

08/10/2011

Call to Order: 6:05 PM

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

Introductions:

Judy Dewitt

Agenda:

Motion to approve with changes
District 8 – Motions
District 4 – Seconds
Passed with changes

Minutes:

Motion to accept the minutes
District 1 – Motions
District 17 – Seconds
Passed

Treasurer's Report:

Balance in checking \$-3106.90. The negative balance is due to a miswrite of the check or the rulebooks. Once the previously written check it received it will be adjusted.

Motion to accept the treasurer's report
District 17 – Motions
District 4 – Seconds
Passed

Old Business:

A. SOP Coach Removal

1st Vice Chair – We talked about putting the SOP on the web. As he reviewed the document it appeared as though it was very easy to remove a coach, especially by small teams.

A suggestion to change the SOP to include something about mediation prior to a vote and the B.O.D. to approve the vote prior to it being held.

District 1 – Those two steps will help.

District 4 – Those are good thoughts but it adds time to the situation and to the DCs work load. Will a DC suffice as a mediator?

1st Vice Chair – Yes a DC would be fine.

District 2 – Thinks mediation is a good thing but in mediation both sides have to agree on the outcome.

District 4 – Suggests we put in the SOP the DC has the ability to approve the vote or move it to the B.O.D.

1st Vice Chair – If the DC can't work it out it will go up to the B.O.D.
District 8 – Does not like the ability for riders and parents to vote in and out coaches. It's too easy for them to make decisions which ultimately do not benefit the team.

District 4 – Believes it is already in the rulebook the approval of a coach goes through the DC and the executive board first.

District 2 – In situations where the team is a varsity sport we add the DC in lieu of the athletic director from the school can approve or disapprove?

Chair – These situations have been seen more lately.

1st Vice Chair – Do we want to eliminate the team vote in the SOP?

District 4 – Likes the idea of removing the team vote but wants to make sure it is written in such a way there is no question.

1st Vice Chair will change the current writing of the SOP to reflect some of the ideas put forth and bring it back to the B.O.D. at the September meeting.

New Business:

A. MIHA Review – Judy DeWitt

Judy works at CMU ad part time with Paige/Olson. She thanks Angie for all her work.

Three different reports were handed out. The bound copy is a review, not an audit. A review does not express an opinion, an audit does.

Treasurer – For this year we will include teams and districts in the review.

The cost for the review was almost triple previous years.

Judy covers the handed out materials with the B.O.D.

B. Teams

District 4 – Has a problem with a team and is looking for a solution. The junior coach for the Springport team is now the assistant coach for the senior team. He wonders what the consensus on the question of speed tryouts is. The parent of two riders has a problem with this as both his children ride speed classes normally.

The DC of district 4 received a complaint letter from this parent. In this letter there were implications of the assistant coach touching riders inappropriately. The assistant coach is a member of the school board and through questions asked by the DC cannot be founded.

This complaint was not sent to all interested parties including the assistant coach as required by MIHA rules.

Four months later the chair of MIHA receives a phone call from the parent. The complaint never moved up.

The kids are now in a charter school which does not have a team. They wanted to join the Eaton Rapids team but were refused and told they have to ride for the school of their residence which is Springport. The Springport Assistant coach does not want to open it up to allow these two riders back on the team.

Rules Chair – It says “may” in the rulebook. They have the option to form their own team for the charter school.

District 4 – They don't want to form a team, they want to join Springport.

District 1 – The charter school is issuing their diploma so they can form their own team.

Rules Chair – We need to review the whole section on this in the rulebook. It is very difficult to translate the rule.

District 4 – The rulebook states 4 riders. They can't form one until 4 riders.

Rules Chair – No the rulebook states at 4 riders they must form their own team.

District 4 – States he will be going to their next meeting.

District 10 – This could be as simple as the school stating no because they don't attend their school district.

Committees

State Show Committee – The showbill has been tweaked a bit so we don't have a really late night.

Rules Chair – Is requesting a pony jumping plan.

Chair – How did the lounging round pens work?

State Show Chair – They were great. There was enough of them.

District 6 – Are the Ads for the program still the same? She wants to give out the forms.

Treasurer – Will contact the colleges for advertisements in the program.

