

OHJA BOD Meeting
February 6, 2012

Roll Call: Anne Thornbury, Matt Payne, Kathy Valentine, Michael Howell, Frankie Stark, Karen Reid, Lindsay Yinger, Scott Dehelian, Skip Thornbury

Meeting opened at 7:30, minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

New Business: We will investigate going to an on-line system for counting ballots for elections, and perpetual awards. Michael will also look into the possibility of doing the banquet reservations on line.

We are currently in a budget deficit, approximately \$3000 in the negative. Membership numbers have dropped, costs have gone up, we now have liability insurance premiums (\$700). We also paid the DJ for the banquet ahead and the board donated \$1000 to aid Skip Thornbury after his accident. The banquet costs about \$22,000 and brought in \$11,365, \$11,000 was our cost on the meals. We need to get more sponsorship for the awards and tickets should go up \$5. We also have not increased dues for 8 years so those need to go up as well. Skip made a

motion to increase all fees for memberships as well as show memberships, Karen seconded it. For 2013 all fees will increase by \$5.

USHJA has posted a new point increment system. We feel our system should follow theirs to keep things in line. Frankie made a motion to approve aligning our point system with theirs, Skip seconded it. All voted in favor. This will be retroactive to Dec. 1, 2011.

The date for the banquet will be Jan. 19, 2013 at the Marriott near Kings Island. There will be a disclaimer put on the reservation stating that we are not responsible for awards picked up by a third party due to some issues with people picking up prizes for people that had not asked them to do so. Skip made a motion to add this to the reservation, Michael seconded it, all approved.

A suggestion was made to have different people announce the perpetual awards for a little variety. It would be nice to have the sponsors of trophies hand them out. Dan McCarthy will be asked to announce again

The OHJA/KHJA conflict with our limit rider and their long stirrup division specs still exists. We will not change our rules at this time.

Lindsay brought up the possibility of not allowing members that owe money to OHJA horse shows to attend the banquet. Matt feels this is not our issue. Frankie suggested an “exhibitor jail” that would alert show managers to exhibitors that may be a problem. This topic was tabled.

Zone 5 has changed some specs. Juniors will be allowed to cross enter between children’s hunter and junior hunters as long as it is not on the same horse. We need to align with Zone 5. Currently we do not allow riders to cross enter so if we do not align with this, point keeping will be extremely confusing. We need to keep up with Zone 5 rule changes to stay current.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Thornbury

