

OHJA Board of Directors Meeting  
July 14, 2008

Roll Call: Anne Thornbury, Skip Thornbury, Matt Payne, Scott Dehelian, Maureen Fagan, Kathy Valentine, Frankie Stark

Topics:

1. The Equine Journal Magazine contacted the OHJA about advertising in the journal. Matt didn't think it would add to or benefit our members since the magazine is mostly east coast related. Everyone agreed.
2. Dates for the Banquet: The banquet will be held at the Marriott near King's Island on January 24, 2009. This will not conflict with the Tri-State banquet.
3. USHJA Affiliates Awards Programs: It is time to start thinking about nominees for the regional awards. We are supposed to nominate a junior, an amateur, and a professional that have shown outstanding sportsmanship, involvement in the horse community/industry for the betterment of horse welfare or the industry, and for the juniors, scholastic achievement. Several people were mentioned and the board agreed on Jamie Barkhau for the amateur, Colleen Holton for the junior, and Skip Thornbury for the professional nominee.
4. Skip brought up his concern about horse show managers requiring judges to hold more cards than they are comfortable holding while judging. Frankie suggested that the number of cards that could be held should be directly related to the number of entries in each class. Skip really wants a rule in the OHJA rule book stating that no judge should have to hold (judge) cards for more than 4 classes at a time. All members agreed that this is important in all fairness to the judge and the exhibitors. A rule will be put into the 2009 in the show organization and obligations section. In section D, #2 (new) It is strongly recommended that judges hold no more than 4 judging cards at one time. Management may ask the judge to hold more cards if the entries make it feasible but it is the judge's decision as to whether they are comfortable doing so and they may decline to do so.
5. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 11, at 6:30 pm. NOTE: this has been changed to Monday, August 18.

Skip motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:45. This was seconded by Kathy.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Thornbury