

Roll call: Scot Dehelian, Frankie Stark, Skip Thornbury, Anne Thornbury, Patty Rodgers, Kathy Valentine, Erica Staib, Sarah Ash, Karen Reid, Judy Brentlinger & Lindsay Yinger

The meeting was called order by Scott Dehelian.

Old minutes were approved.

**Financial:**

Kathy provided an update. There is ~\$36,000 in the bank. We are slightly ahead vs last year. This is due, in part, to sponsorships and donations that helped cover costs of some of the added extras at the banquet. A \$1,000 deposit is be due shortly to secure banquet facility.

**New Business**

**Judges List:**

The board received negative feedback on a couple of the “approved” judges on possible or perceived conflict of interest. After much discussion some of the board felt we are all in conflict of interest to varying degrees as the horse world is very small; everyone does business with everyone. Show managers and board members need to be cognizant of what’s going on at show and if you see something say something to show manager.

**Upcoming Events:**

**OHJA Classic & Medal Finals**

**Sponsorships & Donations:** Lindsey indicated Otterbein will again sponsor op 12 saddle pads for the hunter classic top 12. She will also check on CWD interest in continued product donation. Scott has product donation from EQUUS Now.

Anne has order the awards for the OHJA Hunter Classic and Medal finals.

**USHJA Affiliate Excellence Awards:** The board discussed various nominations and submitted the following candidates for consideration:

Junior: Jacob Harris

Amateur: Lindsay Decker

Riding instructor or trainer: Anne Thornbury

Scholastic/Collegiate Coach: Tonya Truskowski

**OHJA vs OPHA derby series:** Bobby Murphy approached Scott asking if we would be interested in a derby series between the two oragnizations using he Ridgewood Horse Show in Medina in the north as one of the shows and a show elsewhere in Ohio as a second show . The board felt while this is an interesting idea doubted if there would be enough support from either organization to support the idea. Additionally, the board doesn’t want to pit one show against another and this class was not likely to be an enhancement to either show.

**Voting:** There have been many discussions in recent years regarding efficiency and transparency of the voting. It is thought having a non-board member implement the process will improve membership confidence on this issue. Chris Bell offered to do this for a nominal fee.

A motion was made and carried (with 1 abstention) for Chris to begin the nomination and voting process.

Balloteer will be used again this year due to time constraints. Other on line options will be investigated at a later date for next year.

Voting and nominating eligibility was discussed. In order to be eligible to participate in the process for the current year, members must join no later than 30 days prior to the medal finals. Membership applications received after that date will be applied to the next year.

**Banquet:** Patty check with Roby on facility arrangements. Scott will call Party Pleaser (DJ service) for their availability.

Scott motioned to adjourn & seconded by Erica at 9:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Erica Staib