

OHJA General Meeting Minutes

January 21, 2012

Board members attending: Anne Thornbury, Skip Thornbury, Matt Payne, Kathy Valentine, Scott Dehelian, Frankie Stark, Michael Howell, Karen Reid, Teresa Pickens, Erica Staib.

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 pm by Matt Payne. Anne Thornbury took roll call and then read the minutes from the general meeting in 2011. Kathy Valentine read the treasurer's report. Both were approved as read by Skip Thornbury and seconded by Michael Howell.

No old business.

New business:

1. The ghost of the long stirrup/limit rider KHJA/OHJA definition dilemma resurfaced. KHJA will still not count the OHJA limit rider points as "long stirrup points even though we do count their long stirrup points for our limit rider division. KHJA allows their long stirrup riders to cross over into a 2'6" division which we do not. We are staying the course, no change in the limit rider definition.
2. The topic of allowing 2' riders to have the flexibility of switching back and forth between 2' and 2'6" like the 2'6" and 3' and 3' and 3'6" divisions do. We have talked about allowing them to do that in previous years. Skip recommended the discussion be table until the new board is seated.
3. Judy Brentlinger brought up her concerns with the walk/trot and cross rails split numbers. She would like to have the flexibility to split the division at the horse show rather than the current preset splits by age. Jennifer Tommerdahl does not want to see the age split go away because she does not want 6 year olds to have to compete against 10 or 12 year olds. Possibly a "floating age split" would be appropriate. There is the concern that the "floating age split" could be abused by floating it to accommodate certain people. Skip motioned to reduce the minimum split for walk/trot and cross rails from 20 to 12. This will be tabled for the new board to decide.
4. The rule that allows only the first class requiring 3 horses to complete the course is still not very popular. It appears that too many times the

classes are being filled by inappropriate riders just so the points will count. An unfortunate reality but not much we can do about it. It is too difficult to control all types of “cheating”.

5. The Class A directors that were voted in were Scott Dehelian, Karen Reid, Frankie Stark, Lindsay Yinger, and Skip Thornbury. The votes were counted by Judy Brentlinger.

Skip motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6 pm. Matt seconded it. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Thornbury