

04/10/2010

Call to Order: 10:08 AM

Roll Call: Districts Present – 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 20

Introductions:

Lark

Tonya Walter, Sharon Greene, Phil Tiestort – Junior Steering Committee

Agenda:

Motion to approve

District 1 – Motions

District 4 – Seconds

Passed

Minutes:

Motion to accept the minutes

District 9 – Motions

District 14 – Seconds

Passed

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer passed out balance sheet

Current Balance is \$25,219.99

The auditor MIHA was using stepped down. Chene is trying to find a new auditor. He has been through 20 only to find one which might accept.

Since our contributions are more than \$8000 we need to file with the state. Chene applied for an extension on the forms due.

Old Business:

A. Rulebook Compliance with Dissolution Clause in Regards to Obtaining a Gaming License

Chair is having some trouble getting the information required.

District 1 – Indicates MIHA can go to “their” website. The by-laws for that organization have been reviewed by an attorney and can answer some of the questions.

Treasurer has an attorney friend in the corporate environment which may be of some assistance.

Tabled until May

B. Fee Schedule

District 2 (Fred Stockley) – Handed out proposed reimbursement schedules.

Proposal 2 has least amount of impact on districts. Again, this is to adjust for the number of riders dropping in the districts.

Proposal 2 will cost the state an additional \$500 per year.

Nine districts would be positively impacted, 7 negatively and 4 not affected.

042010-001 Motions to adopt proposed fee schedule 2 to adjust the amount each district receives on the number of riders.

Motion – District 2

Second – District 4

Passed, Oppose- 1, Obstain - 1

District 1 – Verifies juniors follows a different schedule. There will be no change to that.

C. Rulebook

Chair sent out an email asking for number of rulebooks needed by each district. Please email the information to him.

Current the number per team is one. The DC and judges also receive one rule book.

District 1 – Are DC's sending out rulebooks to judges?

Chair – The chair has done it in the past but needs to review who is responsible for that.

District 1 & Chair – The time the EB sent the books to the judges worked well.

District 4 – Had three judges not get rulebooks.

District 4 – Would like districts to receive two rulebooks per team. Some teams are so large that a second book would be useful.

Chair – If we order more the districts would have to be charged more per book. Some can be sold on the side. It is a matter of money.

District 9 – Hears what is being said but feels we should stick with the current amount of books being ordered and distributed.

Chair – In the past the books have been \$2.00 each.

Rules Chair – 4H rulebooks sell for \$5.00 each and sell quickly.

District 20 – Questions if changes will be highlighted as normal in this revision.

District 20 – States if we send in our judges to the EB, one book should be sent to each of the judges.

District 1 – How soon will we know the cost of the rulebooks?

District 20 – Asks if the book on the web is current.

Chair – The book on the web is 2009's.

District 14 – Inquires if the 2010 rulebook will be online after the junior meets.

District 19 – What pattern is being used for juniors?

District 4 – Same as last year #2.

D. Training Classes

Chair – Out of 190 survey sheets only 3 or 4 did not want training.

Rules – Handed out suggestions for training options.

Rules Chair – Out of her emails she categorized the coaches training.

We could meet in three different locations in the state and poll for locations.

Coaches training could cover the rules in 2010 and expectations on team rules.

Other thoughts are slotting of riders, problem parents, team finances and reports.

District 1 – Thinks this is a great start.

District 2 – How about computer based training? What would be the system requirements? Setting up a web meeting would require broadband for all attendees as the connection will run to the speed of the slowest participant's internet connectivity.

District 4 – Inquires about the tracker program.

Chair – The beta is done and in testing.

District 4 – Inquires on when the new app will be out. He hadn't heard anything.

District 1 – Do we know the PC and OS requirements?

Chair – Windows XP or newer.

District 5 – Did not have a DVD division on her program.

Treasurer – Download the latest version from the website.

Chair – The application is close to completion.

Rules Chair – Doesn't know if maybe they need to look at two areas of training.

Rules Chair – Inquires if evenings are better for coaches.

Chair – Does anyone have any ideas on training? Locations, time, etc?

District 4 – Some of the people in the local area can get a classroom.

District 20 – Will a booklet be provided? How about training for DC's after a BOD meeting?

District 2 – Again how about a netmeeting for training?

Chair – Email thoughts to the rules chair person and him.

District 1 – Do DC's want training the summer?

District 11 – Please include the removal of a coach SOP.

District 19 – A web meeting can be taped.

New Business:

A. Junior Steering Committee

Jr. St. Com Mem - Phil Tietsort - Was designated spokesperson for the group at this meeting. Asks for all to get out their rulebooks.

