

05/12/2010

Call to Order: 6:20 PM

Roll Call: Districts Present – 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19

Introductions:

Everyone introduced themselves for new attendees.

Agenda:

Motion to approve with changes

District 18 – Motions

District 19 – Seconds

Passed

Minutes:

Motion to accept the minutes with changes

District 1 – Motions

District 4 – Seconds

Passed

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer passed out balance sheet

Current Balance is \$17,190.56

The paperwork for the extension was accepted. We have until August 15th to file.

Patches and year bars are on order for the entire year.

Treasurer will not be at the June or July meeting but will email the financial report.

Old Business:

A. Rulebook Compliance with Dissolution Clause in Regards to Obtaining a Gaming License
Chair has an attorney helping with the gaming license information. He is due to meet with him next week.
Tabled until June

B. Farm Bureau
Larry Flanary – The Farm Bureau rep was kind enough to contact Larry and again donate \$5000 to MIHA.
Whoever is taking over the contact with Farm Bureau needs to make sure they call this representative. Over the last 3 years they have donated at total of \$15,000. It is difficult to find corporate sponsors. The organization should make sure to keep in contact and thank them for their contributions to MIHA. Our contact is Luke Schafer, email address LSCHAFF@FBINSMI.COM. Most people who sent thank you emails in the past cc'd Larry.

C. Coach and DC Training
Rules Chair – Passed out a proposed training schedule and training topics. The proposal is to hold training in three sections of the state, Cadillac, Wayland and Davison. There will be a coaches track and a DC track. Each

session will be approximately two hours long. The first session would start on a Saturday from 9 am – 11 am. The second would be Saturday afternoon and the final on Sunday. Coaches can attend their choice of location.

The Rules Chair would like DC's of the regions host by having two classrooms available and provide refreshments.

DC's would cover the new meet tracking software, communicating with teams, district organization and how to hire judges.

Rules chair has a Powerpoint presentation on hiring judges which she has used in past clinics.

Coaches would cover 2010 rule changes, team strategies and slotting, team rules and expectations, how to handle problem parents, and team finances and reports.

We are looking for a date which will benefit the majority of coaches.

Speakers will have to be contacted. A request for suggestions on clinicians is requested.

District 9 – Is willing to help in whatever way is needed. He is happy to volunteer to speak and/or host.

District 18 – Suggests another possible session in the winter for those who cannot attend during the summer sessions.

District 1 – Suggests we have a session at the rules meeting.

Larry Flanary – Feels this is a good idea.

District 4 – Would like the DC training to be at a BOD meeting.

Rules Chair – Some things on how meets are run is left to interpretation.

There are parents, coaches and riders who believe every meet is run the same way.

District 14 – Suggest the June or July BOD meeting for DC training.

Chair – Training will be held at the July 14th BOD meeting.

Larry Flanary – Questions if there will be 20 mini sessions on how every district runs their meet or if the idea is to have every meet run the same way.

Rules Chair – Is looking to make the meets more uniform.

District 4 – Inquires if the software will be ready by July.

Chair – States the program is near completion and believes it will be ready.

District 3 – Suggests coach training involves communication to the DC's.

Chair – Asks for any more suggestions.

New Business:

A. Rulebook and Junior Division

District 4 – The way we are working with the calendar year or school year is his subject.

Coaches in district 4 are not happy with the change to school year. He knows the SOP written regarding this should go before the rules meeting in February. The coaches don't care if a rulebook is printed. They are happy to print off their own if the updated rulebook can be on the website. They believe this will be a cost saver.

Districts 5, 14 and 1 – All their coaches found the change to follow the school year as sensible.

District 5 – Their coaches will not print rulebooks. The DC will end up printing them.

District 1 – Inquires how much money is MIHA losing on rulebooks each year.

Chair – The savings is had by a volunteer doing the editing. MIHA only pays for printing so we approximately are even on the cost.

District 3 and 1 – Like to have an official rulebook printed.

District 1 – Their coaches are for the season running on the school year. In the beginning that was the intent. Juniors have only been running for five years.

District 3 – Indicates this can change if running based on the school year doesn't work out.

Committees

State Show Committee – State show chair would like to have round pens for lounging horses. This is a safety concern with participants riding in the same area as lounging.

Chair – Has two committed so far and is hoping for four.

Larry Flanary will be contacting colleges about advertising for their equine club/team programs. We are hoping to have ads in the state meet program as well as some booths to show what is available.

District 2 – Suggests TSC as a possible source for a round pen.

Chair – Already has one from them.

District 5 – May have a line on someone who would donate a round pen.

Chair – Requests information on this lead.

