

05/11/2011

Call to Order: 6:20 PM

Roll Call: Districts Present – 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19
Executive Board – Chair, 1st Vice Chair, 2nd Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer,
Rules Chair, State Show Chair

Introductions:

Lisa Crowder, Dave Carlson, Chris Pienta

Agenda:

Motion to approve with changes
District 1 – Motions
District 18 – Seconds
Passed with changes

Minutes:

Motion to accept the minutes
District 2 – Motions
District 9 – Seconds
Passed

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer – Decided to show transactions, however, she forgot about the comparison and will have it next month.

Treasurer – Met with the CPA and had to file an extension. She talked with them about I-Commander. It is based off their server and will upload to their company. She will review it.

Treasurer – Is finding many amounts not matching up.

District 18 – Asks the treasurer to inquire about software propriety when she speaks with the CPA firm.

Treasurer's Report

District 18 – Motions
District 6 – Seconds
Passed

Old Business:

A. Executive Board

District 18 – The topic of discussion dealt with a lot of work being taken on by the Chair which should be delegated. In his situations he has always tried to make sure everyone is aware of the issues.

District 4 – During the discussion two months ago there were a lot of decisions being made by the chair, not the executive board. District 3 is an example.

District 2 – There was a discussion on what a meet should be.

Chair – States he made no decisions on district 3.

District 4 – Points out last year’s signup in district 3.

District 3 - A mother called about late registration. States the chair told the mother he would see to it that it would be accepted. She has the emails pertaining to the situation.

Chair – Disputes this and would like to see the emails.

District 15 – Remembers the discussion about cutoff dates, including individual district cutoffs. He supports his coaches’ deadlines.

District 3 – Believes the chair did not support the DC.

Chair – States he would not do that.

District 4 – A large discussion was had on this subject.

District 3 – A Niles parent called and wanted a refund. The parent was told by the chair they would get reimbursed.

Chair – Disputes this.

District 3 – Reads an email from July 31, 2009.

District 15 – Some teams have much earlier registration.

District 3 – States the chair told the mother she could get her child enrolled. The Niles situation, the person was not out any money.

District 2 – It sounds like old issues and doesn’t want to rehash it. Concerns have been brought forward and would like to make sure when any one of the board gets overwhelmed they will delegate to the other board members.

District 9 – The question was asked if the situation would be discussed if the chair was present. The consensus was those attending were frustrated with the chair running the organization without executive board input. Points out the previous meeting minutes and he should have seen what the votes was by reading them. Believes if the chair doesn’t feel there is a problem then there really is one. You can’t have seven people on the executive board and have one person making all the decisions.

District 16 – A number of people had issues are not saying anything now. Issues such as Williamston, the issue kept getting tabled every month.

District 9 – We need to deal with all we discussed at the last meeting.

District 16 – Issues should be handled by the executive board and good communication should exist. We put of issues time and time again. Are we going to deal with the issue?

District 9 – The executive board doesn’t have gumption to say anything now.

District 16 – That isn’t known yet.

District 4 – This was brought up by the members of the executive board on the agenda, but it was pointing to district 4. The membership voted you in. What is your goal as a chair?

Chair – Doesn’t understand the question.

District 4 – Sees that. Points out cancelled meetings in November and April.

Chair – Inquires about what is not being handled?

District 4 – What about State Farm? Larry Flanary picked up the check and was upset.

Chair – Again asks what issues are not getting handled.

2nd Vice Chair – Issues on the agenda were not addressed because we had no information. The B.O.D. was upset not having any information. It also frustrates the executive board who cannot carry on business due to lack of information on current issues.

District 4 – The rulebooks are another issue. Last year you, the chair, had the changes and it didn't get done until June. Joanne did the changes this year and we have them now.

District 3 – There was a large discussion about the executive board getting no information. The district 3 issue was supposedly happening but couldn't get any information without the executive board. The Niles issue was not known to any of the executive board.

Chair – He received a single email and he sent the question to district 3 for the DC to handle.

District 4 – The chair made a decision on how district 3 meets are run.

