

Southwest Virginia Hunter Jumper Association
Board of Director's
Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2004

Opening:

The meeting of the Southwest Virginia Hunter Jumper Association (SWVHJA) was called to order in Lexington, Virginia at 7:15 pm by president, Darlene Kemper. This was a joint meeting of the outgoing and incoming board members.

Present:

Vicki Byrd, Beverly Chenoweth, Carol Gwin, Anne Hall (executive secretary), Emily Helmick-Guyer, Cristy Jones, Darlene Kemper, Molly Moore, Vonda Reel, Susan Sjolund, Chip Surratt, and Kate Worsham.

Treasurer's Report:

Anne Hall reported for Sarah Brinks. The account balances were as follows:

Checking: \$6,029.35

Money Market: \$5,594.57

Old Business

1. 2003 Banquet Final Report

The 2003 banquet resulted in a profit of \$553.62. The quality and quantity of the food at the event was discussed. Most felt that it was less than satisfactory. The 2004 banquet committee will contact Leisure Time Foods to discuss and evaluate the issues and options. Other venues for the banquet were discussed and will be researched.

2. 2003 Year-End Final Report

The 2003 year-end report includes all horse show application fees. It reflects all year-end awards, engravings, keepsakes, apple treats and miscellaneous expenses. The year-end total was \$540.98.

The issue regarding the loss of revenue related to the reality of 12 fewer shows was discussed. The board was reminded that the deadline for show applications was established to provide the time required to create the 2004 calendar. The board will continue to examine the show date situation and make every effort to establish an accommodating system. Show managers who have lost or forfeited dates are encouraged to stay involved with the association. The board recognizes their contributions, talents and long-standing involvement, and strives to create an atmosphere of teamwork and growth. No immediate solution to the issue of lost revenue was proposed.

3. Final Review of By-laws Revisions

Molly Moore made a motion to amend the by-laws concerning show date applications and cancellations. "Show applications and fees must be in 30 days prior to the date of the show. If possible, 45 days notice of cancellation is required." The motion was seconded, and approved by vote.

Anne Hall will email all board members the revisions in a pdf file. All comments and corrections should be brought to Anne prior to the February meeting. The by-laws will be reviewed for approval at the February meeting.

4. 2004 Annual Show Manager

No resumes or application for the 2004 Annual Show Manager Position have been received. Clyde Poarch has expressed interest in the position. Carol Gwin will contact him to follow up.

5. 2003 Annual Meeting

Darlene Kemper reported on issues brought up at the General Membership Meeting.

The appropriate committees will address all of these suggestions.

- a) It was suggested that the Show Standards Committee be empowered to effectively monitor sanctioned shows. This would include, but is not limited, addressing issues brought up in show evaluations, course design, footing, administrative responsibilities, appropriate officials, and food.
- b) The double/double points issue was raised and resolved. The annual show and "A" shows will receive double points. All regular shows will receive double points based on the number of entries. (see by-laws revisions) This was motioned, seconded and approved by vote.
- c) Ideas regarding the involvement of juniors at board meetings were presented.
- d) Reminder that specs for the RMWC medal have been modified to allow ponies to compete. (A later discussion will address the use of in and outs in classes wherein horses and ponies compete together.)

New Business

1. 2003 tax preparation

Anne Hall is compiling tax material for the accountant. It was determined that the cost of this service is too high. The board authorized Anne to get estimates from other companies in an effort to lower this expense. It was suggested that perhaps a SWVHJA member might be able to assist with tax preparation as a gift in kind. No names were given.

2. 2004 Older Adult Medal

It was motion seconded and approved by vote that the 2004 older adult medal is offered.

3. House Mountain February

House Mountain Horse Show applied for the February 14-15 date. It was accepted. Molly Moore suggested that the Virginia Horse Center be given a SWVHJA mailing list electronically. In an effort to promote participation and attendance at SWVHJA shows, the board determined that effective immediately, SWVHJA managers may request the SWVHJA mailing list electronically one time, for a fee of \$20. Additional hard copies of the list are available for \$15 each.

4. Monthly Expense Format

The board agreed that the monthly expense format should continue to be presented in the same format. It was motioned, seconded and approved by vote.

5. Judging at SWVHJA Shows

Concern was expressed regarding the use of hunter and equitation judges from within the association. Many complaints have been made to the board about this ongoing problem. It was motioned that the discussion be referred to the Show Standards Committee. It was seconded and approved by vote. The Show Standards Committee will examine criteria for appropriate judges

(qualifications, experience, geographical location). The board strongly urges managers to recruit judges from out of the SWVHJA area.

6.Green Status

In response to a question regarding green status the board amended the by-laws to read “ ... to be eligible for green hunter status, green horses may not compete in more than three horse shows over fences. They may never have competed at height over 2’” This was motioned, seconded and approved by vote.

7. GHPC Show Date

In an effort to address the loss of the GHPC show date the board determined that the horse show managers who do not attend the Annual Show Managers Meeting and Annual Membership meeting would be met with sanctions. A motion was made to amend the By-laws to read “non-compliance with this rule will result in these dates being forfeited immediately by non attending show managers including all application fees. These dates will then be open for the normal application process. It was seconded and approved by vote.

8. Executive Secretary Report:

Anne Hall reported that 2003 “1099” forms are being submitted and 4th quarter payroll taxes are due. She also reminded that board about the RVHA donation request. The board agreed to continue its support as usual.

9. Election of Officers :

Nominations were made, closed and voted on for the election of the 2004 Board of Director’s Officers. The results were as follows:

President: Susan Sjolund

Vice-President; Maureen Waldron

Treasurer: Carol Gwin

Secretary: Beverly Chenoweth

Parliamentarian: Molly Moore

Committee appointments will be made at the February meeting.

10. NHJA

The National Hunter Jumper Association has requested SWVHJA become an affiliate membership. Discussion on this mater was tabled until the February meeting.

The next meeting was set for February 10, 2004 in Roanoke, VA.

Adournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Sjolund
Secretary, SWVHJA