

8/12/09

Call to Order: 6:13

Roll Call: Districts Present – 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 17

Introductions:

None

Agenda:

**Motion to approve**  
**District 1 – Motions**  
**District 5 – Seconds**  
**Passed with changes**

Minutes:

**Motion to accept the minutes**  
**District 5 – Motions**  
**District 1 – Seconds**  
**Passed**

Treasurer's Report:

\$33169.72 Checking and Savings Combined

The 2009 audit is complete. Treasurer is expecting it in the mail today and will send by the 15<sup>th</sup>.

**\*\*Treasurer will email it in PDF to DC's\*\***

Farm Bureau corporate sent a check for \$5000. D1 asking for the email to send thank you's.

D4 was inquiring if there was additional money each year building in the account if it could be distributed to reduce rider registration fees. Treasurer indicates the account is steadily declining. A few years ago MIHA received a grant which gave MIHA a surplus but is being used each year. This year's deficit may bring the account down to approximately \$15,000.

**Motion to accept the treasurer's report**  
**District 2 – Motions**  
**District 4 – Seconds**  
**Passed**

Old Business:

A. Rulebook Changes/Clarification (Saddleseat Section)  
Saddleseat tabled until September

B. Coach Approval and Removal SOP  
Dennis sent an email asking for changes and received none to date.  
Suggestions are being brought forth at the meeting.  
D5 – Add team financial reporting to the duties of the coach.

D1 – Asks if it would be more prudent to reference the rulebook Article 11 Page 6.

D4 – Would like to have DC input added. In the rulebook it only references the executive board's ability to approve or deny coach membership. He feels the DC is more likely to know the perspective coach and would like to have input in the executive board's selection process.

D1 had a situation where the DC input was vital.

D4 reminds of schools appointing coaches but MIHA has the final say in appointment. The new request should follow the chain of command and have the paperwork go through the DC and a recommendation come from them to the executive board.

D14 suggests leaving the majority of the write up as is but add "For More Information" statement.

D1 would like to add the coach will support the DC.

Chair would like it to state the coach will support MIHA and it's goals.

\*\*Dennis will add changes and resubmit for review\*\*

C. D3 Rider Situation – Resolved?

The rider did not try to enroll.

Chair sent a letter to the coach just in case the rider tried to apply.

Should there be something in the rulebook regarding situations like this?

Consensus is no they are too few to make a change to the book.

D. Home School Team Formation

Chair has been in contact with the parent trying to form the team and, and he will be meeting with her.

D5 – This could be a problem for every district.

Chair – This is a school, which supplies a curriculum. The rule change needs to prevent the formation of teams with riders coming from all different areas.

D10 had a family of home school children, which wanted to form a team.

They were told they could ride for the team where they pay their taxes or of their residence. This should really be by residence.

D4 has always gone by this thought, but it is not outlined in the rulebook.

D5 wants the rules chair to write up the change for submission to the BOD.

Chair includes there is another group coming up with the same ideas on forming a team.

D1 asks if it would be easier to incorporate in the rulebook if a SOP was written up.

\*\*Chair will write up the proposed SOP.\*\*

D2 - SOP can be submitted for rule change in February.

D1 asks what all DC's feel about having a high school cooperative program similar to juniors.

Consensus is no. It would open up more incidences of team stacking.

D4 – Junior cooperative program was to promote and grow the junior teams.

D9 – This district does not allow the juniors to form coop's.

- E. Coaches Registration Forms – Yearly or By List?  
D4 feels a coach is a coach until they decide to leave or is removed.  
D5 indicates the change will have to be directed in the rulebook.  
D4 asks if everyone agrees with using a list except for new coaches.  
D14 states their district is just now stopped arguing filling out the form each year and doesn't want to change back.  
D3 – Give DC's the option on what is required.  
D1 – Makes a coach roster and sends it to all the coaches each season.  
D3 – Sees the possibility for lost rosters or ones not received.  
Chair – Create an SOP for the choice of roster or forms.  
D5 – The SOP was already created and voted in.  
Copies of the SOP handed out indicating a form will be filled out each year.  
\*\*Terry will write up proposed changes to the SOP for September.\*\*
- F. State Logo  
D1 did not vote as she knows the names of all the entrants.  
Logo is voted on and chosen.  
Treasurer posted the winner and logo on the website.  
D9 – Believes logos depicting both stock and fine horses are more appropriate.  
\*\*Chair will get the logo placed on some sample shirts and present them to the BOD\*\*  
Winner of the logo contest is Sarah Streeter, a sophomore, from Lawton High School.
- G. Saddleup Magazine  
D5 brought extra copies to the meeting.  
Chair has received 4 calls so far after the ad was placed.  
D1 points out on page 68 how equestrian kids are giving back to the community.
- H. SOP's and Rulebook  
The SOP's and rulebook are now on the web under rules.  
Chair is hoping to have the converted copy of the rulebook soon.  
D5 – Has the book already converted.  
\*\*Joel will work on getting it to print in booklet form.\*\*
- I. Team With No Coach  
D8 has a team with no coach. Can they join another team?  
No they cannot. They can have an assistant coach from another team be their head coach, or a head coach can with executive board approval and the teams are not in the same division.
- J. Saddleseat Pattern 1  
D8 questions the diagonal change at K. Wonders if it should really be at X.  
Pattern is not incorrect and will remain the same.

