

SWVHJA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

September 4, 2007

• Lexington, Virginia •

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. Present were Cricket Stone, Diane Hinch, Molly Moore, Luanne Leonard, Jenn Fessler, Jackson Schurtz, Gordon Reistrup and Executive Secretary Anne Johnston.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved. Checking account balance: \$3,166.47. Money market account balance: \$8,160.99.

OLD BUSINESS

Yearbook. It was agreed that the delay in publishing has been a result of a problem collecting ad copy and payments. The Board urges the membership to be timely in submission of payment and materials for the Yearbook in the future, and discussed implementing a firm deadline to assist members in being expeditious in this regard. The concern is that the Yearbook is losing current and potential support because timeliness is affected.

Response to the August Clinic(s) with Kevin McQueen and Chris Kelly was very positive. Nice letters were received from Anne Shawver and Sarah Brinks complimenting the events. Most participants opted to watch the other sessions which hurt the numbers of participants for the practicum sessions offered at both clinics. It was suggested that perhaps a practicum prep be held during the winter. A Clinics tab will be placed on the website with summaries of past events and those upcoming. The next clinic will be held March 29-30, 2008 with Paul Mathews returning as the clinician.

Annual Horse Show sponsorship materials have been sent to Steve Barnes, but ad copy still has not been received. It was suggested that an email be sent to the membership indicating sponsorship opportunities that are still available. A proof of the prize list was reviewed. Amounts and types of sponsorship rewards were set. It was decided to make the third over fences class on Sunday a handy class as the first round of the classic. A letter was received regarding a vendor turned away for last year's show, but not for the following weekend's VHSA Associates Championship; the board is requesting a list via Clyde Poarch of vendors from Tom Ginaven in order to understand this discrepancy.

The Annual Meeting will be held during the House Mountain Horse Show in an effort to encompass more of the membership as attendance at the meeting has fallen off in recent years; it will also allow a review of the year prior to the start of the new show year in the event a new rule or rule change needs to be implemented. The Annual Meeting will be held in the Hospitality Room across from the show office at 7:00 p.m., starting with the General Membership Meeting to be followed by the Show Managers' Meeting. Board members going off are Mimi Wroten, Sarah Irvine, Gordon Reistrup, Brooks Arrington and Luanne Leonard. Those having accepted nominations for (re)election are Gordon Reistrup and Luanne Leonard. Forums will be held as needed if necessary. Bring topics for discussion to the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

One show evaluation was submitted and reviewed.

Hall of Fame and special award nominations were discussed.

The fees for show dues were discussed as reminders are about to be mailed. Show fees will stay the same for the upcoming year. Luanne motioned that in line with the VHSA and other medal classes that are held at member shows, a \$5.00 fee for each rider in the Hunter Seat, Adult and Pony Medal qualifying classes be included with the show results for the 2008 show year. The collection of this fee is a means of managing our financial obligations without charging and increased amount to show managers.

The next Board meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 16th at 7:00 p.m. in Lexington. The meeting was adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gordon Reistrup, Secretary