

5/13/2009

Call to Order: 6:23

Roll Call: Districts Present – 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, *20 represented by 18*

Introductions:

Joanne Kosanik – Rules Chairperson

Agenda:

Bill added item F to Old Business

Terry added G to Old Business – Patches and Bars

H to Old Business – Agenda and Minutes

Motion to approve minutes with changes

District 20 – Motions

District 1 – Seconds

Passed

Minutes:

Suggested page numbers on minutes, name and date correction.

Motion to accept the minutes with changes.

District 4 – Motions

District 19 – Seconds

Passed

Treasurer's Report:

\$33614.78 Checking and Savings Combined

Copies of minutes passed out.

Chene will meet with auditors this week or next due to financial reports being late. All financials are due in by August 15.

Question: Is the balance down from last year? By Chene's memory, yes it is down.

Motion to accept the meeting minutes.

District 4 – Motions

District 2 – Seconds

Passed

Old Business:

A. Four districts are left to hand in registration paperwork.
There are no problems with the paperwork

B. Jumping

District 4 would like to clarify that walk-trot cannot jump even though it does not specify in the rulebook or patterns that a canter is required.

The rulebook does state what classes walk/trot riders can do on page 38.

Rules chair states it would be difficult to include all aspect of judging in the rulebook. For instance, not all gaited horses are ridden to canter but are able to jump. Many things not in the rulebook are judged. If it needs to be stated it should be addressed at the rules meeting. The preference is jumping should be done at the canter with proper leads. This should fall under clarifications. **Joanne will draw up the clarification and present it at the next meeting.**

C. Junior Saddleseat Follows Pattern 1

The pattern is set with correction and posted on the web. The rulebook is being worked on for corrections. Chris was hoping for it to be finished next week.

D. Removing a Coach

The minutes are vague.

District 4 indicates what we need is information for new coaches. This is a volunteer position. Prospective coaches need as much information as possible to determine if the duties are for them. Maybe a handout would be a place to start.

District 5 asking about the SOP Amy Husted wrote. Why not use that as a base?

Chair believes we should add to it.

District 4 asking for a procedure on how to become a coach. A package should be created.

District 9 inquires about a comment made earlier about ongoing problems. Is this a problem in other districts?

Chair indicates it seems as though some coaches are taking control as if they own the team. There were two parents attempting to over rule a coach.

District 2 explains there were two teams. One went to the state championship. The other did not. A parent with a member of the non-progressing team wanted the coach removed because their teen was not on the progressing team.

District 4 would like everyone to write down their suggestions on enhancements to the current proposed SOP.

Chair will send out the current propose SOP.

District 5 would like to make these two separate issues.

District 9 explains if someone wants to be a coach in that district he asks them for reasons why they want to coach in writing. Within this district and executive group makes the decision on coach selection. If a conflict exists the executive group meets with all the parties before any decisions are made.

District 4 believes the DC will usually know of the person asking to be a coach including the positive and negative aspects.

E. MHC Expo

Chair indicates MHC would like us to be more involved with their group to get young people involved and to keep them involved. A committee is being formed and they would like MIHA to have a representative on the committee.

As for the booth at expo the DC's did vote not to have a booth because they didn't want to work the booth. When the call came from MHC with a table opening the Chairperson accepted. The booth was to be manned by senior riders. It was a success.

Some DC's did not agree with having the table. What are the opinions of the remaining DC's?

District 1 felt it was a good decision. In January MIHA put an add in Saddleup magazine. The table was another advertisement for MIHA.

There were some new comers who stopped and asked questions about MIHA. Rules Chair reminds that MHC does support MIHA with scholarships where a table is only \$125.

Vice Chair feels MIHA should represent at the expo. The issue is the BOD voted not to attend and we did anyway.

District 4 sees the booth as a good idea but it turned out to be a complain station. MHC came to us about the scholarships. MIHA did not seek them.

Chair reminds it was all positive this year.

District 5 relays having the kids there was a good way to approach this year. Having the teens man the booth keeps many from complaining.

District 4 reminds the vote was an overwhelming no to having the booth.

District 2 wants to have the kids continue to volunteer.

Chair asks to have a motion to participate in 2010.

05-09-001 Motion to participate at the MHC Stallion Expo in 2010.

District 1 motions.

District 2 Seconds

Passed

Passes will be available while volunteers work.

F. Cooperative Teams at the High School Level

District 10 has two class D schools. They are combined for all sports.

Wondering what the possibility of having a combine cooperative team for MIHA.

Vice Chair asks if their High Schools recognize equestrian team as a varsity sport? If the answer is yes the yes they can be a cooperative team. If not recognized then no.

District 19 has a varsity sport combined.

One school has no one to coach a team.

District 14 has one coach heading two separate teams.

District 10 chair will take it back to the schools about the varsity sport.

