

OHJA Board of Director's Meeting
Monday, August 18, 2008

The meeting opened at 6:30 pm. Members attending were: Jamie Barkhau, Skip Thornbury, Anne Thornbury, Erica Staib, Jeremy Sims, Maureen Fagan, Matt Payne.

1. Brock Schmalz from the Ohio Equine Industry Coalition joined the conference call for a short time to explain their program. This is an advocacy group modeled after the American Horse Council at a state level. The goal is to assist people in the horse business with improving rates for health insurance, worker's comp. etc. The OHJA can become a member of the OEIC for \$500 for a year and all OHJA adult members would become members of the OEIC. Members can go to the website to learn more: www.OhioEquineIndustry.org. All board members present agreed that the OHJA should join.
2. The OHJA has been asked to appoint a board member to the USEF Zone 5 committee because we are 1 of the 3 largest organizations in this zone. Jeremy and Matt are interested in the position. All board members are to email Skip with their vote as to which one of those two will be appointed.
3. Skip talked about the current show manager's updating their show's computer programs to be more adaptable to the ShowPro program that we use in the OHJA.
4. Matt asked about the Zone 5 scholarship program and how much the OHJA was able to contribute to it this year. Kathy was going to check on that and report back.
5. A discussion about horse show dates being cancelled at the last minute and then that same show manager retaining those dates for the next year was lively. Any shows cancelled for reasons other than a bizarre "act of god" (i.e. hurricanes in Ohio causing complete power outages for weeks) are still able to be re-applied for by that manager. Any managers canceling for personal reasons may not necessarily be able to automatically retain that date. Some board members felt that shows cancelled repeatedly or without good cause should go back into the "available date pool" and may be applied for by any manager. These dates should be published at a certain time so all would know of the availability and then the dates could be applied for after a certain "start date", first come, first serve. The board feels this needs further discussion.
6. Jeremy had an exhibitor approach him about a horse show that this person felt did not meet the criteria for quality for an OHJA rated show. The exhibitor wanted to know what recourse they might have. Exhibitors can and should fill out horse show evaluation forms and return them to a board member. This can be done by getting a form at the show or it can be downloaded from the website.

The meeting was adjourned by Skip at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Thornbury