The junior steering committee had a meeting March 28th. It was brought to our attention that this committee should be dissolved. We felt someone should speak on our behalf.

Please look at page 8 article 5 (Page 10)

In 2009 we didn't have many issues. 2008 we had issues and they were resolved. We are a functioning committee and believe we are needed.

We are discussing possible changes to the junior division.

This should be brought before the BOD of directors in May.

Some of the discussion revolves around expanding the junior division using expanded competition, educational avenues, adding to walk-trot.

We are also discussing a time frame for the changes.

District 9 – When the junior committee doesn't have an active year it is a good thing. This division is a stepping stone and does not have the same issues as senior.

Jr. St. Com Mem – Phil - Just because we don't have meetings doesn't mean we don't exist. When we are called upon we act.

Jr. St. Com Mem – Tonya Walter – We are looking for the best interests in the junior division. What changes are impacting the juniors? The recent decision on when rules changes become active affects juniors.

The rules changed in February are believed to be the rules when we leave the meeting. In the case of the junior division it will be 15 months before the rules come into effect. Where the rationale of the current decision on the rulebook effective dates is understood, she feels they should be available for the current meet.

District 14 – Not every coach is at the annual meeting. The other half don't know the rules even exist.

Jr. St. Com Mem – Tonya – Your DC's are coaches go by the rules put in place in February.

District 5 – In the past the rulebook issue wasn't a problem. The annual meeting should change to a different date if the rulebook is in effect from August 1st – July 31st. The coaches in their district understand the distinction. Adding amendments will only confuse issues more. It is a cleaner split.

District 9 – Believes there are two thoughts. The first is the idea we have to have a printed rulebook. That shouldn't have anything to do with it. He doesn't see the need for a printed rulebook.

Chair – Two districts are having their meets before our next meeting.

1st Vice Chair – One of the things is we defined a season for the year. All the juniors are done before August 1st and are showing on the old season.

District 4 – Agrees with Tonya. There is too much time between the rules meeting and the effect of rules changed.

District 11 – Can see both sides.

District 1 – Because of that reason we have it online. Confusion is cleared up by not producing the updates until August.

2nd Vice Chair – MIHA is a school sport for some but not others. He ran cross country in high school. They coach would let them know which rules were changing next season. This is not unusual in the school sports.

Jr. St. Com. Mem – Phil – This is very simple on juniors. The number of rule changes are very small. Rulebooks come out and was in effect for the calendar year.

Secretary – Comments were made on the format of the rulebook. The current formatting makes it easy to slip in a back pocket. If that isn't an issue then the book can be placed into a different software and formatted differently.

Secretary – Inquires if MIHA operates on a calendar year or a school year? If it is a school year then seniors graduating this June are eligible to ride in the fall of 2010 as they are considered "seniors" by the calendar year. As for 8th graders going into high school in the fall, they would not be allowed to ride as they would still be 8th graders by calendar year.

Jr. St. Com. Mem. – Tonya – Rules changes are made half way through the school year. When we have the rules meeting rules change for the rule change year. Whatever is put into effect has to be at the time of the change.

District 14 – If we were to go by the calendar year shouldn't the meeting be in the fall? If juniors have a big change it will give them the extra time to adapt to the change.

District 9 – We have always been on a calendar year. The fiscal year runs from January 1st to December 31st. Junior season is 2010 and senior season is 2010.

District 4 – As we say we don't have any rule changes for juniors, when the senior rule changes happen it also can affect the juniors.

Also reminds we are NOT part of the school. We are on a calendar year.

District 2 – We are on a fiscal calendar year but also run on a school year.

District 5 – We are basing our registration on what grade the kids are in.

District 1 – We are doing this to keep things simple for parents and kids.

They run on a school year. She believes this has been incorrect from the beginning. The juniors are cramming rules changes in within a two month period.

042010-002 – Motion to table the rule effective issue until the rules meeting.

Motion – District 11

Second – District 5

Passed, Obstain – 3

District 13 – What happens if we change patterns?

B. Junior Cooperative Program

District 4 – The cooperative program was put into place to get kids started in MIHA. Kids have been asked to join other teams. What are the guidelines for coop's across district lines?

Why can they ride in their own district?

There have never been guidelines and would like to have kids ride within their district lines.

Chair – The point is to get kids to ride for MIHA. The kid may be in the same 4H club with a member of another team.

District 11 – Are DC's agreeing and checking with each other before the application is sent?

Rules Chair – Is asking for appropriate numbers for a coop. What are the appropriate numbers?

