

OHJA BOD Meeting

April 27,2010

Members attending: Matt Payne, Kathy Valentine, Skip Thornbury, Anne Thornbury, Jamie Barkhau, Erica Staib, Karen Reid, Theresa Pickens, Frankie Stark.

1. The Rule Book: Most members liked the new look with the new paper. Karen Reid's husband is in the printing business and will look into prices for possibly a lower price for the same quality.
2. Advertising Rates on the website: Skip is concerned that the cost of advertising on the website is prohibitive. Jamie thought the price was reasonable. We have had two new ads applied for recently. Karen thought we could possibly "jazz up" the website a bit more. Maybe that would boost the interest in advertising. Suggestions were to add a trainer directory, a resources section, and better quality pictures. Karen will be in charge of this project.
3. March 11, 2010 minutes: There was concern that these minutes were to pointed and "abrupt". One member thought the minutes pointed fingers at certain horse show managers over horse show dates. That was not the intent, no one was meant to be singled out. The dates have been approved and the board members approved this type of schedule. In the future when an unusual date request comes up some members would like a discussion to be held before the dates are approved. By doing this potential problems might be avoided.
4. Erica had some questions about the hunter derby height issues. If a rider shows in one of these and jumps an option jump that is higher than the height that rider's eligible for does that jeopardize that rider's eligibility for their original hunter division. For this year the board feels that all the jumps should be regulation height according to current rules. Possibly in the future an exception to that rule may be made for specialty classes such as derbies.
5. Children's Pony Equitation Division; Do we want to add a division for the children's pony riders? General consensus is to wait and see if numbers warrant.

6. Children's Hunter Horse/Pony divisions question: If there are not enough to fill the children's hunter horse/pony can they be combined? If those two can be combined, then can they be combined with the adult hunters since the adults and children's hunters can be combined if necessary? At this point most of the BOD feels that any of those 3 divisions can be combined with all jumping their respective heights since the children's hunter pony is technically a subsidiary of the children's hunter horse division.
7. River Hollow Horse Show: There was a concern about an ineligible exhibitor in an OHJA medal class. Apparently a rider listed as a trainer showed in this class. After some investigation, it was determined that the results were in error.
8. Pre-green eligibility: Karen noticed that a horse was getting points in the pre-green for the 3rd year in a row. Kathy will check and see if that is true. The horse may continue to show in the pre-greens but will not continue to collect points if this observation proves to be true.
9. The meeting was adjourned by Erica and Matt seconded it at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Thornbury