

09/07/2011

Call to Order: 6:25 PM

Roll Call: Districts Present – 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20
Executive Board – Chair, 1st Vice Chair, 2nd Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer,
Rules Chair, State Show Chair

Introductions:

None

Agenda:

Motion to approve with changes

District 1 – Motions

District 17 – Seconds

Passed with changes

Minutes:

Motion to accept the minutes

District 1 – Motions

District 17 – Seconds

Passed

Treasurer's Report:

Balance in checking \$4,485.26.

Treasurer – Has reworked the financial statements and will email them out.

District 4 – Has a question on the profit/loss statement. At the bottom it states in 2009 there was \$12,000.00 and in 2010 only \$2000.00. Why is it so different?

Treasurer – There must be a misprint. She is not sure but will check into it.

Treasurer – Forgot the checkbooks for regionals at home but will mail them out to the regional chairs.

District 7 – Do you have all monies entered already?

Treasurer – Yes. We had some early registrations.

District 7 – In the 2010 statement shows January 1 – September 1. The rest of the year is not entered.

Treasurer – Is doing year to date not whole year.

District 7 – The current expense profit/loss are correct.

Motion to accept the treasurer's report for 2011 expenses

District 1 – Motions

District 11 – Seconds

Passed

Old Business:

A. Insurance

District 9 – Did see the insurance was explained and we are going ahead with it.

Chair – It's a pretty simple policy.

District 9 – Sells insurance and no policy is simple. He disagrees with this and how no information was given. If you want a policy in effect by September 1st it can be done.

District 2 – We could've done it by September 1st but decided to wait until January to get the paperwork in order. It the exact same insurance as the 4H has. It's an over and above insurance policy.

With the number of people who have lost insurance benefits or now have no benefits this policy will assist them in the event of an accident. It covers not only the meets but sanctioned practices and going to and from them.

At the last meeting we decided to start it January 1st. For the seniors leaving you will have junior riders coming in.

Chair – The decision was also based on pulling in the juniors. MIHA will cover that cost. We will have that money to pay after the state meet.

District 4 – It is the senior riders who pay for nothing. It's fraud to propose paying for something they don't get. His coaches voted it down if it doesn't start now.

District 2 – That's their choice.

District 4 – If the numbers fluctuate will you be short?

District 4 – Has 9 kids this will help.

District 16 – Thinks the insurance is a great thing but how do you pay for it?

Chair – It's based on the number of riders. The list is maintained by us.

District 16 – If he has 8th grade riders rolling in to senior, do the pay 2 times that year?

District 4 – Is worried about not having it this season and if a claim is filed and not accepted we will have issues.

2nd Vice Chair – The coaches need to let their people know. These people think they have coverage now.

District 4 – Why can it not be effective in September?

Chair – We have to pay for the juniors at the same time.

District 6 – Has already had two meets

District 16 – If he has an 8th grader pay in June do they have to pay again in September?

Chair – We will be paying for one year in advance.

District 6 – You are estimating each year how many riders there are. She has not seen any information passed along on this.

Secretary – Verifies email was sent with attachment of the coverage to the DCs.

2nd Vice Chair – Uses AIL for 4H events. It's a little different in that it only covers the day of the event.

District 14 – Their county pays at the time of 4H registration.

District 4 – Can't we start this in September?

We have X amount of money now, can we do it?

Chair – It's mandatory for all riders and optional for coaches and staff.

District 14 – We voted on this as a board.

District 4 – We have to run by Robert's Rules. We had 9 at that meeting, not enough for a quorum.

District 1 – It is 50% of those present.

1st Vice Chair – If it's not wanted have a vote not to do it.

District 4 – Also reads July minutes and sees it was motioned to raise rider registration to cover it. That can only be done at the February meeting.

Chair – Thinks district 4 is correct.

District 2 – The budget is voted on not rider registration.

District 14 – Believed in July we left it 2 separate things not to raise rider registration.

2nd Vice Chair – Does remember that conversation in July.

District 17 – How many have charged their kids?

Chair – It is up to the BOD if this is to go through at all.

2nd Vice Chair – Someone make a motion.

District 14 – The company can't wait until December for the juniors?

Answer: No

District 18 – This is the only time we will go through process getting things started.

District 4 – Shouldn't this be voted on by the membership?

Chair – He doesn't derive any benefit from this insurance. Whatever the BOD wants is fine.

20110907-001 – Motion to rescind the insurance fee that was voted on in July.

Motion – District 4

Second –

Motion recalled by District 4

District 9 – Can't second the motion only because he doesn't feel it is right to go backwards. He doesn't like; however, how it was presented.

20110907-002 – Motion to start the insurance September 9, 2011.

Motion – District 4

Second –

Chair – There is \$4000 in our checking and \$5000 due to liability insurance. All he is saying is he wanted to get through championships first.

