

Michigan Interscholastic Horsemanship Association

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

December 7, 2019 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**Conference Call: 712-775-7031**

**Meeting Code: 999-889-361**

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

\*Red indicates not in attendance.

Introductions:

Call to the Public: None

Agenda

Changes - None

Motion to Approve – D17

Second- D14

Pass/ Fail

Minutes

Changes - None

Motion to Approve – D3

Second – D1

Pass/Fail -

Treasurer's Report

Discussion – There was a question regarding the income of Region E during the last meeting. It is not an error there was some late income that was added. The treasurer will email a new copy out to everyone. Current balances from the Treasurer's report are: Current balance in account is \$169,265.10, income is \$296,153.90 and expenses are \$270,507.47 giving us a net income of \$25,646.43 D9 would like to know if it is possible to get a printed version of the financials. They were attached to the email sent out. 1stVC would like to know about the State Championships and why the information is missing. The Treasurer has not received that information from the Chair, it will updated as soon as the treasurer receives the information. D5 regarding Region E, they have the information and thought they sent it through email. They would like to discuss via a phone call with the treasurer at a later time. Judges statement is due ASAP and reminder that district financials will be due by the first of the year. The Treasurer will send out a list confirming what judges forms she has.

Motion to Approve – D19

Second – D5

Pass/Fail. D9 abstains

Old Business:

- A. Error in Treasurer's report – There was a perceived error in the treasurer's report regarding Region E. As stated in the Treasurer's report it was not an error rather several late deposits. The Treasurer will resend out the October 2019 treasurers report, which has not been approved. Once the Treasurer sends out a new report the Board of Directors will address it.
- B. SOP – Inclement Weather – Tracy has sent out a SOP which will be reviewed by the Board of Directors and submitted as a rule change. D2 believes that is still has some components left out.
- C. MHC Status – They are interested in giving us time on Saturday to present our State Championship teams and that may be the opportunity to acknowledge our scholarship winners. MHC has not received our membership fee for 2020. The Treasurer will check into that. D5 is working with MHC for time to showcase our scholarship winners and championship winners.

New Business:

- A. 2020 Meeting dates – We are waiting to hear back from MSU regarding the availability of the teaching center. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair would like to send out the proposed calendar via email rather than discuss only to find out dates are not available. D5 has a question on the March 2020 date. The Expo is a week early this year, so it is not on the same weekend as the Board of Director meeting. The board of directors will look at moving that meeting ahead one weekend to March 8<sup>th</sup> once we receive available dates back from MSU.
- B. MIHA Brochure – D5 needs to know how to get more brochures. She would like to have some for the Expo and the February meeting. The order size would be about 2500. There has been an issue with Spartan printing. We will look at switching companies for future printing needs. D5 should look at Spartan for printing of brochures rather than wait for a new company.
- C. Attendance Policy – This is a reminder to all DCs that are they are required to meet 50% of the board of director meetings according to Article VIII, A4(i). District 13 and 18 did not meet this requirement and several that were close. While discussing this rule the Executive Board received an email from Kelly Murphy, the district 13 chair, indicating that she was resigning. The executive board will work with the district to assist in replacing the district chair.

- D. Rider Registration numbers – Treasurer does not have the numbers with her but will email them out as soon as she is able.
- E. District merger – Due to declining rider registration, there is a proposal to merge district 18 and district 20. D18 numbers are down to approximately 16 riders for the 2019 senior season. Junior high is merged with 20 and the count was approximately 40. One senior meet was merged with 20 this year and she believed it went well. When asked what district 18 felt was the reason for the decline in attendance, the reply was that coaches seems to be the issue. District 18 currently still has 6 teams and they would like to set a goal of 1 more year to stay on their own. It is believed that in taking one more year they would have more concrete numbers to see if they are viable. The district chair is hoping the extra year will also give the teams an opportunity to recruit. If they are still not able to meet the goal, the district chair would like to then present it to the district 18 membership to decide if they are going to merge. This district chair is making this request to allow them to a part of the decision to merge. When asked what the district chair felt was an obtainable goal in order to remain viable. The response was a goal to increase rider participation to 25 riders. This should give the district the needed revenue to be viable. The district chair for district 20 indicated that the district currently has 35 riders in their senior teams. It was the desire of district 20 to not merge with district 18 the way that they did this year. There were some issues between the districts that makes it not what district 20 wants to participate with. District 20 is ok with an actual merger with district 18, but they do not want to piggyback shows. It was also noted that this would affect Regionals as it would make the regional a three-team regional versus a five-team regional. D12 believes that if it is costing MIHA more than what is being taken in then the districts should be combined. D9 believes we have set a trend in how we handle this type of situation. By allowing D18 to go with her proposal is a fair outcome to this situation. Also, by allowing them the opportunity to meet their goal it may allow them to grow. D19 would like to know what the trends are in the district. D18 had 3 seniors for 2019 and is looking at some alternatives with Junior high in order to help them grow. D11 would like to know if it is possible to allow the district chair to implement a plan to recruit and handle the merger situation at the August 2020 high school registration. D14 pointed out that we did allow D13 several years to rectify the situation and they were able to survive. Additionally, the loss of income for regionals would cause a situation of potentially additional needed funds for that region. 1stVC is concerned that the problem is in the statement

regarding the riders not wanting to ride for the coaches. She believes that it is incumbent on the executive board to intervene in order to rectify that situation. In regard to waiting until August any movement must be done before the Feb meeting. It is agreed that district 13 was given a period of time to grow their district. During that period they were given specific goals in order to allow them to grow. D18 believes that they should be able to reach a goal of 25 riders.

