

January 19, 2019  
Annual Meeting

Roll call: Scott Dehelian, Anne Thornbury, Kathy Valentine, Erica Staib, Judy Brentlinger, Holly Helbig (via phone). The following were absent: Patty Rodgers, Allie McBreen, Frankie Stark, Sarah Ash and Lindsay Yinger.

The meeting was called to order by Scott.

Erica read the minutes from the January 20, 2018. A motion to approve was made and seconded.

**Financial:** Judy provided a financial report. As of January 2019, there was ~ \$54K in the bank and \$1K 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:**

**OHJA Medal finals and qualifications**

Although there was some confusion over the revamped medal qualifications implemented this year, the idea was still well received. Additionally, to be in keeping with market changes a 3'3 section needs to be added to line up.

In order to encourage sportsmanship, should a limit be put on the total number of points an exhibitor can accrue once qualified?

In recent years medal finals has become too casual as it's just another class at the show. Someone needs to be "In charge" to ensure there is more of a presentation and all ribbons and trophies are handed out.

Other suggestions to enhance the membership experience:

- NOT piggy backing any OHJA final on a USEF show to keep cost of participation down for the membership as not all our members participate at USEF shows
- Equitation final on its own weekend as a 1 ring event. (like Capital Challenge)
- Adding a hunter final
- Offering a light breakfast
- Changing the start/finish of the show calendar year to provide more flexibility in offering a final as well the banquet

Schooling for the Medal final also needs to be improved. It can be hair raising! No schooling over the diagonal lines is one consideration. Flatting only in the ring morning of the class is also a possibility.

To be sure the membership is aware of the changes perhaps a "stand alone" post to the website would be helpful vs just highlighting in the rule book.

Scott thanked Frankie Stark & Lindsay Yinger for their years of service. New board members Aubrey Sears and Jamie Mills were welcomed.

Scott motioned to adjourn and was seconded by Judy at 5:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Erica Staib