District 18 – His district could loan up to \$800 to start the policy now.

District 1 – Her district will loan the other \$800.

District 16 – If we were to vote on starting this right now we could charge each district an extra \$100 to cover the junior costs.

District 2 – Likes the idea from district 16.

Keep in mind we will have to redo a roster with addresses and such.

District 14 – We don't have to turn in names and addresses to the company just numbers?

Chair – Yes, just numbers. We maintain the list of covered individuals.

Amendment to motion 20110907-002 to assess an additional \$100 to each district. Those not having the extra funds can be floated by the districts offering the loan. (8 districts cannot afford the extra \$100).

Amendment rescinded.

Amendment to motion 20110907-002 – Junior division will be funded by a straight loan from districts 18 and 1. Repayment to these districts prior to the February winter meeting.

Amendment Accepted

(Official Motion – Motion to start the insurance September 9, 2011. Junior division will be funded by a straight loan from districts 18 and 1.

Repayment to these districts prior to the February winter meeting.)

Motion – District 4

Second – District 2

Passed with one abstaining (D6)

District 4 – Asks about how it starts and adding junior riders.

District 20 – Only paid \$88 for the 44 riders. If she adds people will they be covered with the additional fee paid?

District 4 – Marked paid next to his coaches on the district form if they paid for the extra insurance.

Chair – This is going to be a group effort to maintain the list and be diligent filling out accident reports.

District 1 – Can 2nd Vice Chair put the web link on the MIHA website so the riders can see what is covered?

2nd Vice Chair – Will put the web link to the flyer on MIHA's site.

B. SOP

1st Vice Chair – Sent the SOP to executive board asking for suggestions for changes. Paragraph B and C were ones with issues. Suggestion were made and read.

District 11 – Why would you want to take control away from the team? Is the EB going to be ready for these issues to come? It's better we left it with the DC. What coach is going to want to stay with the majority of the team against them?

1st Vice Chair – Problems have arisen on a D team with 1 person. It went to a team vote and then was brought to the EB.

District 11 – Let's just dump it in the EB lap then.

1st Vice Chair – The DC still has a good part in it.

District 4 – Likes how the SOP is written. There are a lot of issues with popularity. We need to start backing our coaches. If we don't we won't have any coaches.

1st Vice Chair – Also, had issues with a team pitted against each other after the vote.

District 9 – Agrees with district 11. If a team is governed by the school they don't have a say. If not they should have a voice in who is coaching. Why shouldn't a rider be able to choose? If the EB is taking that away, take it all.

1st Vice Chair – We haven't had much time to think it over. We will decide at the November meeting. If there are any suggestions or wording changes, please email him.

New Business:

A. Absent Riders

District 18 – A couple of coaches asked if a rider could be benched.
District 2 – States yes as long as they rider at least one class at one meet.
District 11 – A coach could choose not to put a rider in any slots.
2nd Vice Chair – If a kid is allowed to be a manager so as to be eligible for the scholarship, how is that documented?
District 1 – If they are an MIHA member they have to pay the fee.
District 11 – Documents on the roster but does not charge them.
District 16 – Charges their grooms/managers \$10 which covers a patch.
District 2 – That would be good for insurance purposes also.
District 18 – We don't have a non rider slot.
District 6 – She understands that at the state meet only riders get patches.
1st Vice Chair – Grooms don't get them at state meet competition, correct?
State Show Chair – If they are on the sheet they do.
District 20 – Are we saying we need a section on the team roster showing non riders? Do we charge them something?
District 2 – As the state organization we will get charged the \$2 insurance fee.
District 20 – Wouldn't it be easiest to add a non rider section?
Maybe they should fill out a rider registration form.
District 2 – To update the team form for non riders.

B. 2012 Dates

District 18 – Looking back at meetings and attendance.

20110907-003 Motion to cancel the April, July and August and November meetings.

District 2 – August is early registration.

Chair – November we discuss rule changes.

District 4 – Doesn't mind losing April and July meetings. August is early registration and November is for rule change discussion.

District 11 – Anyone who has to do early registration can do so by mail.

District 19 – Is frustrated rehashing issues brought up in July at the August meeting.

Chair – If you drop August there would be two months with no meeting. That is too long to go without a meeting.

Poll – April: Not Wanted, July: Not Wanted, August: 11 still want it

District 1 – Asks to keep the August meeting.

District 4 – Agrees with district 16 about skipping 2 months in a row.

District 1 – Can we change the August meeting to an "if needed" meeting?

Amendment to motion 20110907-003: cancel only April and July meetings.

Motion – District 18

Second – District 16

Passed

2012 Dates: Meetings – January 14, February 11, March 10, May 9, June 13, August 8, September 12, November 10 and December 8
Regionals – September 29-30, States – October 11-14

Committees

State Show Committee – Chair talked with T-Shirt vendor and preorder forms will go into packets this year.

