

OHJA Board of Director's Meeting
Monday, August 31, 2009

Members attending: Skip Thornbury, Anne Thornbury, Kathy Valentine, Matt Payne, Scott Dehelian, Jamie Barkhau, Erica Staib, Maureen Fagan, Frankie Stark

The meeting was called to order by Skip Thornbury at 6:35 pm.

Topics of Discussion:

1. Using the "California split" method of splitting classes into sections. Maureen and Erica have used this method several times, not always in situations that it would be appropriate for. Exhibitors often ask for classes to be split at the last minute and it seems to be an easy way to split and keep people happy however, the board in general does not feel it is appropriate to use this method to split into sections two different divisions (i.e. short stirrup/limit rider). It may be used to split large classes of the same division such as children's hunter. The general consensus of the board was that this method of splitting a class can only be used if the class is made up of only one division and there must be a minimum of 20 entries in the class/division.
2. For 2010, in the high score awards section of the rulebook Rule A.4 will lose its second sentence and have it replaced with: As long as a minimum of 3 entries complete the first class, all subsequent classes in the division will count for horse show and high score awards regardless of how many compete in the remaining classes. The first class determines the point value category. As long as the minimum requirement of classes fill, (not necessarily all that are offered in the prize list), the division will be considered complete and horse show points and high score award points will be awarded. This rule DOES NOT apply to any jumper divisions.
3. The OHJA Medal Finals and Hunter Classic: The closing date for qualifying for the medal finals is 10/19/09. The medal finals will be held at the second Country Heir/Wilmington show in November. The hunter finals will be held at the first. Maureen will handle ordering the prizes for both classes.
4. Jumper Rule Issues: The only requirement to "fill a class" is to cross through the start timers. Jackie Tombaugh had a question about a situation where a rider fell off while on course, therefore not completing the course. There were only 3 in the class, do the other 2 receive points? Under current USEF rules, they would.

Currently we do not give points out unless 3 complete the course. In 2010 that rule will be changed to align with USEF jumper rules.

5. KHJA issues: KHJA has a limit rider division that does not coincide with our rules causing some confusion with the point keeping. The KHJA long stirrup division is the same as our limit rider division, the KHJA limit division is for riders that have not won 3 blue ribbons and they jump 2'6". We would like to align the names and specs so as to avoid confusion. Maureen and Matt are going to review the division specs for KHJA and Tri-State and report back next meeting.
6. The Banquet: Matt will be calling Great Wolf Lodge about prices. We will try for the date of January 23, 2009.
7. USHJA Sportsmanship Award: Time to nominate for these awards. Suggestions for Junior were: Emily Vanderwalde, Sierra Wilson. Suggestions for amateur were: Anna Moersdorf. Suggestions for professional were: Erica Staib, Frankie Stark, Jennifer Edward, and Richard Rogers. Suggestion for riding instructor: Gretchen Dye, Jamie Mills.

Erica moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm. Skip seconded it.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Thornbury