

OHJA Meeting Minutes 10/7/13 8:00 pm

Roll Call:

Chris Eadline Karen Reid, Frankie Stark, Michael Howell, Matt Payne, Skip Thornbury, Anne Thornbury, Kathy Valentine, Scott DeHelian, Lindsey Yinger

Last meetings minutes were reviewed. Michael motioned to approve, Frankie seconded motion.

A brief financial update was given. Kathy stated that we are slightly ahead of last year with some outstanding receivables. The rest will be put toward the year end banquet.

Kathy stated that PayPal makes rectifying the account difficult as a percentage is taken out of each payment. She and Skip will meet to discuss a solution.

The Face book page was discussed and Karen stated that the page is not yet being regulated because it has not yet been approved to go forward. As soon as it is it will be closed down, cleaned up and re-launched.

Chris motioned to approve the page. Michael seconded.

Karen will forward the new criteria to the board.

OHJA Medal Finals/Sponsorships

Subway, Vance Rodgers, Mrs. Pastures cookies, various feed stores, as well as Otterbein University, Antares and CWD have all agreed to sponsorships.

A promotional package for sponsors was discussed at a \$2500.00 and \$5000.00 level. Marybeth Knight and Karen are working on this.

At the OHJA Medal Finals, Michael and Jen Tommerdahl will handle prizes again this year.

CWD and Antares will sponsor the OHJA Hunter Classic and Medal Finals.

Otterbein will sponsor as well as supply a jump for the OHJA Medal Finals.

Skip will contact Ron Beachy regarding courses for the class that are suitable for the membership's skill level.

Banquet:

The banquet date was set for Jan. 18th 2014

It will again be held at the Mariott Hotel

It was decided to have various food stations instead of a sit down meal.

Information regarding the meal will be sent to Kathy to send to membership.

We will ask Dan to emcee again this year.

Lindsey will handle the door and reservations.

We will use the same DJ as last year.

No door prizes will be given this year.

Approved Judges List:

A subcommittee of Skip, Scott and Matt will work on approving a list.

Michael submitted a request for a change of the Children's Hunter rule to follow the Zone 5 rule so that riders may show in Lows, Specials, etc., as the OHJA rule is worded they may not.

Michael made a motion to approve. Skip seconded.

The new rule will correspond to USEF Zone 5 Children's Hunter Specs. As follows:

CHILDRENS HUNTER HORSE

Eligibility: To be ridden by exhibitors who have not reached their 18th birthday by December 1 of the current competition year. Cross entry: Riders entered in Children's Hunter Horse sections may not compete in any class in which the obstacles exceed 3'5" at the same competition (exception: Equitation classes up to 3'9", Jumper classes 1.20m and lower, Junior Hunter sections, USHJA National Hunter Derby Classic and USHJA International Hunter Derby). A Children's Hunter Horse rider may only compete one different horse in the Junior Hunter sections. A Junior Hunter rider may only compete one different horse in the Children's Hunter Horse section. Horses entered in Children's Hunter classes may not cross enter into Junior Hunter sections at the same competition. Riders entered in the Children's Hunter Horse section may only compete on one Children's Hunter Pony at the same competition.

Michael also submitted a request for discussion of the filling of classes for the OHJA Medal. His recommendation was to follow the Taylor Harris rules in which one person can fill the class and a point system is used for end of year qualifying.

The board agreed that this would not be conducive to our objectives. It was however agreed that courses in the OHJA Medal at all shows should neither be "watered down" or over-designed to make sure that members are properly prepared for the year-end final.

A question from a member regarding OHJA Show ratings and the fairness of the point system was discussed, with all agreeing that the entire membership is taken into account in the system and we believe it to be fair.

Frankie made a motion to adjourn. Karen seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 9:41pm

Respectfully submitted by Chris Eadline