Larry Flanary – Joel McCrumb has shavings locked in for the state meet at \$3.38 per 3.0 cube ft bag.

District 18 – Inquires if they would be willing to make bulk orders for those having shows during the summer.

District 4 – Believes this deal was only for the state meet.

Chair will inquire if a large bulk order for other events is possible at the same price.

Rules Committee – Waiting for the proof of the rulebook.

Junior Committee – Chair has been to three meets. The riders seem to be having fun even when the weather was not so nice. The meets seem small but running well.

Regional Committee – No Report

Membership – Turn in CSC checks

Historian – No Report

Judges Committee – No Report

Patterns – No Report

Trophy Committee – Suggested replacement pedestal for the district and regional trophies was viewed. All like the marble we currently use.

052010-001 – Motion to continue using the marble pedestal for district and regional Trophies.

Motion – District 4

Second – District 3

Passed

District 16 – Asks if there is any way to present the district trophies at district meets and regional trophies at regional meets. At the end of three meets there is nothing to hand the winning teams.

District 4 – In this district everyone is packing up in a hurry to go home. A pizza party is done at the regional meet where the pins and district trophies are handed out.

District 1 – Would like to have the district trophies at districts. They have a closing ceremony.

District 19 – This district hands their trophies out at their banquet.

District 9 – Also would like to have the trophies at districts and regionals as they too have a closing ceremony.

District 6 – Concur.

052010-002 – Motion to have the district trophies available for district meets and regional trophies available for regional meets.

Motion – District 16

Second – District 9

Passed, Abstain=1

District 2 – Would like to amend the motion for regional meets. Those not placing in the top two will be more likely to leave the state meet early and not stay for closing ceremonies.

District 1 – Would like to make the trophies available this year and see how it goes.

Motion passed as originally stated.

Finance – If there are any checks not signed by the chair please get them signed before you leave the meeting.

Treasurer met with the new auditor to go through documents. The auditor was horrified at how the financials have been kept. He wants a universal form for every team and district to fill out. This form will be emailed to the treasurer who will import it into Quickbooks and be able to pull needed data to complete MIHA financials.

Treasurer – This will save us money

District 18 – Will this be available to go over at DC and coaches training?

District 14 – For those coaches who do not have the means to email the data can the DC or another party be responsible for entering it and emailing it?

Treasurer – Yes.

Nominations – No Report

Scholarship – No Report

Logo Contest – No Report.

District Reports:

1. Juniors is down to 65 from 85.
2. Up a few from last year, 53 riders.
3. Down approximately 20 riders to 53.
4. Down to 97 from 112.
5. Down 15 riders to 41. District has one team with coaches arguing. A meeting is scheduled to resolve the issues. DC is forwarding another email to the EB.
6. Not sure of the numbers but believes they are within 5-10 riders of last year.
7. Meet was May 2nd. They had 16 riders registered with 15 showing. It was a good meet. They changed how a few things were run.
8. Up to 53 riders from 40 last year.
9. Two meets are scheduled. There are 12 more riders and two more junior teams. The district has five more senior teams. They have 49 junior riders and has a 13 rider A division team. The addition of the second meet made a big difference.
10. Down 20-25 riders to 40 riders.
11. Not Present
12. Not Present
13. Not Present
14. 47 riders, same as last year
15. Not Present
16. 53 riders, 1 new team. High school has 2-4 new teams.
17. Up 2 riders to 30. Meet is June 5th.
18. Up 10 riders to 53. They have 6-7 homeschoolers who formed a junior team. He will talk with Beth on possibly splitting into separate district meets.
19. Meet was good. Had 39 riders.
Not Present

Correspondence:

Chair has a letter from the IRS regarding garnishing wages. Paperwork is getting to be very important. When the form comes out from the auditor it needs to be adhered to.

Larry Flanary – Some coaches and DC's get paid. That will become an issue. Our rulebook states we are all volunteer.

District 14 – If a school is paying a coach then the school should provide the necessary tax documents, not MIHA.

Call to the Public:

None

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

Adjourned 11:49 am

Motions:

Agenda:

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District 19– Seconds
Passed with changes

Minutes:

District 1 – Motions
District 4 – Seconds
Passed with changes

Treasurer's Report:

District 1 – Motions
District 4 – Seconds
Passed

Motion 052010-001 - Continue using the marble pedestal for district and Regional trophies.

**Motion – District 4
Second – District 3
Passed**

Motion 052010-002 – Motion to have the district trophies available for district meets and regional trophies available for regional meets.

**Motion – District 16
Second – District 9
Passed, Obstain=1**

Tasks:

***Chair will inquire if a large bulk order of shavings for other events is possible at the same price of \$3.38 per 3.0 cubic ft.*

***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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