District 1 – Three middle school kids, 2 don't have a high school team, 1 does in district 11. Fenton wants to join the district 1 team. Is it the idea to have the kids ride?

Jr. St. Com. Mem – Tonya – We want to see if they might get involved with their own team thus expanding the organization.

District 20 – Questions if the kids are leaving their own team.

Rules Chair – We need to make sure they don't go back and ride for another team at a different time.

District 5 – Should the junior steering committee develop guidelines?

Committees

State Show Committee – A judges list is being formed. She would like to ask Larry to work with Matt to put large advertisements in the program.

Chair – Adrian college is starting an equestrian program and wanted to place a full page ad in the state meet program.

District 1 – There are a number of colleges who want to promote.

Rules Committee – Nothing much happening. Chris sent out a number of new illustrations for the rulebook. Many of the rules were clarifications.

Junior Committee – Covered during the meeting.

Regional Committee – Received more information. Regions will be the same as last year. He is requesting a list of all regional judges so they are not contacted for states.

The fairground map is done and will be sent to the regional chair.
A criteria for allowing judges on the MIHA judges list is to provide information for tax purposes.

Membership – No Report

Historian – No Report

Judges Committee – We have gotten better PR over the last few years and judges are warming up to working with MIHA.

Rules Chair – With double judging the time frame for the show is lower.

042010-003 – Motion to allow judges on a MIHA judges list by providing tax ID information to committee chair.

Motion – District 1

Second – District 5

Passed

District 9 – States by hiring off the conditional list it gets new people in to judge and increases our options.

D20 – Inquires if judges need to have a valid ID to qualify for a judge's list.

Patterns – No Report

Trophy Committee – Trophies for those having meets before the next meeting are here. All others will be available in May.

**2nd Vice chair will have a trophy demo available to view for regional meets.

2nd Vice Chair – Some were not happy with the keeper trophies. There was never a decision made to change it or not have one at all.

The champion and reserve had the same size bowl.

District 1 – Brought examples

2nd Vice Chair – Are we going to continue purchasing keeper trophies?

Answer is yes.

District 11 – Was not aware the state paid for the trophies.

District 4 – Points out date on the loaner trophy

District 1 – Would like to save the money and go with a plastic base.

District 4 – If it is only a few dollars difference, he would like to stay with wood.

District 1 – The raised pedestals keeps more with the loaner trophy.

Rules Chair – If the bowl is silver the horse should be also.

District 1 – Points out a tapered block

The champion bowl should be larger and have a tapered block.

Finance – No Report

Nominations – No Report

Scholarship – The due date for scholarship applications was moved up. We need to have the names drawn by December 1st. Our date will be moved to early November.

Logo Contest – We need to move that deadline up also. The date will be changed for next year.

042010-004 – Motion to move the logo contest date submission deadline to June 1, 2010 and remain June 1st for subsequent years.

District 1 - Motions

District 2 - Seconds

Passed

District Reports:

1. Resolving an issue with a middle school team parent and coach. The meeting in Whitmore Lake went well. Things are going well there. There is now an assistant coach. They both are reporting to the middle and high school principal.
2. Issue with a high school team. The coach was asked to step down and be replaced with the former coach. All is ironed out.
3. Not Present
4. All is good.
5. All is good.
6. Not Present
7. Not Present
8. All is good.
9. All is good.
10. All is good.
11. All is good.
12. Not Present
13. All is good.
14. Junior registration is April 21st.
15. Indiana school was told no to joining MIHA.
16. Not Present
17. Not Present
18. Not Present
19. Saddleseat Pattern 32 for high school has never been a set size of 20 meters before. Is this set in stone?
Rules Chair – It is an approximation.
District 20 – The pattern is based on letters. Letters should be set.
District 19 – Sees based on the picture.
20. Has a new senior team joining. Still no feedback coming from the U.P.
District 4 – Suggest talking to Terry Russell in Newberry.

District 20 – Is trying to grow the district.

Correspondence:
None

Call to the Public:

District 19 – Is looking at the numbers on the state reimbursement proposal and wonders if there is any thought of redistricting again.

Chair – This will be a discussion which will go on for a while but should be visited.

Chair – Has the insurance certificates for the junior meets.

Motion to adjourn
District 8 – Motions
District 11 – Seconds
Passed

Adjourned 11:49 am

Motions:

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District 1 - Motions
District 2 - Seconds
Passed

Motion to adjourn

District 17 – Motions
District 5 – Seconds
Passed

Tasks:

***2nd Vice chair will have a trophy demo available to view for regional meets.*

***Secretary – Write an SOP for the rulebook to be printed and available by August 1st.
Rulebook active year will be August 1st through July 31st.*

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