

OHJA BOD Meeting

July 25, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 6 pm by Matt Payne. Anne Thornbury did roll call. Members attending: Matt Payne, Anne Thornbury, Skip Thornbury, Kathy Valentine, Michael Howell, Scott Dehelian, Frankie Stark, Teresa Pickens, Karen Reid.

Old Business:

1. CWD Saddles are offering a \$500 sponsorship for the medal finals. Matt has left a message for Katie about this but has not heard back from her.
2. Family/Farm membership. After much discussion about different types of memberships the board came to the conclusion that the most straightforward membership to offer is either to juniors or senior membership. As of December 1, 2011 we will no longer offer a “family” membership. All board members voted yes to this. A “farm” membership will be added for 2012, this will be a non-voting membership. The farm owner must be a current OHJA member. This would allow recorded horses to be shown under a farm name as owner. What that type of membership will cost needs to be decided.
3. Year-end award voting. We may try to send out some mass emails after the ballots go out to remind people to participate in the voting.
4. BOD Liability policy, still in the works.

New Business:

1. All board members agree that even though Matt has moved to VA, he is perfectly capable of completing his term from there since all meetings are via conference call.
2. USHJA sportsmanship award nominations are due the end of Aug. Email Matt with any suggestions.
3. Michael suggested we raise our membership fee by \$5 which could then make all of our members outreach members of the USHJA or we should at least encourage our members to become outreach members. The USHJA offers many opportunities for continuing education to it's members. None of the other board members felt it was appropriate to add a new fee for that onto the membership fee at this time.

4. Zone V scholarship fee: Michael thought it would be helpful to have this explained better on the membership blank. We suggest that members donate \$5 but it can be any amount. More information on the scholarship program might be helpful as well. Matt is on the Zone V committee, he will work on this.
5. Insufficient funds checks to show managers. Some show managers would like to see the OHJA apply some sort of action against exhibitors that “pay” their show fees with bad checks. It was suggested that a “not in good standing” list could be compiled and put up on the website to give unsuspecting show managers a heads up. This topic was tabled for now.
6. Two adult members have been showing in the intermediate adult hunters that may not be qualified to be showing in that division. A letter will be sent to them alerting them to this issue.
7. Pre-children’s vs. Intermediate children’s hunter. What actually determines which one of these class descriptions will count for OHJA points? The class description must not allow them to cross-enter into any classes requiring them to jump 3’ or higher. The pre-adult/intermediate adult description must restrict the rider’s past riding experience at 3’6”.
8. Brownland Farm, spring. Was the 12-14 eq over fences 2’6” or 3’?

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm by Matt Payne.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Thornbury.