

SWVHJA Board Meeting Minutes
December 13, 2005
Holiday Inn Express
Lexington, VA

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. Present were Cricket Stone, KC Hearn, Emily Guyer, Carol Gwin, JT Tallon, David Ashcom, Chip Surratt, Sherri Bostwick, Maureen Waldron and Anne Hall.

The secretary's report was read, seconded and approved.

The treasurer's report was read, seconded and approved.

Checking account balance: \$23,237.50

Money market balance: \$5,666.91

OLD BUSINESS

2005 SWVHJA Annual Horse Show

- Board members felt that the food at the annual horse show was very good and that there was plenty offered at all times.
- It was discussed that for the 2006 annual horse show SWVHJA might need to hire more horse show staff. It seemed as though we were short handed at various times throughout the horse show the board will work to remedy this situation.
- The footing in the coliseum was an issue that was discussed at the December board meeting. The board felt that the footing in the coliseum was not adequate for the horse show. The jumps in the coliseum were also in bad repair. These issues will hopefully be resolved for the 2006 horse show.
- The judging at the annual horse show was also an issue that many SWVHJA members were concerned about. It was discussed that the board consider bringing in fresh judges for medal finals night. This suggestion will be considered.
- Many felt that the Sunday portion of the horse show went to long. Ways to remedy this issue were discussed. One suggestion was that there would be a starter for the warm-up classes that are offered in the morning to help speed things along. The RM-Medal will be held in the East Complex along with several other classes. A revised prize list will be composed soon and out for review by the board members.

Hall of Fame

The Hall of Fame nominees were discussed and voted on. The Hall of Fame winner will be announced at the SWVHJA Awards Banquet.

2006 Calendar

The 2006 calendar is finished and has been posted on the web sit. The open dates are listed on the calendar.

NEW BUSINESS

Horse show evaluations

The horse show evaluations were reviewed and discussed.

Banquet mailer

These have been finalized and will be put in the mail.

2005 Annual reports

Board members have been asked to write up the various committees' annual reports, which will be reviewed by the membership at the annual meeting.

Miscellaneous issues/ discussions

- SWVHJA will now offer four scholarships at \$250.00 per scholarship.
- Chatham Hall will sponsor the new junior equitation trophy.
- Anne Hall is going to start looking into ordering ribbons for the 2006 annual horse show and comparing ribbon costs with different companies.
- The Iris McNeil and Guy Burkholder award winners have been voted on.
- SWVHJA year-end information has been submitted to the Chronicle.
- Anne Hall is going to work with Drew Perkins to update the association's database.
- SWVHJA will renew its membership with USEF for the 2006 show year.
- For the Roanoke Valley horse show SWVHJA is going to do a cooler sponsorship, which is what has been done in previous years.
- The board members have voted to donate \$1,200 to the RMWC Riding Program for the use of their jumps at the 2005 Annual Show.

The board would like to remind all SWVHJA members that as of December 1, 2005 ALL riders must wear an ASTM approved riding helmet.

Please also be reminded that the Annual Meeting for SWVHJA is on January 14, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. starting with the horse show manager's meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. The next SWVHJA board meeting will be held on February 7, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Express in Lexington, VA.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Guyer
Secretary SWVHJA Board

