

09/8/2010

Call to Order: 6:10 PM

Roll Call: Districts Present – 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20

Introductions:

Becky Trimmer

Agenda:

**Motion to approve**  
**District 1 – Motions**  
**District 17 – Seconds**  
**Passed with changes**

Minutes:

**Motion to accept minutes**  
**District 1 – Motions**  
**District 2 – Seconds**  
**Passed**

Treasurer's Report:

Balance \$15,567.22  
Regional check books will be funded next week.

**Motion to accept treasurer's report**  
**District 18 – Motions**  
**District 17 – Seconds**  
**Passed**

Old Business:

- A. Rulebook Regarding Junior Steering Committee  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair – Had recent issues with misunderstood or misinterpreted in the area of handling discipline of coaches. Reads the rulebook page 9 and page 24.  
What issues go to the junior steering committee? We have not been consistent. In some cases the executive board has handled a junior issue and some were done by the junior steering committee.  
District 9 – Because there are the two conflicting sections in the rulebook. The change should be handled at the February meeting.  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair – Would like to have a decision on what section of the rulebook takes precedence and what issues go to the steering committee now.  
District 4 – This was brought up in July and has some suggestions available and asks to hand out the suggestions to the group.  
District 16 – It is really important to keep consistency between the junior and senior. If you have two groups trying to control things it causes issues. What about disciplining a junior coach? Can the coach then coach at the senior level because the executive board did not discipline?

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair – When the juniors came about the DCs wanted to keep the work load down so the junior steering committee was created.

District 4 – Asks for all to read the handout and feels the junior steering committee should be limited to issues with the growth and competition policies. If the BOD agrees we can put it into an SOP.

District 14 – How many DCs have a separate junior coordinator?

District 1 – When the junior program was started we thought it could possibly outgrow the seniors. She would like to see the junior steering committee oversee all junior issues.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair – Would like to see consistency.

District 9 – Agrees with District 1.

District 4 – The junior steering committee is appointed not elected. They should not have jurisdiction over coaching discipline. All coach approval and removal goes through the DC in the SOP except juniors.

District 16 – We have other committees. They don't supercede the executive board. The junior steering committee seems to supercede the responsibility of the executive board. He feels they need to improve the program not discipline coaches. If they assume that responsibility you have a whole other organization.

District 19 – It is like asking people to have a part time job of being a DC. People will not want to give up that much time.

District 1 – That was the point of the junior committee.

District 3 – So there were other issues?

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair – Do coaches go through the junior committee to be approved?

District 3 – Reminds the coaches are registered through the state.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair – Was handed an issue and handled it.

Rules Chair – The wording needs to be changed in the rulebook.

District 4 – The perception of the junior steering committee was to handle the running of the junior division but doesn't feel they should be investigating disciplinary procedures. If there is a written complaint it should go through the executive board. Verbal concerns have been handled at the DC level.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair – Is there two boards or a board and a committee?

Everything to do with disciplinary action should go through the executive board whether it be junior or senior. If a coach is told to do one thing in the junior division then when in the senior division it should be the same, not yes in one division and no in the other.

District 3 – The steering committee should have input, but we need to have one united front.

District 2 – The junior committee is there to promote the growth of the division. The executive board handles disciplinary action.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair – At first it should go to the DC then the executive board.

District 4 – Likes the rules chairperson's suggestion for a wording change but would like to have competition only as their responsibility, not coaching. That is what the committee is for. Discipline should go to the DC first.

District 16 – Are we looking at a proposal or for the February meeting?

District 2 – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair is looking for a consistent policy now.

**092010-001 Motion to accept suggestion 1 presented and remove d. This is to be an SOP the presented to the February meeting for a rule change.**

**District 4 - Motions**

**District 14 - Seconds**

**Yes – Districts 3, 4, 10, 14**

**No – 1, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 18, 19, 20**

**Abstain – 2, 6, 16, 17**

**Failed**

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair – The issue is still in front of us.

