

SWVHJA Board Minutes
February 8, 2022 7PM
Lexington, VA and Zoom

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 called to order by President, Cricket Stone Morris.

Present:

Those board members present were Cricket Stone Morris, Sherri West, Anne Lesko, Executive Secretary Anne Johnston, John Martin, Gordon Reistrup, Emily Parr, Robin Wood, Robin Mellen, Phillip Williamson, Heather Weaver, Kristen Nelson, and Holly Keplinger.

December Minutes:

Minutes from the December board meeting were reviewed. Gordon Reistrup made motion to approve the minutes. Holly Keplinger seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

Treasurer Report:

The Treasurer's report reflected a balance of \$11,961.16 in the checking and \$21,797.78 in the savings. Anne Lesko made a motion to approve the report. Gordon Reistrup seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

Old Business:

- **Association Website:** The site has been launched and people are using it. Overall the system is working well. Email processes are working well through MailChimp.
- **Membership Clinic:** Luanne Leonard reports that July 9th or July 16th likely dates that will suit. Two facilities are available for use. The date is being confirmed with the clinician. The association will likely be in a position to subsidize fees.
- **Show Manager Clinic:** Possible hold a clinic for show managers, facilitated through Leslie Brown. Holding this clinic will be explored by a member of the Board, with a report at an upcoming meeting.

New Business:

- **Liz Hinds/Pre-Beginner Question:** The Pre-Beginner division is open to those who have not competed at a horse show over fences. Communication will be sent back to this question confirming that the Association will maintain the current division specifications.
- **Hannah Rowe/Annual Show Letter:** The Board will strongly consider adjusting the jumper schedule to better suit the exhibitor's needs. Considerations include holding classes on Friday, possibly holding jumper Classics as the only jumper classes on Sunday. Ms. Rowe's constructive letter is welcomed by the board.
- **Drew Taylor/Show Dates:** Ms. Taylor contacted about dates. Further information has not been received at this time regarding the potential dates.
- **Donation to the Stuarts Draft Rescue Squad:** The Association would like to make a donation in honor of two of our members who were injured badly in a car accident. Phillip Williamson made a motion to donate \$1,500. Gordon Reistrup seconded the motion. All approved, the motion passed.
- **2023 Annual Show Date:** As reported by the current show manager, the Association's show date may be pushed to later in November for a second year in a row due to a calendaring conflict at the VHC with the VHSA Associate program's year end show. This is due to the VHSA's concern

that if their show is later in November, they will not have time to assemble year end awards for their banquet. The Board discussed the significant implications to the membership should this date continue to be pushed further into November. These concerns include the membership's ability to appropriately prepare horses post daylight saving, the financial impact of fewer exhibitors as experienced in the past, and weather concerns. The Board will draft a letter to the VHC outlining concerns and requesting considerations.

- **Show Manager Contract:** Molly Moore's three-year contract as the Show Manager for the Association's annual horse show draws to a close after the 2022 show. Next steps are to move forward with sending the contract out to bid for potential new managers to bid on. The Board is aware of individuals who would like the opportunity to bid, and the Executive Secretary will proceed with preparing the necessary documents.
- **Year Book:** The Board determined that the Association will issue both an electronic and hard copy year book for this past show year. Luanne Leonard made a motion to approve. Diane Hinch seconded. All approved. The motion passed.
- **Online show Evaluation and Application Forms:** Sitewhirks can develop an online show evaluation form for \$750. Executive Secretary Johnson will discuss this item, along with creating an online show application with the site developer. Phillip Williamson made a motion to create the online show evaluation and online show application. Luanne Leonard seconded. All approved, the motion passed.
- **P&L Member Concern:** Following a concern raised at the Annual Meeting regarding returned checks on the Association's P&L statement, a special meeting of the new board will be held immediately following this meeting to address this concern,
- **USHJA Affiliation:** The Board will consider making the 2022 Annual show an Outreach show with USHJA. The outreach program provides further educational and competition opportunities for the membership.
- **Board Elections:**
 - President: Luanne Leonard. Diane Hinch made a motion to accept this nomination. Sherri West seconded the motion.
 - Vice President: Nominees are Diane Hinch, Gordon Reistrup, Phillip Williamson. A survey will be sent following this meeting for voting purposes. Holly Keplinger made a motion to accept this slate of nominees. Luanne Leonard seconded the motion.
 - Secretary: Anne Lesko. Holly Keplinger made a motion to accept this nomination. Luanne Leonard seconded the motion.
 - Treasurer: Heather Weaver. Anne Lesko made a motion to accept this nomination. Diane Hinch seconded the motion.
 - Parliamentarian: Gordon Reistrup. Heather Weaver made a motion to accept this nomination. Anne Lesko seconded the motion.

Holly Keplinger made motion to accept this slate of officers. Anne Lesko seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.

The next meeting will be held on March 15, 2022 at 7PM via Zoom.

Gordon Resitrup made a motion to adjourn the meeting. All approved by exiting the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:36 PM.

-Submitted: Anne Justis Lesko

