

January 20, 2018

Roll call: Scott Dehelian, Anne Thornbury, Patty Rodgers, Kathy Valentine, Erica Staib, Judy Brentlinger, Lindsay Yinger, Anne Thornbury. Allie McBreen, Frankie Stark, Sarah Ash, & Holly Helbig were not present.

The meeting was called to order by Scott.

Erica read the minutes from the January 21, 2017. A motion to approve was made and seconded.

**Financial:** Judy provided a financial report. As of January 2018 there was ~ \$51K in the bank and \$15K in the PayPal account. There are bills coming in for the banquet, trophies and ribbons but overall we're in good shape financially.

**Old Business:**

**New Divisions:** Over all the new divisions implemented for 2017 were well received. Participation was a bit low in the Future hunters. Novice Child/Adult jumpers had good participation particularly in the Columbus area. Scott felt some of the divisions may take a few years for strong participation. Divisions offered may be changed, added or eliminated to be in keeping with market changes going forward.

**New Business:**

**OHJA finals and qualifications:** As background the Medal qualifications and points were revamped for 2017. *3 exhibitors to complete the course are needed for points to count. Points to count: 10, 6, 4, 2, 1, ½ 1-6<sup>th</sup> respectively. It will now take a minimum of 15 points to qualify for finals.*

There is still a lot confusion on “what height do I jump at finals” since riders can easily move back and forth across fence heights/divisions and may accrue medal points at multiple heights. Here is clarification: *For the end of the year OHJA medal finals, your yearly primary showing height or your age group equitation height is where you're expected to show for the finals. Any deviations from this may be allowed, but this should be approved in writing by the board.*

**Sponsorships:** Year end and class sponsorships have been down the last few years despite the mailings to the membership. Lindsay will head a committee to solicit sponsorships for medal finals, the OHJA Classic and year end awards.

**Age group equitation**

There have been some issues with fence height in the age group equitation. Currently rules allow for a range of heights that may be offered at management discretion. Most shows opt for a height somewhere in the middle of the range. This is problematic for those needing the lower end of the range particularly in the 15-17 age group.

Effective February 1, 2018 age group heights should be offered as:

12-14: 2'6 *or* 3'

15-17: 3' or 3'6"

Adult: 3' or 3'6"

Additionally a *children's equitation* has been added to the equitation line up beginning February 1, 2018. Fences: 3' This is open to riders participating in children's hunters. May not cross enter into any divisions with fences higher than 3'3".

Scott motioned to adjourn and was seconded at 6:10 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Erica Staib