

01/09/2010

Call to Order: 10:15 AM

Roll Call: Districts Present – 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 11, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19

Introductions:

Larry Flanary – Former MIHA Chairman

Kristie Stecker – Assistant DC District 6

Agenda:

Motion to approve

District 9 – Motions

District 17 – Seconds

Passed with changes

Minutes:

Motion to accept the minutes

District 17 – Motions

District 2 – Seconds

Passed with changes

Treasurer's Report:

Balance sheet handed out. Balance is \$32,033.16.

Year end financial statement was changed with spelling corrections. This is a draft. Treasurer will send out the proposed 2010 budget.

Request for a charitable gaming license was brought forth again by a team.

MIHA would have to modify its bylaws to obtain a license.

It was voted down before because the board felt this was not in line with MIHA goals.

The association has to hold the license. Each team would have to possess a 501c3 and separate bylaws to obtain the license.

MIHA does not have the required dissolution provision in the bylaws referring the assets of the organization back to the local government or non profit organization.

Currently we state the assets refer to a charity.

Larry – Questions the exact wording of the dissolution clause in the rulebook.

District 7 – We would have to change the reading to 501c3 in the rulebook.

Rules Chair – Questions that only 4 “gambling” nights can be done a year.

District 7 – There would be districts chosen to have the use that year or combine for the event and split the proceeds

Treasurer – Even if MIHA has a license, the team(s) in question will also have to fill out a form.

2nd Vice - Would selling 50/50 be something we'd would like to do at the state meet to earn extra money? There are a lot of people there as spectators.

District 17 – No one under the age of 18 could sell the tickets.

Chair – Does not want any gambling at the shows.

District 14 – The gaming is only limited to four times per year. Raffles and 50/50 are unlimited.

District 7 – If the license was obtained it would sit and be available for raffles.
District 19 – By getting this license we open up to the next step until we are gambling.
Secretary – Raffles and 50/50's are looked at differently than gaming.
District 7 – Under Roberts Rule of Order shouldn't this decision to get the license be covered under the governing body rule change?
District 14 – Regarding the dissolution of funds state law always supercedes our bylaws.
Larry – The statement of dissolution was just put in a few years ago. The lawyers didn't make any reference to it when we created it.
**Chair – Will research the compliance and bring it back to the March meeting.
This year's audit will consist of districts 5, 8, 9, and 14. District 14 is all set.
District 9 – Are all teams to be done?
Treasurer – All teams were done last time.
Treasurer – Needs the information by the annual meeting.
Treasurer – The SOP on the web for financial statements should be pulled.
According to the rulebook all financial statements are due by 16th of January.

Motion to accept the treasurer's report

District 6 – Motions

District 17 – Seconds

Passed with changes

Old Business:

A. Registration Fees

Fred Stockley handed out revised copies of the proposed registration fee chart.

Fred – Changed the numbers around. Reviewed the doc with the BOD.

District 9 – Appreciates how much time was spent in creating the chart. Does feel it is unrealistic to ask for an increase fees. Would like to see it \$5 or \$10 more. Favors proposal 2 over 1.

Fred – Started this to invoke talking of change.

Rules Chair – Why don't we get X dollars back per rider instead of a flat fee?

Fred – The chart reflects that option. The negative impact on districts was greater.

District 18 – Feels we need the change and likes proposal 2.

District 14 – A \$5 increase would cover the per rider hit plus have extra.

2nd Vice Chair – In district 4 fees were raised to cover the extra costs necessary. Will some districts reduce their fees to incorporate the increase?

District 19 – There will always be some districts not as fair. The state would have to pay for everything.

2nd Vice Chair – If we had the state pay for everything we'd be less likely to save money.

District 7 – Last year was the first year their district collected more. With proposal 1 she wouldn't charge anymore than what is being charged already.

District 14 – Their district charged \$5 extra to buy new timers. It is realized they are in a unique situation and other districts may not be able to charge the extra.

- District 9 – Thinks maybe we should look at the per rider avenue and have a minimum of \$1500 still going to the districts.
Fred – It would negatively impact the state.
Chair – Would like to have the per rider fee but have \$1500 be the minimum.
District 9 – The proposed budget it voted on.
- 01-001 Motion to raise the state fee from \$45 to \$50
District 9 - Motions
District 17 - Seconds
Pass
2nd Vice Chair – Be sure to relay this is an increase overall.
District 5 – At \$35 per rider the state would end with \$27000. Can the state run on this?
Treasurer – No
District 5 – MIHA cannot look at other forms of money such as donations as income.
Treasurer – Rider numbers
2006 – 2,099
2007 – 2,108
2008 – 2,069
2009 – 1,933
Treasurer – Waiting to see if the \$50 fees goes through in February.
District 18 – Maybe blend proposal 1 and 2 to see if the numbers are better.
- 01-002 Motion to table the district aspect of the proposal until April.
District 9 - Motion
District 18 - Second
Pass

B. Home School SOP

Proposed SOP was handed out.

Rules Chair – Sees second option as a way to find a non-conformity.

2nd Vice Chair – The discussion was about these potential riders forming a mega team because they attend an academy.

Larry – This is the responsibility of the coach to find out about the rider.

District 14 – If the team doesn't get recognized by the school, the school will not release information about the rider.

Chair – Removing the SOP from the table and agenda.

C. Trophies

2nd Vice Chair – Crowne Trophy is not local to Michigan. They stated their price was going up \$5 to \$7 per trophy. They said the vendor was going up.

Action Awards stated that for right now they will be the same price.

Crowne has not yet sent a quote.

Action is sending a base to review. It may save us \$1 to \$2 per trophy.