District 2 – There was no decision made.

District 1 – In January we all discussed it.

Chair – The very last question in the whole discussion was what district does it. Until then it was a general discussion.

District 18 – The follow-up was to show what violation when being done.

There was none. The rules don't prohibit it.

District 3 – Were there any complaints?

Chair – No. He doesn't like the way district 3 runs their district meets.

Chair – Inquires if district 4 has anything else and states he will make things better.

District 4 – Offers no more information.

District 16 – Knows things are very heated. The Williamston issue was brought up and the only thing that was asked is the executive board get involved. The executive board agreed and more information was brought forth since. If we can't get past the communication issues we are in trouble.

District 3 – According to the meeting minutes the chair was suppose to contact her regarding the district meet issues.

District 9 – Picking up on the chair's reaction to Williamston, this group had no clue what was going on. The B.O.D. pushed for the executive board to do something.

District 4 – Do you, the chair, have the information provided by district 4's DC?

Chair – Listed the documents in the folder.

District 4 – After the chair took the information the information went nowhere.

1st Vice Chair – Added the Williamston findings to the agenda.

District 1 – When a complaint comes in the chair should contact either vice chair and they contact the other board members. The vice chairs can run with it.

District 18 – Wants to see some checks and balances.

2nd Vice Chair – We did talk about frustration on communication. This gets into how the executive board looks to the B.O.D. We discussed this also at the executive board level. That information is not for public use.

District 14 – Are the executive board members satisfied with the outcome of your meeting?

1st Vice Chair – Feels there is better communication with the chair.

Rules Chair – The executive board met and believes there are things we can do for the chair. We all experienced frustrations. There are committees on the B.O.D. These committees need to take a bigger role. We need to set a meeting to restructure our board responsibilities.

District 1 – Agrees

District 18 – Signed up for the state show committee and would like to be involved but hasn't been contacted.

District 16 – The organization is only as good as its head. He hopes things are going better. His concern is about the tension between district 4, district 3 and the chair. That isn't productive. He hopes the executive board will work together. He doesn't see this kind of problem in his district.

B. Williamston Complaint

1st Vice Chair – Everyone have a copy of the two page handout? He and the rules chair met with the parties filing the complaint and the parent board.

They had numerous questions and many were explained. The recommendation is the complaint be dismissed and no action taken. Many teams have early registration. There is nothing in our rulebooks stating about it. We are very across the board on this.

Rules Chair – Felt both meetings were productive. Always afterward there are what should've been done. She did wish there was more initial data. It was a fact finding mission and felt the kids were very candid and honest. She did call the school and pretended to be a perspective rider's parent. The information was provided within 30 seconds.

1st Vice Chair – It is legal to assign one slot to a rider.

District 4 – What about the email issue and the kids being dropped from the email list? They didn't feel they were reinstated.

1st Vice Chair – They were on a recent email.

District 4 – The main issue is the purpose and goals. He feels it isn't being followed. It's more than just Williamston. Transfer students can sign up until the DC registration date. He would like the membership committee to get moving on the team rules. This organization will do one of two things. We will have versatile riders or go back to a youth show.

1st Vice Chair – That is the problem with team rules.

District 14 – The coach resigned? She doesn't feel the kids should be punished. Her district is different. You won't get rid of it. Some coaches will stack and some won't. The change for slotting will be good.

1st Vice Chair – February 21st 2011 was the email date.

District 18 – Will the membership committee get moving forward?

Secretary – Will get the committee list updated.

Rules – These rules aren't made to keep kids off the teams.

District 3 – What if those kids can't get to those riding practices?

District 7 – She is positive she will find the same scenario 15-20 years ago. She has extraordinary loose rules and it doesn't hurt them.

District 9 – Agrees. The problem is we have something happening which shouldn't be. All his expectations can be met in August.

District 14 – We can't address this until February.

District 3 – Say a school signup dates are in April and the rider has to attend 3 meets. Is it legal?

2nd Vice Chair – Yes, The rulebook doesn't state anything.

District 3 – So Williamston doesn't have any rules broke?