**092010-002 Motion to have any investigation or discipline from now until the February meeting go through the DC to the Executive Board.**

**District 16 - Motions**

**District 9 - Seconds**

**Passed**

New Business:

**A. Coaches' Code of Conduct**

Rules Chair – Handed out a signable code of conduct form. She would like to revise the form by having suggestions sent to her via email. We need to have realistic expectations of riders.

District 20 – Would like to have the portion on alcohol applicable to anytime the kids are around.

District 14 – Is this going to be able to be enforced? Will it be included in the rulebook? Some of the wording is subjective and some specific.

Rules Chair – This is for direction.

District 4 – Likes it but states a lot of people smoke including the parents.

Rules Chair – As a coach you have to be an example.

District 9 – The initial thought is good. Some teams do have to agree and follow more stringent rules than by the school.

**B. Sharing of Horses**

This was discussed before. The rule still says they can only if they are in the same family.

District 9 – How would you know if it is in another district?

District 16 – One family has an exchange student. Are they considered family?

Yes.

District 20 – Likes the coggins idea but some of the copies cannot be read.

Chair – The coggins number is always different.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair – If the department of ag shows up you are required to present the original.

**C. Patterns and Measurements**

District 19 – The rulebook says dressage type arena. One of her coaches did research on the measurements.

Rules Chair – Gives the appropriate measurements

District 1 – We voted on 70X140. State meet will go by that.

District 9 – Wasn't this a guideline?  
District 20 – So we are using it as a guideline?  
Rules Chair – Yes

D. Trophy Return and Deposit

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair – Still missing some of the traveling trophies. It is now September. They were due in June. This year one of the horses was broken. Both horses have to be replaced which will cost about \$200. Do we need to charge a deposit on the traveling trophies?

Rules Chair – Would rather get a plate than pay a deposit.

Chair – The trophies are pretty beat up.

District 4 – They were refurbished in 2004.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair – How do we repair them and get them back?

Rules Chair – Have the keeper trophies available.

District 4 – There is no comparison in the grandeur of the loaner compared to the keeper trophy.

District 16 – All trophies show wear after time.

District 4 – The reason they are due back in May is so we can get them before schools close.

District 1 – How about a sign out sheet for the trophy?

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair – How about a penalty?

Treasurer – If it's not back don't let the team show next year.

District 1 – Do we want the keeper trophies available at states?

**092010-003 Motion to have the keeper trophies available at states.**

**District 1 - Motions**

**District 20 - Seconds**

**Passed**

*\*\*2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair to contact and get the keeper trophies for the state meet.\*\**

E. SOP For Coach Removal

District 4 – Was reading the SOP. He doesn't feel if the DC doesn't find misconduct the process should end. The appeal process still stands.

Why do graduating seniors get eliminated from the vote?

Chair – Once the season is done they are no longer members.

Rules Chair – This doesn't address when the meeting takes place.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair – What they may be implying is that they don't want seniors who will not be participating the next year to vote.

District 1 – Maybe there should be a change in the wording to include a date range.

District 4 – Wants to clarify it and reads a suggested change to include end and appeal to #4 for DC findings.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair – If the person has a problem the person has an opportunity to get team feelings.

District 16 – The senior section can be cleaned up by adding returning freshmen, sophomores and juniors.

District 9 – Are we discussing this to make a change?

District 4 – Not now that it is clear.

Committees

State Show Committee – Will have the same pit crew as before.

Saw dust is \$5.50 per bag.

Form for the ad in the state book is online.

Judges are Dennis Clement, Trevor Walton, Ron Strefling, Kim Rutledge, Wendy Gruskewicz, Leslie Buckner, Janet McMann, Amy Sommer, Laura Parsons and Brenda Bradley.

Rules Committee – Rules Chair has been highlighting her rulebook for knowledge for the rules meeting.

