

OHJA Board of Directors Meeting

February 28, 2011

Roll Call: Matt Payne, Anne Thornbury, Skip Thornbury, Kathy Valentine, Karen Reid, Michael Howell, Teresa Pickens, Erica Staib, Scott Dehelian, Frankie Stark.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Matt Payne.

Anne Thornbury read the minutes of the January 29, 2011 Board of Directors meeting. The minutes were approved by Matt Payne.

Points of Discussion:

1. Kathy will re-email the conflict of interest statement so all board members have one on file.
2. The Banquet for 2012. The Marriott has pre-reserved Jan. 29, 2012 for us. This may conflict with the Tri-State banquet. All members agreed that we should try to stay clear of other banquet dates and should move back to our original third weekend of the month date. This would be Jan. 22, 2012. Erica will check to make sure about Tri-State's date to avoid a conflict.
3. The banquet this year cost \$9026.85 in meals and \$1900 in service charges for a total of \$10,926.85. We discussed possibly going to a buffet format instead of the "sit down" style. KHJA did it that way this year and it went quite smoothly.
4. Erica will be getting contact information for the photographer. He has taken down his website due to a large amount of theft of pictures.
5. Skip has talked with an insurance agent about the liability insurance for the board of directors. He has not gotten any information back as of yet.
6. Rule change updates: All of the changes discussed through the year were reviewed and approved. The California split rule was discussed at great length, especially in regards to the walk/trot and crossrails divisions. Concerning all equitation classes and the CA split, all BODs agreed to change the sentence in B,4 to read "The CA split system cannot be used for any equitation class or division.
7. Walk/trot and crossrails equitation division splits are done differently in many areas and are even very different from show to show at the

same location. How to try to standardize the splitting of these divisions was discussed at great length, we came to the conclusion that this topic will require more discussion. The topic was tabled.

8. Show Pro/Org Pro Clinic at Far and Away Farm. It was held on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 27. It was very well attended. Kathy and Michael said it was very informative.
9. Safety concern issues. A member sent us a letter concerning an accident at a recent horse show that caused an injury to a young rider. The parent of the child was concerned about the safety of the types of jumps and courses used for the short stirrup level riders. We all agreed that rider and horse safety are of great concern to everyone. The show in question met all the USEF jump safety requirements but the manager did agree to remake some of the wooden elements to possibly help avoid injury to the rider if the rider hit them. The OHJA cannot dictate what type of jumps shows use, just that they should follow the USEF guidelines for safety. Matt will write a letter to the parent of the injured rider to let her know that we discussed the issue and as members will always be on the look-out for anything that might be inappropriate for certain levels of riders, whether it be the actual jumps or the courses but that we cannot dictate exactly how it must be done due to a potential liability to the OHJA.

Matt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm, it was seconded by Skip Thornbury.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Thornbury