

Roll call: Scott Dehelian, Anne Thornbury, Erica Staib, Lindsay Yinger, Judy Brentlinger, Frankie Stark, Holly Helbig, Kathy Valentine, Sarah Ash & Patty Rogers

Scott Dehelian called the meeting to order at 8:05 PM.

This meeting covered a range of topics including OHJA historic files & bank records, banquet, awards, membership applications & miscellaneous topics.

### **OHJA historic files and bank records**

For legal purposes we are required to keep records for just the last 6-8 years. All the historic files are being reviewed before purging anything prior 2010. A forensic accountant is reviewing bank records and other legal documents to be sure all files are in order.

### **Awards**

Is it possible to streamline or eliminate some of the year end perpetual award offerings (ie sportsmanship, trainer, most improved rider) so an outside agency isn't needed to tabulate the results? Are these awards important to the organization and membership? Are the awards based on popularity or merit? Would using points earned be the best way to determine the winner?

Many on the board feel these awards are important. The membership seems to be excited about them. If it's not too costly to keep using the agency we should continue to do so.

Perhaps this is a discussion that should be held during the annual meeting.

### **Membership Applications**

What is the best way to handle membership applications, mail in or electronic? Going to an electronic system will increase accuracy and expedite the point tabulating process. A motion was made and approved to move to an electronic membership system. A motion was made and approved for those joining OHJA during a show will have their points count for that show as long as is done before midnight of the last day of the show.

### **Medal**

A discussion regarding changes to the Medal point structure and qualifications implemented for 2017. All agreed the new criteria is fine but the membership should be reminded 15 points **NOT 10** is required to qualify for finals going forward.

### **Miscellaneous**

- Kathy will provide Scott a time line for nominations, ballots, perpetual awards, & banquet invitations.
- **OHJA cup:** These awards were added to include more people in year-end awards. How is the membership feeling about them?
- **Customer Service:** Most of the correspondences received are regarding various point issues. Are board members receiving emails or calls from the membership that they're unable to handle? If so, please forward the correspondence to Scott immediately. Customer service is paramount to our organization.
- Is there a way for OHJA to help shows communicate to the membership when there are last minute changes to their schedules (ie shows go from 2 days to 1)?
- **Ability Equitation:** Ability equitation is already offered for intermediate, short stirrup & limit. Can this be carried over to other divisions like pony, children & adult eq. too? Would it make more sense to do this since age group heights don't necessarily match riders or horses ability? Shows may offer these extra classes at their discretion.

Scott moved to adjourn the meeting and was seconded at 9:10 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Erica Staib