

## OHJA Board of Directors Meeting

April 11, 2011

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

Roll Call: Present: Matt Payne, Anne Thornbury, Skip Thornbury, Kathy Valentine, Karen Reid, Michael Howell, Theresa Pickens, Erica Staib, Frankie Stark

Anne Thornbury read the minutes from the last meeting.

Old business:

1. 2012 Banquet Date: Erica is going to check on the Tri-State Banquet date so we can try to avoid that. The Marriott has the 22<sup>nd</sup> of January available.
2. Jump safety at horse shows. A member noted that there were no safety cups on the back element of the oxers at the spring David Beisel show. This brings up the question, do we need to make the use of safety cups mandantory like the USEF has done? After discussion this idea was put to a vote and was approved by all board members. For the 2012 show year all shows must have safety cups on the back rails of any oxers and must also have safety cups available for the schooling jumps.
3. Liability insurance policy: We have an estimate of \$800-1000 per year that will cover the entire board. Skip will forward all of us the email he has on this.

New Business:

1. Walk/trot and Crossrails update: Brentlinger's will be splitting these divisions by age we think.
2. The 2011 rulebook is on line. All new items are in red.
3. The "in-person" board meeting may be in October.
4. We need to work on selling ad space on the website.
5. CWD Saddles (Katie Kurtz) is willing to sponsor prizes for the OHJA medal finals and maybe the OHJA Hunter Classic. Everyone is all for that. Is she sponsoring the whole class or just providing the first

prize? Matt will work on this. Frankie says that it costs about \$300 for the ribbons, coolers, etc. Sponsorship would be deductible because of our none profit status.

6. Family membership: Should we do away with this? How about a farm membership instead? Michael Howell thinks that is a great idea, easier for registering multiple horses. We would have to be able to define "farm". USEF does not offer a family membership. Skip doesn't think we should change it, we could keep the family membership and allow only family members that are actively participating in showing to be part of the "family". This would require defining "active". Karen brought up the question, "why are junior and adult membership fees different?" Good question, only answer we came up with is because it has always been that way and is that way in the USEF. Kathy would like to see a transfer of ownership/change of name (horse) fee instituted. This is standard in the USEF. Kathy will do more research on this prior to the next meeting.
7. Exhibitor jail: An anonymous board member brought up having a page on the website for those naughty exhibitors. This could possibly be used for listing those exhibitors that have bounced checks to show managements, been guilty of ordering stalls and then canceling out at the last minute or just not showing up, etc. Erica was hoping that the OHJA could send out letters to exhibitors guilty of using checks with insufficient funds. She would like these letters to state that until the debt had been settled, that exhibitor could not show at an OHJA recognized show. That topic was tabled for further discussion.
8. OHJA Medal Finals: Should we make the finals into two sections, 2'-2'6" and then 3'-3'6"? Frankie, Karen, and Theresa would like to see it stay the same. Michael thought that if it were split, it would be possible to make the higher section's course more complicated. It will remain the same for this year. More discussion is needed.
9. IEA Equitation: Is it possible to form a team concept for the equitation division. Trainers could select certain students whose points would be "tagged" and then there could be a team winner at the end of the year. A task force will be appointed to study this concept.
10. Kathy Valentine will be reimbursed for the time and mileage to the Show Pro clinic. She will get .52/mile and an hourly rate for the actual conference time. Matt motioned to pay .52/mile and \$25/hr for time spent. Erica seconded, all approved.

11. Minimum number of horses at a show. What happened to the idea of requiring a minimum number of entrants entered in a show for the show's points to count? Karen would like to re-investigate that idea.

Matt motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm, Karen seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Thornbury