

OHJA Board of Directors Meeting

October 29, 2007

Members Attending: Skip Thornbury, Kathy Valentine, Anne Thornbury, Frankie Stark, Scott Dehelian, Maureen Fagan, Jamie Barkhau, Tammy Turner, and Matt Payne

Points of Business:

1. Tammy Turner is in charge of the OHJA Equitation Final and Hunter Classic. She has ordered the ribbons and coolers. She has also ordered the medals that will be given out at the awards dinner.
2. The New Website: Skip has contacted Carolyn Knab for a history of the OHJA and she will write a synopsis for us. Skip asked for old pictures that reflect the history of the OHJA if any members might have some. The new website will also have advertising space.
3. Maria Kneipp asked about establishing a children's pony division for year-end awards. All board members felt that it would be appropriate for us to do that, especially since Zone 5 requires that shows offer it now. Tammy suggested that we split out the intermediate children's/adult equitation for year-end awards. Everyone agreed that it was a popular division and warrants separate awards. Both of these changes will be for the 2008 point year.
4. Year-End Awards: Starting with the 2008 point year a division must have a minimum of 3 exhibitors with points to qualify to receive a year-end award.
5. Matt Payne brought up a discussion about an adult rider that may have shown as a junior in divisions requiring them to jump higher than 3'3" wishing to return to showing at the intermediate adult level. This brings up the current rule and it's "gray" area. Scott suggested we set parameters that would allow people to move back without asking the board for written permission. He suggested that we consider a few things: 1. The rider must have been inactive for a minimum of 10 years., 2. Riders may try a new division 5 times and if feels incapable of competing at the new level they may return to the original division without written permission. 3. Any other questions go before the board. 4. These parameters apply to any division change.
6. Rule Book Change: High Score Awards: #3. add to last sentence "to be eligible for year-end awards".
7. The Upcoming Banquet: Jamie will take the reservations and man the door. Kathy noted that some of the prices for the meals have gone up a bit.
8. Class B directors are up for re-election in 2008.

9. Tammy brought up an interest from some of the members in expanding the intermediate children's/adult hunter division into a restricted and un-restricted division so beginner level riders wouldn't have to compete against "career 2'6ers". Most of the board members felt it was redundant and too hard to keep track of.
10. Tammy moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm and Skip seconded. The next meeting will be Dec. 3, 2008 at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Thornbury