**Motion to set the expectation goal of 25 riders for district 18 for the 2020 senior year. If that goal is not reached the process of merging will be discussed at the end of the 2020 season.**

Motion to approve D19

Seconded by D10

Pass/Fail

#### Committee Reports:

**State Show** – This year we did things differently that will reflect in the profit/loss schedule. This was due to the extra day and the fact that we did not sell shavings this year. We ended up collecting for shavings and then paying out to Midland Fairgrounds, which resulted in a loss of income. It does not appear that Midland will have the new barn built for our next year meet. This is due to permitting issues with the City of Midland.

**Rules** – As of today we still only have three rule proposals. All rule changes through December 31, 2019, will be packaged for review at the January 2020 board of directors meeting.

**Junior Division** - None

**Regional** - None

**Membership** – There was an email to the executive board for Kalamazoo Central to form a team in district 15.

**Historian** - None

**Judges** – The treasurer would again, like to remind everyone to get Judges forms to the treasurer ASAP.

**Pattern** – Senior high jumping pattern #4 on appendix page 6 has an error. The arrow for jump one to jump to on the outside straight line should be pointed the opposite direction. The error has been noted and will be corrected in future versions of the rule book. In the interim, there will be a handout at the February meeting correcting the pattern.

**Awards** – Region B did not get regional pins. If you have extra regional pins please let the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair know so we can get them out. D7 is still needing another package of year bars. D3 would like to know about the original year bars. The company printed the senior and junior numbers in black. The 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair has requested that the company reprint the junior bars in red. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair would like the revolving State trophies to be returned early so that they can be reconditioned. Please have them back

by the Junior registration meet in May. If they are in a trophy case at a school, please make sure that they are requesting those back before the end of the school year.

**Finance** - None

**Nominations** Chair – Mark DeLisle, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair – no nomination, Treasurer – Kim Clapp.

**Scholarship** – Still waiting on a few nominations from committee members. Hope to have this put together in the next week.

**Tracker Program** – Per the Webmaster we should be able to use the new program officially for the 2020 season. Brian will send out an email with specs of what type of computer to buy in order to assist any district that is looking at a new one.

**Promotional** – There are a lot of things going on with MHS and the Stallion Expo. We are working on a time in the arena to present our championship teams. Should have more info for January meeting. They do not want to highlight our scholarship winners because they are not funded by MHC. An alternative would be for us to highlight them during the time we are being allotted for recognition of championship teams. We are working on other booth improvements for the Stallion Expo. For the youth area there was talk of allowing youth to volunteer and receive a small amount of money. We could use this money to assist in their team registration. This would also allow them to enter the expo for free. They are also looking for teens to assist in their program on Friday. Presale tickets are up this year, so it looks like a great opportunity for MIHA to get their name out

**Logo** - None

**National Competition** - None

**Dressage** – Steve’s district will be putting in a rule change that will mirror what the committee has already presented but it will include Western dressage and use a USDF test. He would like to present about a 2 ½ minute video to reflect how dressage was handled in his district. D9 does not believe that the timing is right for adding dressage to MIHA.

District Reports:

1. Had a good year and look forward to next year.
2. Nothing to report. D2 will not be cashing the check. There will be no way for them to operate and purchase a new computer.
3. Nothing to report, just working on year end financials
4. Is looking good. Will be looking at putting together different awards for next year. Will be looking at an awards committee to assist with this. Is also looking at recruitment in the area especially in the area of school that

5. She has been approached by possibly 2 new teams they are Godwin Heights and a charter school. There is a team that is having an issue with closing out their account. They need a motion that the minutes were approved allowing them to do that.
6. Not present
7. Ran smoothly last year and looking at collecting this year's financial statements. They are also working at a junior meet.
8. Everything is good
9. Everything is good
10. Banquet is over
11. Had a good year banquet is done and working on collecting financials
12. Fine
13. Not present. DC has resigned
14. Everything is good
15. Working on financials. Is working on a coaching issue and she has sent a letter to the executive board.
16. Everything is good
17. Good
18. Is looking for to meeting her goal in the coming rule
19. Everything is good
20. Everything is good

Correspondence:

Call to the Public:

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion – D15

Second – D10

Pass/Fail

Meeting adjourned at 11:45am