

OHJA BOD meeting October 6, 2014

Call to order at 8:04pm

Roll Call: Chris Eadline, Matt Payne, Frankie Stark, Skip Thornbury, Scott DeHelian, Kathy Valentine, Mike Howell, Lindsay Yinger, Patty Rodgers

Old minutes were approved

Kathy stated that the account is in the positive and that membership is up from last year. She also stated that there were several deposits for next years horse shows.

There was a discussion regarding adding a fee to entries for the OHJA Medal Classes that would go to the organization. At present it was decided that there are not enough entries in local shows to support the idea. Numbers will be investigated next year.

The banquet will be held at the Roberts facility in Wilmington. Patty will discuss details with Robbie regarding supplemental expenses. All agreed and are working to “step up” this years banquet. Patty and Kathy will work on deposits and reserving room blocks. When details are nailed down Kathy will do an initial mailing and post on the website.

New Business

The question regarding splitting the Junior Hunters for year end awards according to height (3’3” and 3’6”) was again discussed. It was determined that we would keep the year end award as is. All agreed that this division is not “diluted” and fence height does not make the 3’3” hunters any less competitive.

Regarding the same members request posed about splitting the Child/Adult jumpers according to fence height for year end awards, a motion was passed to approve this idea. The rule will be effective starting in 2015.

Another members’ request to re-instate a Pre-Green horses’ first year was discussed and all agreed not to re-instate. The horse is eligible to do its’ second pre-green year at either the 3’ or 3’3” according to USEF rules.

Matt will send letters to both parties.

Prizes for Medal finals were discussed. Chris, Karen and Mike will organize “Swag Bags”.

Last years main sponsors Antares and CWD will be contacted regarding donations.

The course for Medal Finals will again be reviewed by board members before posting.

Mike will meet with Kathy regarding the on-line balloting and details of setting that up.

Mike also brought up a concern brought to him by a member that he should be aware of a member's status if he or she is in an in-appropriate division at one of his shows. All agreed that he is not responsible for this and may defer questions or concerns to other board members attending his show as he has too many other responsibilities. Members and members' trainers are responsible for putting each person/horse in the appropriate division.

Members who have had significant time off (years) and wish to show in a lower division than what they had previously done are welcome to send a letter to the Board requesting re-instatement of their status. They may not show in the lower division until the board has had time to approve or deny the request. Age and time away from the sport will as always be a deciding factor in the Boards' decision.

A motion was made to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 9:42pm

Respectfully submitted by Chris Eadline