1st Vice Chair – Stated he has a personal issue with this but it doesn't violate rules. His discussion w/Terry was does it go against the purpose of MIHA.

District 1 – Thinks all district chairs should bring a forceful, positive attitude that the guidelines can exist but until the district chair writes the check to the state they are to accept kids.

District 5 – Even if the school dictates it?

District 1 – It's the coach and DCs responsibility to go to the school.

20110511-002 Motion to close the Williamston issue and accept the report and recommendation of the executive board.

District 2 – Motions

District 9 – Seconds

Passed with one abstain

C. Rulebooks

Rules Chair – Books are in. She talked with Matt about reworking the web version to print on 8.5 X 11. He will see if he could do it and for no cost. If you are taking rulebooks tell her how many. They are \$2.25 per book and 1 given per team. She used her best guest on the number ordered.

District 8 – Do we email rulebooks to the judges hired?

Rules Chair – Yes and please include the judge's mailing address if they are not on the 4H judges list.

District 4 – It was his interpretation the rulebooks were going to be 8.5 X 11 whether they are on the web or not.

Rules Chair – That was if it was possible to reformat the book. The findings were the reformat would be more expensive.

District 4 – Thought all coaches were going to print their own. Eventually if the coaches were printing we would save money.

Rules Chair – Judges won't carry a large book.

District 4 – We've only had these books for five years.

District 6 – 8.5 X 11 was a pain.

District 18 – His only intention was to get the books done quickly.

Rules Chair – Taking the bylaws and governing out made a large difference. She has only had contact with Matt.

District 3 – Didn't think we were going to have them for their coaches.

Rules Chair – We are making money on these.

District 3 – How? Are we buying them?

Chair – The editing for the 8.5 X 11 would've taken another month.

District 6 – Don't think most people know Matt does this on his own time and works with the company to get us a best price.

District 7 – Most organizations are printing or they now make you buy a book.

D. SOP for Volunteers

District 4 – This was voted on 2 ½ years ago. Does everyone want to vote on it again?

2nd Vice Chair – The question was what copy was official?

1st Vice Chair – It's two years old. Do we want to review it?

20110511-003 Motion to put the SOP on the web.

District 9 – Motions

District 18 – Seconds

Passed

New Business:

A. Web Updates

District 2 – Wanted to make sure someone had ownership of it and minutes were on there in a timely manner.

District 1 – Does that restrict us on space?

2nd Vice Chair – Had issues getting access.

B. Rewrite of the Tracker Program

Chris Pienta – Believes the program can be rewritten using the database we currently have.

District 18 – Is there anything worth saving in what we have?

Chris Pienta – Hopes to be able to use the database.

Secretary – The program rewrite is being broke into two segments. Segment one will be the rewrite of what we currently have, the client. Segment two will work toward getting things more web based. The amount we are paying now will cover segment one. Segment two will be an extra cost.

District 2 – Are we using an access database?

District 10 – This may not work for everyone. Some don't have high speed internet access.

Secretary – There will be a standalone client which goes on the computer just like it does now.

District 15 – Time frame for completion?

District 3 – Will we have it by August?

Chris Pienta – That is what we are looking to.

20110511-001 Motion to expense the funds for starting the program rewrite

District 18 – Motions

District 1 – Seconds

Passed

C. Insurance

Chair – Is working on liability for fun shows. He is nervous about it, but we may create a whole new policy for it. He would like the dates of the fun shows to pass on to the insurance company. District 12 and 9 are the only ones having them currently.

2nd Vice Chair – Some schools have their own team shows as fundraisers.

Chair – Stated they are not using our insurance.

Chair – Accidental insurance policy on all our rider coaches and district chairs. He has been down to talk with American Income Life and they will give the same deal as 4H. It covers team practices and events.

District 18 – How would you assess that? Through registration?

District 14 – Is this voluntary or will it include all riders?

Chair – It would be all riders.

District 4 – Likes the idea but what about early signup?

2nd Vice Chair – Is a 4Her covered under a policy already covered for MIHA also?

District 14 – No.