New Business:

A. District 3 – Late Registration Allowances

District 3 has a rider who missed registration. A confusing email was sent out by someone other than the coach of the team. The parent did not contact anyone for three weeks after the email arrived.

DC had their parent board look over the email and discuss the situation and decided the rider should not be allowed to register as their district has a rule against late registration.

The parent contacted the chairperson and asked if anything could be done.

Chair states the email sent was very confusing and asked if the coach sent out this email. Also asks how a freshman finds out about equestrian team?

D3 also asks how freshman in other districts finds out about registration.

Some districts post flyers for the team and others go through the school.

This particular team has nothing to do with the school.

D3 reminds at the end of the email was the coach's contact information.

Chair believes the rider should be given every opportunity to register even after the deadline. An incoming freshman does not have any clue how to apply or what to expect.

D3 indicates she spoke with all parties involved.

D4 has had the same situation but in the end didn't receive the necessary paperwork. There is a deadline in district 4. It has cut down on the number of registration problems. He reminds the executive board has deadlines DC's have to follow.

D1 had an exchange student they made an exception for. They base it on each incidence.

D3 DC is looking for input and only heard from the chairperson. Their 8-person committee felt they had plenty of time to make inquiries.

D9 has mixed emotions on the subject. The organization has grown over the years and sees the potential for declining numbers due to the economy. A deadline is a good idea but should have exceptions for the growth of MIHA.

D14 has the same feeling. If the paperwork is in by the time rider registration comes the rider is allowed to participate. This district also takes into account rules teams may have for riders.

D2 has had an entire team register on the day teams were due.

D4 did the same in the past but found it created more problems.

D14 also uses the time after school starts to accept new forms.

D3 thanks for the input from the other districts.

D14 also backs coach's deadlines.

Chair's answer is D3's decision will be backed but feels strongly the rider should be allowed to enroll.

## Committees

State Show Committee – The schedule is 95% the same as last year. She is still looking for office staff. She would also like to hand out the splits at the morning coaches meeting.

Rules Committee – No Report

Junior Committee – Please send any suggestions, questions, or problems to Chris or Annette.

Regional Committee – Pins are on order

Membership – District 3 and District 15 rider and coach registration handed in

Historian – No Report

Judges Committee – Joann and Mike have most of the judges confirmed for the state meet.

Trophy Committee – Handed the remainder of the keeper trophies to the DC's but indicated the teams do not get them until the loaner trophies are handed to the DC.

Finance – No Report

Nominations – No Report

Patterns - Nothing New

## District Reports:

1. Rider Registration 9/1
2. Rider Registration 8/26 1 New Team
3. Rider Registration handed in. Rider enrollment down.
4. Rider Registration in the next couple of weeks. Junior numbers up, seniors down.
5. Rider Registration 8/18. All good.
6. Rider Registration 8/31 All good
7. Not Present
8. Rider Registration 8/13 Enrollment is down.
9. Rider Registration sometime between now and team hand in. 2 new teams.
10. Rider Registration 9/2. Team numbers up.
11. Not Present.
12. Not Present.
13. Rider registration is down.
14. Rider Registration 8/26 Hoping for 75 riders
15. Rider Registration 8/4 Riders down to 87.

16. Not Present.
17. Rider Registration next week.
18. Not Present
19. Not Present
20. Not Present

Correspondence:

None

Call to the Public:

B division reserve champion winners are needed for 2005 and C division champion for 1999.

**Motion to adjourn**  
**District 1 – Motions**  
**District 5 – Seconds**  
**Passed**

Adjourned 8:00pm

**Motions:**

Agenda

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Minutes

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Treasurer’s Report

District 2 – Motions  
District 4 – Seconds  
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Tasks:

**\*\*Joan will get the sections drawn up and sent to the BOD with suggested modifications and clarifications. It will then be discussed at the upcoming meeting. The saddleseat section is set for the September meeting.\*\***

**\*\*Dennis will incorporate changes for selecting a new coach.\*\***

**\*\*Treasurer will email it in PDF to DC's\*\***

**\*\*Chair will write up the proposed SOP on formation of teams where it concerns home schoolers.\*\***

**\*\*Terry will write up proposed changes to the SOP on coach registration and CSC form requirements for September.\*\***

**\*\*Chair will get the logo placed on some sample shirts and present them to the BOD\*\***

**\*\*Joel will work on getting converted rulebook to print in booklet form.\*\***



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