

SWVHJA Board Meeting Minutes
December 12, 2006
Best Western
Lexington, VA

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. Present were: Cricket Stone, Brooks Arrington, Gordon Reistrup, JT Tallon, Sarah Irvine, Maureen Waldron, Luanne Leonard, KC Hearn, Anne Johnston, and Mimi Wroten

The minutes from the October board meeting was approved.

The treasurer's report was approved.

Checking account balance: \$18,247.61

Money Market account balance: \$5,869.03

OLD BUSINESS

2006 Annual show

The total income from the show was \$6,421. This was lower than the board had expected. Discussions included: the schedule, the number of rings, whether the jumpers should only run over one day, and possibly letting other divisions such as the intermediate and/or pleasure have two days of competition. Schooling for the show on Thursday evening was also discussed. The board felt that the time should either be extended or if schooling was going to be closed at a specific time that it must be listed in the prize list. Overall the board was disappointed with the lower income generated by the show, and will work towards increasing the income in future years.

2007 show applications- date conflicts

Horse show date applications had several conflicts this year due to changes in the USHJA and Gregorian calendar for 2007. Several months have fewer weekends and therefore fewer dates to hold horse shows. The board followed the history of which shows held dates and weekends in order to decide who should have priority for the weekends. The calendar still has some open dates, but the shows that have lost their weekends will have priority for using those dates. Clinic dates were then discussed and it was decided that the weekend of March 31st would be held as a date for a SWVHJA sponsored clinic. A second clinic date for later in the summer was set for August 4th. The association will again try to have Glenn Moody and Chris Kelly instruct at this clinic.

NEW BUSINESS

Show evaluations

The one horse show evaluation submitted was reviewed.

Annual report

All committees were asked to submit a report about their activities to the executive secretary so that they could be compiled for the membership to look over at the annual meeting. These reports are due by December 31st.

Banquet flyer

The flyer for the banquet was looked over by the board and the OK was given to send it out to the membership.

Board nominations

Several members had shown interest in being included in the nominations for the board positions that will be opening up at the end of this year. Those who were known to be interested in being nominated at this time would be included on the banquet flyer and others would be added from the floor at the annual meeting.

Equitation points

The board was asked by a member to review the doubling of points in the equitation on the flat classes. After some discussion the board felt that the rules state that the equitation on the flat points should follow the incremental point system at regular member SWVHJA shows and be doubled at the SWVHJA Annual show. Show managers will then be required to submit the number of riders who participated in these classes as well as the results. To insure that this was clearly stated in the rules, Gordon moved that we add "except medal classes" to Rule VIII, Chapter IV, 1. The statement would then read: In Hunter, Equitation (except Medal classes), and Jumper classes points shall be as follows at regular member shows. This was seconded and approved by the board. Because of the question from the member and the boards feeling that the rules stated we should currently be following the increment system and doubling the points at the annual show for the equitation on the flat classes, the points were recalculated. Because the points as of June 30th became final, according to our rules, it will just be the second half of the year that is adjusted. This will be done after all show managers are contacted to find out the number of entries they had in each of the equitation on the flat classes they held.

Burkholder/McNeil/Hall of Fame nominations and voting

The board discussed nominations for these awards and voted on them. The results of the voting will be announced at the annual banquet.

Executive Secretary report

The issue of an individual who has given the association bad checks was discussed. This person will be contacted and given a final date to settle their debt to the association. The awards and needed ribbons for the banquet have been ordered. Plus it was decided that the apple jars will once again be given out. Anne mentioned that her email has been giving her trouble and to try contacting her in other ways if you needed to reach her.

New Business from the floor

Cricket mentioned that the association should consider joining USHJA as an affiliate. After discussion of the benefits to the association and the minimum cost to join JT motioned that we

join and Gordon seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to join ushja as an affiliate association.

Moving \$5000.00 of the Association's money to the money market account was motioned by JT and seconded by Gordon.

It was mentioned that some of the flower boxes used to decorate in the east complex at the annual show seemed to be misplaced. If anyone knows where they may have gone should contact JT Tallon or Anne Johnston to insure they get returned to their proper home.

The old archives from the beginning of the association were mentioned. The idea of compiling the old archives from the beginning of the association to document the history of the association and allow the information to be more accessible was mentioned. No final decision as to what might be done regarding this was made at this time.

The board meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m. The next meeting will be the annual meeting held on January 13, 2007 at 3:00 p.m. at the hotel in Natural Bridge, VA.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mimi Wroten
Secretary SWVHJA Board