

OHJA board of Director's Meeting  
Monday, Sept. 14, 2009

Meeting opened at 6:30 pm.

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

Points of Discussion:

1. Nominees for the USHJA awards: Amateur: Kevin McNeilly, Professional: Jennifer Edwards, Junior: Sierra Wilson, Instructor: Gretchen Dye.
2. OHJA banquet details: Matt has been talking to the Great Wolf Lodge, the date for 2010 is not available. Currently the cost to go there would be more than the Marriott. Maureen is looking into the possibility of having a slide show/video made up for the past year that could be shown at the banquet.
3. Demographics project: David is remaking the Org-pro program and will be able to provide us with that information with the new program.
4. Ratings of OHJA horse shows: The question of rating OHJA shows in a similar way to the USEF to help minimize the impact of points from "in-barn" shows came up. Everyone agrees that the shows that seem to be primarily "in-barn" shows can certainly skew the points. Would rating shows so that the smaller shows received a smaller point value be a way to level the playing field? Most members felt this would really be difficult to do. Problems such as rating the facility and determining the overall quality of the competition would be very difficult to do.

Scott suggested that limited stabling often is offered at the shows held at private barns which limits the amount of "out of the barn" exhibitors. One idea to help minimize the impact of these shows would be to put in the OHJA show criteria that stabling and a usable schooling area must be offered to maintain the member status for a show. Possibly in the future, a more detailed list of amenities that must be offered in order to gain OHJA rating should be implemented.

5. OHJA/KHJA rule comparison: Board members feel our rules work for our area and that there is no real need to adjust to make our rules more similar to KHJA.

The meeting was adjourned by Skip Thornbury at 8:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Thornbury.