

**SWVHJA Board Meeting Minutes**  
**February 7, 2007**  
**Lexington, VA**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM. Present were: Cricket Stone, Brooks Arrington, Gordon Reistrup, Jenn Fessler, Molly Moore, Luanne Leonard, Diane Hinch, Jackson Schurtz, Anne Johnston, and Mimi Wroten.

The minutes from the December meeting were approved.

The treasurer's report was approved.  
Checking account balance: \$4,444.23  
Money Market account balance: \$10,914.80

**OLD BUSINESS**

Equitation points final wording

A motion was made and unanimously approved to adjust the wording of the rules to state that equitation on the flat points will follow the hunter points including using the increment system and doubling points at the A rated and SWVHJA Annual shows.

Date to hold the annual meeting

Discussion was held regarding trying to get a larger percentage of the membership to participate in our annual meeting. It was then motioned and approved to hold the Annual Meeting on Oct. 13, 2007 at the VA Horse Center at 6PM. This meeting will follow the same format of recent meetings.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Show evaluations

None had been sent in for the board to review.

2007 Banquet

Date is reserved for 1/12/08. With the Annual meeting being held in October we plan on starting the banquet earlier. The silent auction and possibly a normal auction are being planned now to increase the income from these fundraisers.

2007 Yearbook

Information to be sent out with updated rates from Danny Young via e-mail and web site.

Financials

The cost of the banquet and what the association can afford to pay towards the banquet was discussed and will be discussed further to decide upon the cost to members for the upcoming year.

Other possible ways to increase money for the association were discussed to help offset the additional expenses of the dress sheets vs. the coolers plus the couple of extra dress sheets for new divisions. Increasing fees for sanctioning horse shows was one of the options.

The board will also be looking at the number of scholarships given each year. The board will look for sponsors for the scholarships. It was discussed that the juniors who participate in the practicum should get some special consideration for the scholarships. This idea will be revisited by the board in future meetings.

#### 2007 Annual Show

Searching for the 2007 Annual Show Presenting sponsor has begun. The board will also look at expanding the sponsor levels and what each level would get for their support. Since the cost of hotels seemed to be a large part of the annual show expenses, board members will solicit local hotels to see if this expense can be lowered.

#### Officer elections

Cricket Stone will continue as the President, while Luanne Leonard will also continue as Vice President. Gordon Reistrup will take over as Secretary. Molly Moore will be the Parliamentarian and Mimi Wroten will be the Treasurer.

#### Committees

Groups were discussed and formed.

Junior committee will include: Sarah Irvine, Brooks Arrington, and Jackson Schurtz. Clinic committee includes: Gordon Reistrup, Luanne Leonard, Jen Fessler, and Mimi Wroten.

Annual Show Sponsorship committee will be: KC Hearn and Diane Hinch.

Annual Show committee will be: entire board.

Several members from the general membership will hopefully join the board members on these committees.

#### Clinic Schedule

In order to get a Professional from out of the area we need to be asking the professionals now for 2008 dates. The board has chosen March 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of 2008 to try and schedule a clinic. The board will also look into having the USHJA help cover the expenses with this clinic and what we would get from their association. This year we are able to offer a clinic with Paul Matthews on March 31<sup>st</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup> 2007. The clinic will be held at the RMWC riding facility.

#### By-Laws

The board will be taking time this year to review what is and isn't discussed in the rulebook and to insure that definitions and rules are consistent throughout the rules.

The board meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm. The next meeting will be held on March 21, 2007 at 7PM at the Sweet Briar College Riding Center.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mimi Wroten  
Secretary SWVHJA Board