Rules Committee – Working through a lot of questions and emails regarding team affiliated people running the show office at a regional meet. The question is are those office people slotting differently knowing how other teams are slotted? It causes hard feelings.

There are also questions about stacking.

Even though we publish the rulebook without the constitutional portion, we should put the purpose and goals in print.

District 4 – Stacking has been an issue for years. This is a competitive sport and it's coaching strategy. It's not fair to a kid who shows all summer being forced to be on a team with someone who shows only for equestrian team.

District 9 – An easy fix is to develop terminology stating the method which should be used.

Rules Chair – What if the tracker program could print out how many are in each class to be posted?

District 10 – Every team in his district has to be host team in the office. There is a different coach from a different team in the office at each meet.

District 16 – Doesn't pass out any information about what teams he has until all the registration is in.

District 6 – The people that find out go who is in what class go and ask.

Those that don't ask don't get the information.

District 1 – Their secretary for the district handles all the input. That can all be done ahead of time. They aren't allowed to switch slots unless there is a lameness issue.

District 18 – Has two coaches do the input and offer an audit of the office to the teams.

District 12 – Everyone in his district can see what everyone else is doing.

District 1 – Along that line of stacking she has felt moving 2 teams to regionals would help alleviate that problem.

Rules Chair – The splitting on many teams causes hard feelings.

Junior Committee – No Report

Regional Committee – District 2 – Still looking @ 1st and 2nd place teams coming to regionals. They are looking at stall numbers and locations. Looks like there are enough places we could do the 1st and 2nd place teams. Now we need to look at additional costs for the facility.

District 4 – At Ingham the indoor arena and facility is about \$15000.

Membership – Secretary still planning on having a committee meeting to start on the team and district rules outside of the rulebook.

Historian – No Report

Judges Committee – Will let you know who the state meet judges are after districts.

Trophy Committee – 2nd Vice Chair – The teams receiving the state trophies signed a form stating it would be back by the end of May. Some still are not in and it is September. What do we do?

Secretary reads the form.

2nd Vice Chair – The DC is responsible for getting the trophy.

District 1 – No it's not the DC's job, it's the coach's.

2nd Vice Chair – But the DC is in charge of the team and coaches.

District 2 – What if we away with the loaner trophy?

20110907-004 Motion to amend the trophy form to state if the trophies are not turned in by the date due the team will not be allowed to register in the fall.

Amended to state by your normal registration. (D9)

(Official Motion - Motion to amend the trophy form to state if the trophies are not turned in by the normal registration date the team will not be allowed to register in the fall.)

Motion – District 16

Second – District 20

Passed

District 2 – It's disrespectful to the staff's time to wait on these trophies. It's about guidelines.

2nd Vice Chair – What about teams that change coaches?

District 2 – The DC would know about the change.

Finance – Working on the new team and district financial form. Email her with suggestions. Hopes to have it sent out this week to the DCs and would like to use them this year.

Nominations – No Report

Patterns - State patterns sent to the pattern committee today.

Scholarship – No Report

Logo – No Report

Tracker Program – Talked with programmer. He is doing some revamping of the app so the flow is easier. Will call him in the next day or two to find when a beta will be sent.

District Reports:

1. 171 riders, stayed about the same and is up to 6-A teams, 11-B teams, 3-C teams and 3-D teams
2. 1st meet is Saturday. Down riders 20-23, 107 riders
3. Not Present
4. 2 years ago he had 220 riders this year 122
5. Had 1st meet 2 weeks ago and was done by 6pm.
6. Had 2 meets on the 27 & 28th of August. Went good
7. Left before reports.
8. Last meet was 2 weeks ago and next meet is Saturday
9. Down a few riders. 1st meet 16th and 17th. Had the alumni open show.
10. Down 3 teams and 20 riders
11. Left before reports
12. 1st meet is Saturday. Had an alumni meet with 79 riders
13. 1st meet is Saturday
14. 1st meet is Saturday. Down 7 or 8 riders. Concerns about fall volleyball conflicts. Juniors are growing and seniors are shrinking. Working to educate coaches and administration of equestrian team.
15. Good 1st meet, 2 weeks ago and went well
16. Junior up 10%, Senior up over 10%
17. Good
18. Good
19. Good
20. Lots of juniors, all is good

Correspondence:

None

Call to the Public:

Motion to adjourn
District 1 – Motions
District 18 – Seconds
Passed

Adjourned 8:39pm

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Treasurer's Report

District 1 – Motions to approve for 2011 expenses
District 11 – Seconds
Passed

Motion to adjourn

District 1 – Motions
District 18 – Seconds
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Second – District 20
Passed

Tasks:

****District 2 – To update the team form for non riders.****

****2nd Vice Chair – Will put the web link to the flyer on MIHA's site.****

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