

January 21, 2017

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

The meeting was called to order by Scott.

Erica read the minutes from the January 2016. A motion to approve was made and seconded.

**Financial:** The treasurer report was provided Judy. AS of 12/2016 there was ~ 35,000 in the bank. The financial report was approved.

**PayPal:** It may be cleaner to close the current account and open a new one. The account must be linked to at least 1 person. The logical choices are either Judy or Kathy as they share responsibility for the finances. As an FYI financial accounts should never be linked to the president.

**Old Business:** The new OHJA medal specifications were reviewed & approved. Now 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.

**Mileage:** With many rated shows now on the OHJA calendar there are conflicts with existing local shows. Rated shows are cannot carry an OHJA rating if less than 50 miles from the any already existing local show.

**New Business:** Possible new divisions were discussed.

- **Thoroughbred jumpers:** While many on the board felt Thoroughbred jumpers should be recognized they will NOT be included in the division line- up for 2017. However, participation thru the 2017 season will be monitored. If enough interest and participation is observed it will be reconsidered for 2018.
- **Grass Roots:** Several trainers in Central Ohio are seeing declining interest among their clients to joining OHJA due in part to fewer, less expensive shows being offered in the area. Several divisions were suggested. Due to time constraints a full discussion wasn't possible. Specs will be emailed to the board for review and consideration.

Scott motioned to adjourn. Sarah seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Erica Staib