District 2 – It has to be an authorized event.

District 4 – Would like to get it in September.

Chair – Will look into it more. We need to be diligent on incident reports.

District 4 & District 3 – Did not know those reports were to be sent to the chair.

All DCs were unaware also.

District 7 – Do we still have a board liability policy?

Answer: Yes

Committees

State Show Committee – Cindy Tesolin is our chair with Marc DeLisle as an assistant.

Chris Deisler is stepping up to help.

Rules Committee – Talked about the rulebook already and would like to read something. The rules states juniors can split a single A division team into 2 B teams or 2 or more C teams. The problem is a coach is not suppose to head two teams in the same division.

District 4 – Page 16 the number of riders for D division states four riders.

Rules Chair – Brought it up and it was voted down.

Junior Committee – Without District 12 the count is 734, 8-A, 41-B, 71-C, 51-D for a total of 170 teams. 2010 was 907 riders.

Regional Committee – District 1 – For regionals can you get the back numbers at the meeting and have them laminated?

Membership – No Report

Historian – No Report

Judges Committee – Have them and decided not to release the names at this time. Did pull the judges list off the web and put a link to the 4H horse judges list. On the 4H list there is an MIHA checkbox. This was there simply to show the particular judge agrees to judge MIHA. This was not an MIHA approved judge box.

Trophy Committee –Thank you to Candice for picking up the trophies. The sportsmanship trophies have the wrong year and were pulled. 2nd Vice Chair will get them replaced.

Finance – No Report

Nominations – No Report

Patterns - Has a question for the group. Instead of him relying on other judges for a login to the pattern website, can we get our own for MIHA? \$150 for 6 months.

District 9 – Since Joanne has a membership can't we just use hers?

20110511-004 Motion to purchase a membership.

District 2 – Motions

District 4 – Seconds

Passed

Scholarship – The website has a due date but no link.

Logo – An email needs to be sent out to coaches to submit logos.

District Reports:

1. 1 Jr meet of 79 and a clinic of 60 riders
2. Meets May 14 & 15
3. Good
4. Meets May 14 & 15
5. 40 riders, meet June 18th.
6. Meet was last Saturday. They liked getting their trophies at the meet. Had 34 riders.
7. Same
8. Issue with a team and removal of a coach
9. 1st meet was last Saturday and 2nd is on the 21st. Up a few riders
10. Good now
11. No Report
12. Not Present
13. 13 Riders. Trying to decide whether to wait for younger kids or to combine.
District 2 – Knows the concern on numbers. 30 is a break even number.
14. Good
15. Good
16. Numbers are up. Good things happening in their area.
17. 23 Riders
18. 39 Riders, meet June 4th
19. 20 Riders, down 19, meet May 21st
20. Not Present

Correspondence:

Call to the Public:

Dave Carlson – Re. Williamston - Did you talk to Marcy Best?

Rules Chair – The chair did; she didn't.

Dave Carlson – Some of the team members came and asked if Marcy's resignation will resolve it.

Rules Chair – She had no idea there was a complaint filed until the last day of the meet.

Dave Carlson – This shows a coach can make any decision they want as long as they resign at the end of the season.

This took too long and if he didn't make a call to the chair it wouldn't have happened. The rules are being overridden by team rules.

Lisa Crowder – Is frustrated because her questions aren't to be answered but only stated.

Rules Chair – Why can't you ask?

District 2 – It's a matter of protocol. The district chair is suppose to put it on the agenda.

Lisa Crowder – Why do you have a call to the public?

Chair – It is for statements only.

1st Vice Chair – Tells people on his other boards that is not a public meeting but a meeting held in public.

District 18 – Anyone can be represented at our meetings?

Chair – Yes.

District 2 – Came across a lady that brought up wounded soldiers doing therapeutic riding for physical therapy. If you have anyone who would like to volunteer get with Fred.

Motion to adjourn

District 8 – Motions

District 1 – Seconds

Passed

Adjourned 9:00pm

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Tasks:

2nd Vice Chair – Put the volunteer registration SOP on the web.

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