

SWVHJA Board Meeting Minutes
March 28, 2006
Best Western
Lexington, VA

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. Present were: Cricket Stone, Brooks Arrington, Gordon Reistrup, JT Tallon, David Ashcom, Sarah Irvine, KC Herndon, Anne Hall, and Mimi Wroten.

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

The treasurer's report was, read seconded and approved.
Checking account balance: \$20,786.18
Money Market account balance: \$5,703.24

OLD BUSINESS

2006 Annual show

Schedule – The schedule changes for 2006 were discussed by the board. JT mentioned how setting the courses for the next day after hunt night usually was late in the evening and difficult. In order to help this time constraint, the show will have just one height during hunt night to help keep the length of the evening to minimum and allow time for the Bearwood Farm Invitational Working Hunter Classic. To keep exhibitors happy, Cricket suggested having just the hunt teams class at 2 heights. The loss of income from sponsorship of fewer classes at hunt night and in the jumper rings should be offset by the addition of sponsorship opportunities for the “best child rider”, the “best adult amateur rider”, and other awards of this type. Gordon motioned that we approve the time schedule that was given to us. This motion was seconded and approved by the board.

Working hunter classic – It was suggested that we put a link from the Annual show page on the SWVHJA web site to post the information regarding the Working hunter classic specifications.

Medal specifications – Discussion was held about whether specifications were needed to clear up any confusion about how the medal finals may be conducted differently than the qualifying medal classes. After discussion the board decided that the specifications as they are currently written were clear enough and left room for the judges discretion so they were not amended.

Yearbook update

Danny Young has been finalizing the yearbook. Several board members have seen his current draft and think that everyone should appreciate the new look of what he has created for our association.

Clinic

Gordon and Luanne have been working to try and settle on the clinic dates for this current year. Currently Glenn Moody is free for August 4th, and July 1st was best for Paul Mathews. Discussion continued and also included having the clinic during the week, like a

Monday/Tuesday or Tuesday/Wednesday. RMWC has offered to host the clinic and at this point Gordon and Luanne will re-confirm the dates with the clinicians to get something finalized as soon as possible.

ACL Sanctioning

The two managers who host the ACL finals during their horses shows in Raleigh, John Rush and Glenn Petty, were asked by Sarah Irvine as to whether they would be willing to work with our association in order for our members to be able to compete in both the ACL finals and the SWVHJA year end show. Currently our show conflicts with the first weekend of the finals. Sarah found out that the ACL rotates their finals between two weekends and are not able to set a consistent schedule for which finals are held on which weekend and therefore were unable to budge on changing the way they hold their finals to work with our annual show in anyway.

NEW BUSINESS

Show evaluations

There were no new horse show evaluations to discuss. However the board did discuss the concern with horse shows running late and how we could help managers with some suggestions they might consider in order to help the shows run faster and be exhibitor friendly for especially the younger children. Several of the items discussed are often brought forward at the annual show managers meeting and will be reiterated again at the annual show managers meeting. Brooks also wanted to remind the A rated shows, such as Roanoke, that members of our association would also like to be judged by the big name judges they bring in from outside our immediate area.

2006 committees

Annual show sponsorship committee – Maureen Waldron & KC Hearn

They will be asking Grand Champion Trailers if they would like to be the premiere show sponsor once again. The Riders Shoppe has spoken with Maureen about sponsoring again and Danny Young has mentioned that he would like to help with sponsorship and feels that his yearbook ad contacts would be interested in sponsorship at our annual show.

Annual Show committee- JT Tallon, chairman and the board

Clinic committee – Luanne Leonard and Gordon Reistrup

Their goal is to set dates and clinicians for this summers clinic with Glenn Moody and Paul Mathews. They will then shoot towards next Spring in arranging another clinic with a National clinician who might not be as local. Any suggestions of who the association may want to ask should be given to Gordon.

Junior committee- Brooks Arrington, KC Hearn, & Cricket Stone

Nominating Committee

Will be named by the President sometime between August 1st and September 1st.

Board meetings

Because of email, the board feels as though not as many meetings are required to keep the board updated about activity within the association. Gordon made a motion to amend the by-laws to say “a minimum of 6 board meetings per year are required”. This was seconded by JT and approved by the board. Discussion about the location of the meetings for the coming year was also discussed and may rotate to the RMWC riding center for some of the fall meetings.

The board meeting was adjourned at 8:27p.m. The next board meeting will be held on May 30, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at The Best Western in Lexington, VA.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mimi Wroten
Secretary SWVHJA Board