

Michigan Interscholastic Horsemanship Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Minutes  
September 4, 2019 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.  
MSU Horse Teaching Facility

Roll Call: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20  
Executive Board: Chair, 1<sup>st</sup> VC, 2<sup>nd</sup> VC, Secretary, Treasurer, Rules, State Show

Introductions:

Call to the Public:

Agenda

Changes - None  
Motion to Approve - 12  
Second - 17  
Pass/ Fail

Minutes

Changes – District 7 was present at the August meeting  
Motion to Approve – 17  
Second - 5  
Pass/Fail

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer has not deposited the high school checks because she was waiting on late registration. Current Balance \$91,935.83. Balances were given for the regions. The treasurer has met with the bank and is working on moving the money out of the regional accounts. No paper report was given at the meeting but will be emailed. The DCs would like to start having a budget. They would like to work towards having a budget committee. The 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President would like this put on the agenda for our next meeting.  
Motion to Approve – 12  
Second - 15  
Pass/Fail

Old Business:

None

New Business:

- A. Video Streaming for State Show – The webmaster would like to request funds in the amount of \$1800.00 for livestreaming of the State Show. This will be the last year that this will be offered by this company so we will need to shop around in order to continue this service.

**Motion to approve spending \$1800.00 for live streaming of the State show.**

Motion to Approve - 3

Seconded - 17

Pass/Fail

- B. D3 – Registration Questions – D3 had a rider that registered in August and fell from her horse breaking her clavicle. She would like to switch and be a groom. The district chair has requested a refund because she has not competed. She also has a second rider that was not injured and could compete but chose not to. The rider is asking for a refund. Per the executive board the first injured rider will be able to receive a refund. The second rider will not get a refund.

- C. MIHA Attorney proposal – The executive board has decided that because there are so many more issues evolving today that it would be wise to put a lawyer on retainer to assist us in many of these issues. A proposal was submitted by Ann Lawter law firm. The retainer would be \$500.00 and \$250.00 per hour if we user.

**Motion that we retain the law firm of Ann Lawter to represent MIHA at a retainer of \$500.00 and \$250.00 per hour.**

Motion to Approve – 1

Second – 5

Pass/Fail

**Motion - The executive board is authorized to utilize legal services for up to 8 hours without board of director approval at their discretion.**

Motion to Approve – 19

Second – 10

Pass/Fail

D. High School late registration – Nothing on this it was just that it was happening.

Committee Reports:

**State Show** – We will be moving ahead with a Wednesday start date for the state show. We are not being charged extra for this extra day for use of the fairgrounds. The fairgrounds will be taking over managing the shavings portion which is a loss of about \$800.00. The gate will open around noon on Wednesday and there will be no load in time.

**Rules** – Reminder to all coaches, parents, etc. to start looking at rule changes. SS pattern 3 there are a lot of repositioning. What is the intent behind the repositioning? The pattern is looking for a turn on the forehand, which requires a halt. There was a question as to whether a second break of a timer was a disqualification in gymkhana. Per the rule book it is not a disqualification.

**Junior Division**- None

**Regional** – 1<sup>st</sup> vice chair would like those representing the regional chairs on the website. The webmaster stated that if they get sent to him, he will get them back up on the website. Checkbooks for regionals are here and will be handed out.

**Membership** - None

**Historian** - None

**Judges** - None

**Pattern** - None

**Awards** – The trophies that we have been giving out for the last 20 years do not actually have trophy tops. They are paperweights and causes instability. They have not made the gold and silver for approximately 2 years. The new trophies are here and available, they are cups instead of horses. If we want to move ahead with horses, we will need to look at something different. The current trophies are approximately \$200.00 less than what we paid last year. There needs to be an awards committee for next year to decide what way we are going to proceed with the trophies.

**Finance** – There will be a budget committee recommendation put on the agenda for our next meeting.

**Nominations** – State Chair and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

**Scholarship** – Deadline for this year is November 1, 2019. Forms are on the website.

**Tracker Program** – There is a new update. Contact Bill if having issues. Districts will need to transmit potentially two databases based on what program will be used at regionals.

**Promotional** – Candace will need to get the brochures made and will be looking for the digital version.

**Logo** – T-shirts are here for pick up and patches are on the way

**National Competition** – Needs to be a committee. The suggestion would be to either remove it from the minutes or form a committee.

**Dressage** – District 17 ran the dressage and it took 45 minutes to set up and run it from start to finish for 3 kids. The judge commented that we should use actual dressage test versus made up ones. District 16 will be running it first and then dressage second and using one judge. District 11 ran the test on two separate Friday nights and had about 10 – 12 riders taking about 1 hour. Teams that qualify for states would be qualified to ride at the state level.

District Reports:

1. Going well
2. Gave a report on Fred Stockley.
3. Everything is good
4. First show is this Saturday and they have 65 kids.
5. Had some drama this year. Several coaches wanted to change facilities and emailed July 1, 2019. The issue with the horse going to regionals has been resolved. One coach had an issue because the rider doesn't have medical insurance. First meet is Sunday and she is down a few riders.
6. Meets will be this weekend with 75 riders
7. Everything is good. Not a lot of changes from last year.
8. Everything is good
9. Down a few riders and our meet is next weekend
10. First meet has been held and there was an injury. They would like to do a traveling trophy for a speed rider and wanted to know if that is allowed. She has several riders with injured horses and no vet slips.

11. Everything went well. Would like to look at providing online registration at District 11 and work on eventually providing it Statewide.
12. None
13. All is good
14. None
15. All is good
16. First show is going to be this weekend
17. All is good
18. We are down to 14 in our district. There have several riders that cannot lope. Would like to know how to engage riders who do not show up when they do not show regularly and don't lope? Would like recruitment suggestions.
19. All is good. Next meet is this weekend. We started a speed series and it went very well.
20. Had an issue that had the executive board involvement. Due to the issue they no longer have a Gaylord team.

Correspondence: None

Call to the Public:

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion - 1

Second - 15

Pass/Fail