

SWVHJA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

April 23, 2007 •• :Lexington, Virginia

Meeting was called to order by at 7:15 p.m. Present were Cricket Stone, Jackson Schurtz, Molly Moore, KC Hearn, Diane Hinch, Luanne Leonard, Sarah Irvine, Mimi Wroten, Jennifer Fessler, Gordon Reistrup and Executive Secretary Anne Johnston.

The minutes from the March meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's Report was read and approved. Checking account balance: \$4,851.48. MMA balance: \$10,953.08.

OLD BUSINESS

Paul Mathews Clinic

Jenn Fessler presented a final report on the Paul Mathews Clinic held at the R-MWC Riding Center on March 31, 2007. Along with noting the excellent, patient and attentive instruction, it was apparent that the change in format to one day given the extenuating circumstances of the Spring schedule (viral outbreaks, show conflicts, etc.) worked well. However, unavailability of non-participating board members to assist with on-site organization and event flow was a problem. It was suggested that for future clinics board members should be assigned to cover the various jobs (auditor fees, food, jump crew, etc.); and/or that volunteers from the association be rallied, and auditing fees be waived for those volunteers. KC Hearn is drafting a thank you to JT Tallon and the RMWC Riding Center.

August Clinic

Plans for the upcoming August Clinic were discussed. Luanne Leonard received an affirmative from Kevin McQueen for the date; she will collect biographical information. Various formats were reviewed, along with incorporating a practicum preparatory session. A motion was approved that the 3' Clinic with Kevin McQueen be held August 3rd at Oak Manor Farm, with an open practicum (open to junior and senior members) prep. session. A motion was approved that the 2'6" clinic be held with Chris Kelly at the R-MWC Riding Center on August 5th. Board/volunteer tasks will be assigned at the board meeting prior to the clinics. A topic list for the practicum is being assembled. Cricket Stone will apply for funding from the USEF Youth Council for the August Clinic.

Annual Horse Show

Plans for the 2007 Annual Horse Show were discussed. Cricket Stone presented revised show schedules, which were reviewed and discussed. Sponsorship levels were reviewed and revised. Sarah Irvine requested a sponsorship packet for her to present to Steve Barnes of Grand Champion Trailers for title sponsorship. It was unanimously agreed to ask Bearwood Farm to again sponsor the Working Hunter Classic. The cocktail party on Friday night has been changed to an exhibitors party. Sponsorship format will be available online and at all further horse shows.

Roanoke Valley Horse Show

On behalf of the horse show, Nancy Peterson requested that SWVHJA continue with our hosting of a party on Sunday night. It was discussed, and the general consensus was that sponsoring a Monday morning breakfast along with a cooler would be a more effective means of support. Cricket will check on the hospitality situation on Monday morning with Nancy.

By-Laws & Rulebook Revisions

It was agreed to separate the By-Laws and Rulebook into two separate documents. The By-Laws were reviewed and revised. The first half of the Rulebook was reviewed and revised. The second half will be reviewed at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

A donation to Virginia Tech Riding Team in memory of Emily Hilscher who died in the April 16th shootings was motioned and approved.

A Junior Meeting/Party was motioned and approved for July 10th during the House Mountain Horse Show.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 30th in Lexington. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Gordon Reistrup, Secretary