

OHJA Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, August 26, 2010

6:30 pm

Members attending: Skip Thornbury, Anne Thornbury, Matt Payne, Kathy Valentine, Erica Staib, Karen Reid, Scott Dehelian, Frankie Stark. Absent: Jamie Barkhau, Teresa Pickens.

Points of Discussion:

1. The pie chart idea is still on hold. Matt thinks it is time to look for someone else to set it up.
2. The explanation of how the ballots for annual perpetual awards and board of director seats was posted on the website. All board members present felt it was a good explanation.
3. It was suggested that we try the method that KHJA uses for counting ballots. Several envelopes are used in the process in an attempt to provide anonymity for the voters. Some members think this would be overkill, some think it is a good idea. A questionnaire will be put on the website for members to tell us what they think. A suggestion was made to leave the voting mechanism the same for this year until more information can be gathered. It was brought forward that many of the members do not follow instructions for the correct voting procedure, often sending membership forms in with the ballots all in one envelope. Skip motioned to leave the voting procedure the same for this year and continue to investigate further. Matt seconded.
4. Motion to approve the last meeting's minutes as read was given by Erica.
5. Board meeting attendance. Currently board members must attend a minimum of 50% of the meetings to stay on the board. A question about what the "goal" number of meetings per year is. Skip feels like 6 meetings a year is generally sufficient. It was suggested that possibly one of those meetings could be "in person" instead of all conference calls. Skip motioned to put a rule forward that one meeting per year must be "in person", to start in 2011. Frankie seconded the motion.
6. OHJA judge requirements. Unrated vs. rated judges judging OHJA shows. All agreed that is difficult to find and /or afford judges with a 'r' rating from USEF. IHJA has a list of approved unrated judges.

That may be helpful. Another point of concern is the number of times a particular judge can work in an area/association. Concern for the possibility that one person could be judging in the same area for different managers too often. In some areas, show managers ask prospective judges if they have judged in the area within a certain period of time to avoid over using someone. Suggestions for a rule on this matter included: A. It is strongly recommended that an individual judge not be used to judge more than three times during a calendar year. Another potential rule pertaining to judges is: An individual is not allowed preside as a judge during an OHJA calendar year if they themselves are actively competing for points that accumulate for year end awards. Much discussion ensued about these topics and it was tabled for further discussion at the next meeting. Possibly a person that is showing could judge as long as the horse that judge is showing is not recorded with the OHJA.

7. Further judge questions included: Is it possible to put a list of suggested/approved judges on the website? Is there a possibility of making and publishing a list of judges that have been used in a calendar year to avoid duplication?
8. Skip said he knows quite a few 'r' judges that are looking for work and would be happy to give those names to any managers interested.
9. Baby Green division. Is it possible to make Baby Green or something like that be a division that could count for year end awards? If it became an OHJA division it might standardize the class description across the board. Scott will work on a description for this potential division. It may be added for the 2011 point year.
10. The annual banquet is January 22, 2011 at the Marriott in Mason, OH.
11. EMT question. What does "on call" mean? Is dialing 911 sufficient? Board members feel that show managers should contact their local emergency squads to alert them to the event and the potential need for help rather just assuming calling 911 is enough.
12. Add to the existing rule for EMT's: "or a nurse".
13. USHJA affiliate awards: nominees paperwork is due by 9/17/10. Frankie nominated Scott Dehelian for the professional award. Skip will send out an email for more suggestions.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Skip at 8:00 pm. Frankie seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted, Anne Thornbury.