

Michigan Interscholastic Horsemanship Association  
Board of Directors Meeting Agenda  
August 12, 2020 6:00 pm  
**Conference Call: 712-775-7031**  
**Meeting Code: 828 2656 3046**

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  
**Not present**

Introductions:

Call to the Public:

Agenda

Changes: Add Student Code of conduct to new business  
Motion to Approve 15  
Second 12  
Pass/~~Fail~~

Minutes

Changes: None  
Motion to Approve 9  
Second 17  
Pass/~~Fail~~

Treasurer's Report

Discussion: Review of balance sheet, Profit & Loss sheet, and  
Transaction list. We made \$2, 977.17 on our Junior Virtual show.

Motion to Approve 12  
Second 10  
Pass/~~Fail~~

Old Business:

A. Covid-19 Guidelines

Recommended guidelines were sent out to the board of directors about a month ago. There was concern over the waiver and the 30-day family requirement on the waiver. Lauren is going to review and revise this information. If you are currently using the waivers you can continue to do so. The guidelines are just guidelines. DCs are to use these to help

facilitate creating their own rules based on their facility. There is some push back with the 10 people in doors because the facility wants to consider the barn as an indoor facility and limited to 10 people capacity.

Steve Luyk has a vendor that can supply thermometers and face mask. He would like to know if the board would like to purchase some for each district as a help for Covid-19 supplies. If the districts would like to contact Steve and purchase these items, they can but there are different needs for each division and some districts have already purchased.

If there is a district that needs assistance financially, they should speak to the board of directors and it will be handled on a case by case basis.

There is a question regarding the refund policy for MIHA. At what point should there be a refund. It is the DC's discretion to decide on refunds. The DC's can always reach out to the board of directors for direction if there is any question.

These guidelines in this form will not be released to the public. We will be releasing a statement on social meeting to inform the public of measures being taken by the board of directors.

## B. Championship Trophies

The championship trophies are being worked on. Still working on getting district and regional trophies.

## New Business:

### A. Insurance Certificates

If you have a change of venue or change of date you must email JoAnn as soon as possible so that she can request those change in certificates from the insurance company.

### B. T-Shirt Logo Contest

Everyone should have gotten an email with the winners on it. The winners were from D15 and D9. It was brought to our attention that the State winner looks a lot like the winner from a couple of years ago. We need to find some way to weed these out so that we are not

duplicating. The colors that are typically picked by the board and seem to not be kid friendly colors. Lighthouse has suggested some bright colors for this year to make them more marketable.

**Motion: To allow Joann to work with the printer to pick out the color for this year's shirts.**

Motion to approve 9

Second 19

Passed/~~Failed~~

### C. Student Code of Conduct

D3 is having several issues this season with bad behavior on the part of various riders. She thought that MIHA had a code of conduct for the riders and she is aware of a code of conduct for adults. She believes that we need to have a form that is in front of the riders. If the State does not have a form, she would like to put one together for her district to sign off on. Per the State Chair the DC can put together a form and have her district sign these forms. It is encouraged to have coaches also have these for their individual teams. There is a disclaimer already on the registration where the rider by signing agrees to all our rules to participate. The State Chair would like for the discussion to be put to the membership committee for vetting and then a proposal be brought before the board of directors.

### Committee Reports:

**State Show:** If we were to have the state show today it would be vastly different than what we are used to. We are having to take a serious look at how to proceed. Some suggestion is to break up when divisions come and eliminating the opening and closing ceremonies. We need to find an alternative to the live streaming as the company that has done it in the past no longer is providing the service. We may want to look at volunteers to live stream to Facebook.

**Rules:** There is a spreadsheet for mailing of high school rule books. Please put your information into the spreadsheet to get your rule books mailed. We will be doing pattern 4 this year. D5 is still getting issues with the Martingale rule.

**Regionals:** Back numbers have been ordered and we have removed the date so that we can reuse them. The numbers should be available at the September meeting. A, C, D regions are good to go. Region B is still trying to secure alternate locations. As of right now Region B will be splitting between two facilities to hold their event. Regional pins are in and the State Championship patches are on order. What should the Regions do if they are required to split their Regional (i.e.

having two weekends). Regions should be meeting to discuss a plan B to make sure you can accommodate.