Junior Committee – Discussed previously

Regional Committee – District 2 has been looking into other areas we can use. Creating more regions is our best option. The biggest issue is 5 regions and 20 districts. That's any easy number to divide. Any other number we will have lopsided regions.

District 1 – Are we trying to increase the state numbers?

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair – That was discussed.

District 9 – The organization hasn't grown enough to change districts or regions.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair – The fact is the change would be for more going to states.

District 1 – More going to regions would be great but no states.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair – Stalls would be an issue.

District 9 – Maybe that should be looked at again.

District 2 – What prompted us to look at these regions was the February vote.

Rules Chair – Did the research and found with the proposal they would've only had a couple of teams extra.

District 16 – Every district runs differently and it makes a difference.

Rules Chair – You could have the best team in the state left behind.

District 1 – Could see regionals go to a 3 day and run A and B divisions for 1 ½ days and C and D for the other 1 ½ days.

District 9 – Maybe region C doesn't have the facilities. Maybe it would be held at two different locations.

District 4 – His understanding was state was losing money due to the implementation of regionals.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair – It is just discussion. We need to look at changes. If you have input send it on to the committee.

District 4 – Membership wants it to happen. What do we do to prepare?

Membership – 2010 – 1, 879 riders and 321 teams, 56-A, 88- B, 110-C, 67-D  
2008 – 2,067 riders and 2009 – 1,934 riders

Historian – No Report

Judges Committee – No Report

Patterns – Done for regionals but doesn't have the state done yet.

Trophy Committee – Get your trophies. T-Shirts will be done tomorrow. Chair will deliver them along with the pins and back numbers.

Finance – Don't cash the regional checks tomorrow.

Nominations – No Report

Scholarship – Had some inquiries but no names. Grooms and managers are eligible. November 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline.

District Reports:

1. Rider count is up 20 from 2009. Did have a coach bring to attention that a coggins was tampered with (the date) and submitted. The rider was removed.
2. All is good. Down 3 riders from 2009.
3. No Report
4. All is good. Down 3 riders from 2009.
5. Not Present
6. Up 15 riders from 2009. 98 total.
7. All is good.
8. All is good. Down approximately 3 riders.
9. All is good. 4 more teams
10. Down 3 teams and 25 riders
11. Not Present
12. Down 2. Had an alumni show with 125 riders.
13. Had a problem with sharing a horse. Her coach doesn't understand and wants a rule change.
14. Down 11 riders and 3 teams. Has as many juniors as seniors.
15. Has 1<sup>st</sup> meet and is up a few riders to 101.
16. The numbers are consistent. 2 of the large teams are now small. First show is Saturday. Please take co-DC off the list. Looking for a replacement.
17. 1<sup>st</sup> meet was last Sunday. It went well.
18. Down 3 riders. 1<sup>st</sup> meet on Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup>. If anyone has any team charter or expectations he would like to have a copy. Has possible issues arising.
19. 1<sup>st</sup> meet is done. They are down 15 riders. Looking for a new DC. This is her last year.
20. Same amount of riders 53. 1 new D team. Commended Gaylord for giving up a horse to a team that needed one from district 13.

Correspondence:

No Correspondence

Call to the Public:

Had a question on insurance. It only covers meets currently. Chair is checking into insurance for practice sessions.

District 2 – Has a batch of hay with Hoary Alyssum. This is toxic to horses. It likes growing in draught conditions.

**Motion to adjourn**  
**District 11 – Motions**  
**District 4 – Seconds**  
**Passed**

Adjourned 8:30pm

**Motions:**

Agenda:

District 17 – Motions  
District 1– Seconds  
Passed

Minutes:

District 11 – Motions  
District 17 – Seconds  
Passed

Treasurer’s Report:

District 11 – Motions  
District 6 – Seconds  
Passed

Adjourn:

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District 4 – Seconds  
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**Tasks:**

*\*\*2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair to contact and get the keeper trophies for the state meet.\*\**

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

*\*\*Chair will work on getting the program.\*\**



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