

SWVHJA Annual Meeting
January 11, 2020
Marshall Hall, VMI - 3:30pm

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 3:53pm by President, Emily Guyer.

Present: The meeting was open to membership.

Minutes: The 2019 minutes were distributed. The minutes were amended (typos). James Morris made a motion to approve the minutes, Gordon Reistrup seconded. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Checking: \$8,936.13

Savings: \$11,195.75

Darlene Kemper made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, Courtney Watson seconded. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

Old Business:

Annual Show:

Comparison of 2020 Annual Show to 2019

- Schedule
 - 4-day format has improved the length of show days
 - Thursday schooling may be revised, the decision for schooling Thursday was based on appropriate jumps/materials that were already in the ring
 - Jumper classes seemed to work better being held Sat/Sun rather than Fri/Sat
 - Discussion of Pony Medal being moved back to Saturday evening
 - Recommendation to send out another survey monkey to membership, specifically focused on Pony Medal
 - Possibility to add a warm up and 2nd over fences class on Friday
 - The Board will review the time schedule
 - Sherri encouraged membership to email the board with ideas, questions, concerns
 - Gordon made a motion to close discussion, Darlene seconded
- More recognition is needed in the East Complex
 - Photographer, decorations, announcements
- Awards/Presentations
 - Michaela and Drew did an excellent job of having sponsor's present for award presentations
 - Reach out for sponsorships earlier
 - Have fancier ribbons for Classics
- Catering was a huge expense
 - Check into using outside catering if VHC allows
 - Consider going back to charging for the Saturday buffet, or keep as sponsored
 - Go back to selling tables Saturday evening
 - Dover has expressed interest in sponsoring the Sunday brunch

New Business:

2019 P & L

- Discussion of increase in membership fees
- Preference to increase membership fees over increasing horse show fees

Pre-Beginner Equitation/Beginner Equitation

- Simple changes – throughout the year it was unclear to judges if simple changes should be penalized
- Heather made a motion to revise the Pre-Beginner and Beginner specs, stating that simple changes are allowed. Courtney Watson seconded.
 - PRE- BEGINNER EQUITATION - Open to junior and amateur riders in their first year of showing over fences less than 2' in height. Riders are eligible for one horse show year and may not enter divisions with fence heights of 2' or above. This division will not count against rider's one year eligibility for the Beginner Equitation division. To be judged on rider's position and control. Simple changes are allowed. Division may be combined with the Beginner Equitation division at Management's discretion if warrant. Fence materials limited to: rails, small flower boxes or brush. Ground line material may not make jump wider than it is high. Course to be a minimum of 6 obstacles. Fence height 18". No oxers permitted. Simple changes are allowed.
 - BEGINNER EQUITATION – Open to junior and amateur riders in their first year of showing over fences 2' in height. No oxers permitted. Riders are eligible for one horse show year and may not enter divisions with fence heights exceeding 2'. This division will not count against rider's 2 year eligibility for the Intermediate Hunter division. To be judged on rider's position and control. Simple changes are allowed. Division may be split between juniors and adults at the discretion of show management. Division may be combined with the Pre-Beginner Equitation division at Management's discretion if entries warrant. If divisions are combined, fence materials and course MUST be limited to the same material as the Pre-Beginner division.

Hunter Pleasure Pony

- If there are any questions regarding Hunter Pleasure Pony, should default to USEF rules

Open Floor for Discussion:

Horse Shows

- Length of Show Days
 - Britni made a motion for the Board to discuss shortening the 14 hour allowance for length of show day, Diane seconded.
- Familiarity of SWVHJA rules for Horse Show Managers
 - Darlene made a motion to include an affidavit in the 2021 Horse Show Application, to be signed by the show manager, stating they understand the current SWVHJA Rules. Gordon seconded.

Elections

- Remaining on the Board for 2020-2021, are Emily Helmick, Catherine Daniel, Sarah Irvine, Chris Mitchell, and Sherri West.
- Nominations were taken from the floor. Gordon made a motion to close nominations, Heather seconded.
- Elected to the Board for 2020-2021, are Cricket Stone Morris, Luanne Leonard, John Martin, Holly Keplinger, and Kristen Nelson.

Adjournment

Diane Hinch made a motion to adjourn, Ashley Dettor seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 5:55pm.