**Membership:** A report was prepared and presented to the board of directors. They would like to put together “media kits” that would allow someone to pick up the kit and take it straight to an event. They would also like to boost membership through posters that are easily printable by the membership for posting at schools, etc. They will be working on prices for the coming meetings.

**Historian:** Nothing to report

**Judges:** There have been some issues with a judge that has some medical issues that is preventing the judging duties to be performed.

**Patterns:** Regional patterns need to go to committee by the first part of September. We are trying to pick patterns that have both leads shown in the pattern so that DCs can keep their show moving.

**Awards:** There is nothing to report for awards currently.

**Finance:** There is nothing to report for finance currently.

**Nominations:** This year’s nominations will be for Secretary and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair. D3 would like to nominate Steve Lyke for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair.

**Scholarship:** The committee held a meeting and presented their recommendations. Recommendations included changes to the requirements and grading/scoring rubric.

**Motion: Kim Pardington-Clapp motions that we accept the new guidelines presented by the scholarship committee for the 2020 and moving forward.**

Guidelines presented are as follows:

Requirements:

2 Essays (Remember there is no "I" in Team):

What is one-way MIHA taught you to overcome an obstacle?

What is one way you can use what you learned in MIHA to pay it forward?

500 words or less for each essay

Registered riders who compete 3 of the 4 high school years with their senior year being one of the required years

Letter of recommendation from a Coach, DC, or Teacher

Scholarship Application

Grading/Scoring Rubric:

Complete application (both essays, recommendation, application) - If not complete all 4, scoring is not done

Use letter of recommendation as tie breaker as needed

Essay Grading 100-point scale, 25 points each

Grammar/Punctuation -0 to 25 points

Uniqueness - 0 to 25 points

Proper word count - 0 to 25 points

Team Focus - 0 to 25 points

Pick top 15 from each grader - scored on 100 points

Combine all total scores into one composite score (highest 7 total points are awarded scholarships, highest 4 get the \$2500)

Motion to Approve: Kim Pardington-Clapp

Second 19

Passed/~~Failed~~

**Tracker Program:**

**Promotional:** There will be more work on this committee following the State show. We are still looking at a sponsorship program.

**Logo:** This has been handled for the year.

**National Competition:** This cannot move forward at this time due to Covid-19. They are still working on a facility for the possibility in the future

District Reports:

1. Not present
2. She is still trying to get some things from the previous DC. The fairgrounds are trying to work with her regarding the barn situation discussed previously. She does not know what her financials look like and she is still struggling with hiring judges.
3. Moving forward with junior and senior meets. Still waiting on one team that is late on getting paperwork in. Numbers are lower in her senior division year but up in her junior division.
4. Not present
5. Did not have junior meet as anticipated due to lack of participation. She is having her senior meet with about 40 riders. She is going to work with her junior coaches to build her junior program. She did have to change venue to Montcalm county. Montcalm county is working with her to hold her meet and giving her a discount to assist.
6. She held a meeting recently and she is down in riders. She is still working on her registrations and will have it in shortly.
7. There has been no change. She is cautiously planning and hoping for the best. She is having a lot of issues with her fairgrounds and staying within the Executive Orders. She is trying but she is not sure if she will be pulling this off.
8. Has a coaches meeting coming up and her numbers are down.
9. We had junior meet and it went well. We have a lot of support from the local community and fair board. He is looking at growth in his senior teams.

10. The fairgrounds are non-responsive to the DC. She is moving forward and has all her judges confirmed. She does have an alternative location for her meets if needed.
11. Has moved the meet to Saginaw County due to a decrease in numbers and is moving forward as best as possible.
12. Is moving forward with their meets. We have moved to a private facility to hold the meet and has gotten creative in order to meet the Executive Orders.
13. Not present
14. No report
15. Had registration for seniors and numbers are down. Is encouraging the coaches to find ways to promote and grow. Everything is moving forward.
16. Everything is going well. They held their junior show, and everything went well. They were able to hold their speed shows. After senior registration it appears numbers are holding steady.
17. Everything is moving well.
18. Not present
19. Is in discussions with the Health Department to hold the meet. If they are not able to proceed in Barry County, they can use Kent County. Numbers are up.
20. There is nothing new to report. They are moving forward with their plans for the show.

Correspondence: None

Call to the Public: Lakeland joined us.

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion 15

Second 16

Adjourned at 8:18 pm