District 4 believes the rulebook should be followed. The AD of the school has to send a letter if they are to deviate from the rules. You do not have to be affiliated with a school to be a team.

Chair suggests sharing a coach would be the preferred method.

District 9 asks for clarification on what District 10 should be returning to the schools to ask.

G. Patches and Bars

District 4 reminds BOD this issue was brought forth last August. Can we give a rough estimate so we can get patches and bars for the kids early? He gets inquiries them.

05-09-002 Motions to take an educated guess on patch bars and pins to order early for the junior meets and the time of the meet.

District 4 - Motions

2nd Vice Chair asked for a response to how many were needed and received three replies out of twenty districts.

District 3 inquires if an educated guess can be made.

Treasurer reminds some districts do change dramatically. All the year bars are on the same order. Every patch per district is each a different order. Rush orders double the cost.

District 19 orders their junior patches the same time the senior patches are ordered.

District 1 wonders if we should go back to all black bars.

District 4 asks if we had 1000 riders last year could we order 1100 bars?

Treasurer asks about parents and coaches getting bars.

Chair inquires if we can get the numbers around by February.

District 4 reminds why we have two different color bars.

District 5 has a company which makes their district year bars for them.

Suggests having them made by the district.

District 3 asks District 5 if he can check to see if this company can supply MIHA.

Treasurer reminds anyone can call to place an order.

05-09-002 District 4 drops the previous motion.

H. Agenda and Minutes

District 4 inquires again about time frame of receiving the meeting minutes and agenda.

District 1 indicates minutes are sent as a convenience and should not be sent out unapproved.

District 3 considers them helpful to have prior to the next meeting.

District 2 suggests making a notice that the early minutes are a draft and would like a list of tasks to be accomplished.

Chair will continue to send out the minutes.

District 3 would like the minutes two weeks after the meeting.

District 5 inquires if there is a problem with Secretary sending out the agenda.

All tasks should be listed under old business.

Chair states Secretary can do minutes and agenda.

Secretary will send a draft to the chair.

There are still issues with wording on SOP's for the web.

New Business:

A. Article 7 Paragraph B

District 4 is not sure why it was requested to be on the agenda.

B. Committees

State Show Committee – There will be a state meet in Midland in October. Patterns were forwarded by a judge working with the vice chair. They selected patterns for all the meets.

Rules Committee – Is responding to emailed questions.

Junior Committee – No Report

Registration Committee – Haven't processed everyone

Membership – No Report

Historian – No Report

Judges Committee – Patterns have been received and is talking with rules chair about the legality of them. Rulebook states they may be used but are not required. The show committee has the right to discuss them with the judge. District 19 inquires why they are in the rulebook. They are used for the less knowledgeable.

Trophy Committee – Junior trophies are slightly different along with the keeper trophies. A suggestion of trophies for all state eligible teams. District 3 suggests a trophy with placing at state level. 2nd Vice chair asks what the trophy should have on it. Varsity sports are different in many schools. Non varsity sport trophies do not get displayed. District 14 would like a 2nd place trophy for the D division. Chair states this would raise the cost to more than \$3000. District 1 believes each coach should take care of their own trophies.

Finance – No Report

Nominations – No Report

District Reports:

1. All good. Meet June 6th.
2. Numbers are down. Meet June 7th
3. All good. Meet May 16th
4. All good. Meet May 16th and 17th
5. All good. Meet June 20th
6. All good. Numbers are down. Meet April 2009
- 7.
8. All good. Meet June 28th
9. All good.
10. All good. Numbers down.

11. All good.
12. All good.
13. All good. Numbers are down. Meet June 6th.
14. All good. Numbers up. Meet May 31st.
15. All good.
- 16.
17. All good. Meet June 6th.
18. Numbers are up. Meet June 6th.
19. All good.
- 20.

Correspondence:

Rules Chairperson – Every January there is a judge’s conference. This year it is open to anyone. A lot of information is given about running a show. It is a good judge network. Some of the conferences are just for judges and show managers but there is time to interact with other judges and how they get on the judges list. The conference is January 8-10, 2010. Contact Taylor Tenlen or Karen Waite.

Call to the Public:

Information on junior numbers
895 riders total
A=18, B=51, C=68, D=37 Total 174 Teams
Last year
966 riders
A=14, B=66, C=75, D=53 Total 280 Teams

Promoting MIHA by having an article in the Saddle Up magazine in August. A ½ page add with meet dates and locations.

District 5 will get prices and layout and bring to the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn
District 1 – Motions
District 13 – Seconds
Passed

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Tasks:

****Joanne will draw up the clarification for jumping and present it at the next meeting.****

****Chair will send out the current proposed coach removal SOP.****

****District 5 will check to see if embroidery company can supply MIHA bars.****

****District 5 will get prices and layout for Saddleup ad and bring to the next meeting.****