New Business:

A. Team Building Strategies

Rules Chair – We don't assign things to committees. We need to make a better effort to assign jobs in committees. Too much is being put on one person.

District 17 – The committee head doesn't contact the other members.

Rules Chair – We need more diligence, more communication. Email is a good way to accomplish this.

B. Rulebook Changes

Rules Chair put all the changes in the proposed rulebook. All are highlighted. Most are wording and clarifications.

District 9 – Sees the work done and sees a lot of negativity because they can't see what the rule was and what the change is separately.

Chair – Sees the same.

Rules Chair – How is she to show this?

District 14 – This needs to be on a ballot anyway.

Rules Chair – Underlining refers to junior

District 5 – In their 4H council bylaw changes they use strike through to indicate what is old. Then add the new. They indicate if items have moved.

Rules Chair – Is concerned about the paper being used.

District 9 – If it goes to the DC's they are responsible for distributing.

District 17 – Will send out the information in both formats.

District 18 and Larry – Both state if the intent is not to change anything there is no discussion.

Rules Chair – How many rule changes were sent?

The suggested changes included the standard size of a dressage arena. Four saddleseat patterns were created and designed for a true saddleseat horse.

Also included the size of the box for the two man relay, but guessed at it.

District 5 – Had water issues and had to move the box. Also questioning saddleseat patterns, a true saddleseat pattern does not include halts or turns.

Can they be changed to reflect less of those?

District 14 – When a simple lead change is called for will a flying lead change be counted down?

Rules Chair – Yes

Rules Chair – Received a change for gymkhana at states so everyone runs twice as they do at regionals. They would also like flags moved to an alternate and poles made a permanent.

District 14 – 4H does flags and almost all gymkhana groups do.

Rules Chair – Williamston put in a change for unapproved obstacles in trail. They also would like the pattern to be enough to place the class instead of having the pattern and railwork.

Rules Chair – Put in for a change to the teams going to regionals. She would like the reserve team to have the option to go also.

There will be a time change to the rules meeting. Doors will open at 9:00 am, registration by 9:30 and meeting starting at 10:00.

Committees

State Show Committee – No Report

Rules Committee – Covered Previously

Junior Committee – Chair – Difficulties getting people to work on committees was discussed. Last month it was brought up to dissolve the junior committee. He believes this to be a less than stellar idea.

District 18 – Committees have been known to stretch out processes.

Chair – Believes junior issues need to run through the committee.

District 9 – Some committees are necessary

Larry – Has the junior steering committee handled any disciplinary issues?

Chair - Yes

01-003 Motion to keep the junior steering committee functioning as it is currently.

District 9 - Motion

District 6 - Second

Pass with one opposition

Regional Committee – 2nd Vice Chair – Discussion has been ongoing for two months regarding revolving regionals. Input was asked two months ago and only three districts responded.

District 17 – No response means leave it the same.

District 19 – Input is done until it affects your district.

District 14 – We did vote to have floating regionals. We should have a rotation well in advance. When the rotation is coming to a close the next rotation is made.

District 9 – Was against regionals but now likes it. Like other sports regionals are at the same location. We need to lay it out ahead. It's late to change for 2010.

2nd Vice Chair – The first option was based on three regions responding.

District 7 – All those are good districts against each other.

2nd Vice Chair – If we don't speak out about what we want we don't get what we want. B and C options were based on district 19's suggestion.

District 17 – We need to decide now.

2nd Vice Chair – We should leave regionals the same this year. He would like a list of grounds and their capabilities so we know what options are available.

District 9 – There is a list available. The grounds in district 9 has a copy.

**Doyle – Will get the list to the 2nd Vice Chair.

District 14 – Doesn't care if it changes but wants advance notice.

How many stalls are needed for regionals?

Approximately 150.

District 2 – Likes the change but a rotating schedule needs to be set.

01-004 Motion to leave regionals the same this year and direct the regional committee to bring back suggestions for future regionals.

District 18 - Motion

District 9 - Second

Pass

Regional committee consists of regional chairs and any other interested party.
Adding Marie Curell to regional committee.

Historian – Larry Flanary received an email from Ed Chez’s daughter. They are trying to gather some information in honor of Ed. Ed is one of the founders of MIHA.

Judges Committee – District 9 – Has been approached by several Michigan judges regarding the state meet. We are missing out on good judges from Michigan. We are getting national judges which are great at pleasure but not so grand at equitation. There is nothing written about hiring out of state judges. He would like to see that reviewed.

Rules Chair – The idea of using out of state judges was good but a Michigan judge knows the rulebook. To find someone good in all those areas is hard. We are paying people four days to judge classes they aren’t qualified for. If you hire Michigan judges early enough you can ask they don’t judge any other meets.

District 7 – How about using different judges each day?

Treasurer – We could save approximately \$6000 in fees by hiring in state.

**Secretary – Collecting names of individuals interested in serving on committees. She will then forward the list to the committee chairs.

Trophy Committee –Discussed previous

Finance – Discussed Previous

Nominations – No Report

Patterns - No Report

Scholarship – 34 requests were received.

District Reports:

1. Not Present
2. No Report
3. Not Present
4. Terry had back surgery. He is doing fair.
5. No Report
6. No Report
7. No Report
8. Not Present
9. No Report
10. Not Present
11. No Report
12. Not Present
13. No Report
14. No Report
15. Not Present

- 16. Not Present
- 17. No Report
- 18. No Report
- 19. No Report
- 20. Not Present

Correspondence:
None

Call to the Public:
None

Motion to adjourn
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District 18 – Seconds
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Adjourned 1:05 pm

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