Rules Committee – Has been working at rewording and will go over what is out there. Would like it added to the November agenda. She has made a list of emails she has received. If there are any issues please email her.

District 1 – What about the front section of the rulebook on the web? When will it be there?

Rules Chair – It is done and will get with 2nd Vice Chair to have it posted.

District 1 – Liked having the changes grayed out to differentiate the old rule from the changes.

Junior Committee – No Report

Regional Committee – T-Shirt Order needs to be given to chair.

Membership – District 2 has the rider number information collected.

Juniors:

2008 Highest Numbers, 2011 Lowest Numbers

2008 – 966 Riders, 2011 – 769 Riders Down 197 with 2009 and 2010 having the largest drop.

Seniors:

2007 Highest Numbers, 2009 Lowest Numbers

2007 – 2111 Riders, 2009 – 1934 Riders, 2010 – 1879 Riders

2009 – Down 177, 2010 – Down 55 for a total loss of 232 riders

District 4 – Is it time to think about redistricting?

Rules Chair – We really need to think of the optimal size of a district before doing it.

District 4 – We have to look at facilities and distance also.

District 2 – Redistricting to make us financially viable?

The other districts in junior who did have good numbers offset the small number of districts who did not. There were only 3 smaller districts.

Chair – Believes we should start looking at it.

Rules Chair – We need to redistrict on senior numbers not junior and be consistent throughout the state.

Chair – If you have two districts with no A team, it brings down the state meet competition. We need to look into who and how we are sending teams to states.

District 4 – We need a plan.

District 1 – What about dropping down to 16 districts?

District 6 – Is looking to have information on the AIC insurance to hand out to her coaches.

Chair to send out information on the insurance to the DCs.

District 10 – Any way to activate the insurance sooner than December?

Chair – It all has to be done at one time and MIHA cannot fund the cost upfront.

District 4 – Can't we start this in April for everyone?

Chair – In December MIHA can pay for the juniors and collect their money in the spring.

District 6 – On the team roster do all the coaches have to pay?

Chair – All riders are required, coaches have the option.

District 2 – Thought last month it had to be 100% participation.

Chair – The riders yes, coaches it is optional.

District 4 – What if the riders have other insurance and don't want it?

District 1 – It is \$2 and there is no choice.

Historian – No Report

Judges Committee – No Report

Trophy Committee – The marble bases for the district trophies are on back order. Action Awards has about 30-40 of them and will check on the status of the rest.

2nd Vice Chair to check on District 19 junior plate and bring the junior sportsmanship awards to the next meeting. Also check on other options if the bases will not be available including going to a different company if needed.

Finance – Cost of the review \$8,125

Nominations – No Report

Patterns - 1st Vice Chair has district patterns to email if they are requested. He is getting better at navigating the website.

Scholarship – One school inquired if the kids qualified if the team was only 3 years old. There was no team prior to then. The answer is no.

District 1 – Thought an exception had been made before for this.
Chair – No.

Logo – Selected and on the web.

Tracker Program – Showed a sample of what the program is going to look like. Chris is joining the database to the forms and is planning to have this completed in the next 2 weeks. The design is taking longer than he expected. We will not have the new program ready for districts.

District Reports:

1. Good.
2. Sent a preliminary email and found the district will be down about 20 riders.
3. Not Present
4. OK
5. Thinks the Rockford situation is worked out. May be down about 18 riders
6. First meet is August 27th. 87 riders
7. Not Present
8. Numbers not changing, 72 riders
9. Had the alumni show. Was much fun. Doyle's team had goofy neckties. As a funny note discovered speed classes should be banned for old people.
10. Down a few riders
11. Not Present
12. Not Present
13. 27-28 Riders
14. Not Present
15. 101 last year and down to 79 this year
16. Not Present
17. Good. Hoping to be up a little.
18. Not Present
19. 80 riders up from 70. August 27th is the first meet.
20. Not Present

Correspondence:

Rules chair received an email from Rockford parent that they were not showing and were disappointed the interstate meet with Wisconsin had been cancelled and they couldn't participate. We never knew there was an interstate meet.

Call to the Public:

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District 1 – Seconds
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Adjourned 8:15pm

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Tasks:

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**** Chair – Will look at the numbers regarding BOD meetings.****

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