USEF card and they cannot judge more than once a year in the same area. Scott feels that only one time per year per area might be too limiting. Skip felt that it is often difficult for find rated judges for all the local shows and those

shows are a good training ground for new judges. Scott would like to see a rule put forward that if a person is asked to judge that doesn't have a small 'r' then should only be allowed to judge one time a year in an area/association. Scott and Teresa will draw up the rule proposal for this.

6. It was brought to our attention that some members feel that the board is being run in a very controlling fashion and by the same people for too long. Skip feels like since the directors are elected by popular vote of the general membership that they have an opportunity to make changes if they are dissatisfied.
7. Teresa questioned how many meetings a board member can miss before they can be removed from the board and replaced. Three missed meetings seems appropriate.
8. Karen says she has heard some concern as to how the ballots are counted and the authenticity of the vote. Kathy would like all members to know that all ballots are always brought to the annual general membership meeting and that anyone can ask for a recount at that time if they have any concerns. Erica suggested that we publish exactly how the ballot and voting procedures go. Apparently some members think that just because they send in a name on the initial ballots that they should be able to then vote for them. The procedure requires only the top 4 names to get put on the ballot. Many times people send in ballots and they themselves are not current members or the person's name they are submitting are not current members so are ineligible.
9. Erica, Matt, and Karen held an open forum at the May Windfall show. They were the only 3 who attended.
10. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm by Skip Thornbury

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Thornbury