

12/10/2011

Call to Order: 10:03 AM

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

Introductions:

None

Agenda:

Motion to approve with changes
District 17 – Motions
District 8 – Seconds
Passed with changes

Minutes:

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

Treasurer's Report:

Balance in \$173.20.

Treasurer – Money will have to be moved from CD. She has not handled the Farm Bureau donation.

District 1 – Clarifies the chair has not handled the Farm Bureau donation.

Larry Flanary – Asks if we received the \$5000 for this year.

District 4 – Chair was suppose to back in September.

Larry Flanary – Asks if the BOD would like him to check into it as it is suppose to be received annually.

Answer: Yes

District 9 – If we get that money we won't have to move money from the CD.

Treasurer – Is going to look for a less expensive CPA this year.

District 9 – Knows someone locally who does this and charges them a token fee and is willing to ask her if she would consider doing the same for MIHA.

District 14 – Has no problem paying less but in 4H the review is done with 4H superiors, meaning the board.

Rules Chair – Are we under state stipulation?

2nd Vice Chair – As long as we don't have to let's not spend the money.

Motion to accept the treasurer's report
District 17 – Motions
District 14 – Seconds
Passed

Old Business:

A. Coach Removal

1st Vice Chair – Sent out the current and proposed SOPs.

District 11(Amy) is ill and cannot present her proposal.

1st Vice Chair – Are there any comments? There are 3 different options.

District 4 – Most of the issues were discussed and would like the 1st Vice Chair’s proposal as the SOP.

1st Vice Chair – This proposal drops the vote from the team members and knows district 11 felt the vote was important. He sees problems with the team vote especially with D teams voting out their coach on a whim. He also knows a team was split due to a team voting issue.

District 1 – Even if voted down it is our SOP?

2nd Vice Chair – Was there a time this has to be an SOP before a rule?

District 14 – No it does go before the membership as a vote.

2nd Vice Chair – Put proposed SOP on the website

20111210-001 Motion to move ahead with proposed motion for coach removal.

Motion – District 9

Second – District 4

Passed

New Business:

A. Speaking During Meetings (Robert’s Rules)

1st Vice Chair – Several months ago a person was asked not to speak as her DC was present in the meeting and was the spokesperson. Last month we had the same issue. What is the rule?

District 9 – That is what a call to the public is for.

1st Vice Chair – Thinks he offended her and had no comments at call to the public.

District 1 – Thought it was very beneficial to have the past BOD members’ input.

District 14 – The only concern is if someone has interest in being here and has a valid point they should be heard. They may have beneficial input.

District 4 – Agrees with district 9, if the DC is here the DC represents the district.

1st Vice Chair – What about public members?

2nd Vice Chair – Roberts Rules does address ex-officio

Secretary – Thought Robert’s Rules also addresses the chair allowing the public to speak during topic discussion.

Mark DesLisle – Shouldn’t motions be directed through the DC?

District 3 – Didn’t realize her assistant wasn’t allowed to speak. Sees no reason why the assistant DC shouldn’t be allowed to provide input.

2nd Vice Chair – The assistant is not a member of the board.

District 5 – Parliamentary procedure states only representatives are allowed to speak and prefers to hold all others until call to public.

2nd Vice Chair – Are we clear? BOD speaks not the assistant DC when the DC is present? You can’t allow the public to speak as the meeting will get out of order.

District 9 – We could do what some of the school boards do and have a call at the beginning and end of the meeting.

2nd Vice Chair – District 9 is right on with this point.

District 9 – It gives you the opportunity at the beginning to give input on upcoming topics.

District 2 – There needs to be a time limit on comments, 2 minutes is normal.

2nd Vice Chair – An agenda item like saddle seat pattern may have someone who brought in the pattern to give knowledge on the subject.

1st Vice Chair – They are then a speaker on that subject only.

2nd Vice Chair – Is it OK to do a call to public at the beginning and end?

20111210-002 Motion to add call to the public at the beginning of the agenda. Call is limited to current agenda items, comments only and is limited to 2 minutes per speaker. Only BOD members may add agenda items.

Motion – District 9

Second - District 4

Passed

District 5 – Some other boards only recognize immediate past presidents.

That is a good idea.

District 4 – You will need a time keeper on the above call to public.

2nd Vice Chair – We are not in agreement of the past officers are allowed to speak or not.

20111210-003 Motion to amend membership article IV adding immediate past chair as an allowed speaker. Rescinded

20111210-004 Motion to allow immediate past chair to speak on agenda items but have no vote.

Motion – District 5

Second – District 9

Amended to Motion to allow past chairpersons to speak on agenda items but have no vote.

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Passed, Opposed – District 4 and 3

District 4 – Would like to see it go to just call to the public.

B. District Change

District 14 – Letter was emailed to Chair from Rochester. They have 1 rider with a horse stabled in Kingston. Would like to move the team from District 2 to District 14.

District 2 – Stipulation – Will support the move but if there is another student who joins in Rochester High School the team would have to move back to district 2.

District 9 – Coaching two teams is addressed and has to be in front of the board.

District 2 and 5 – You can't be a head coach of two teams.

Rules Chair – Is the other team a D team?

District 14 – Thinks so.

Rules Chair – Reads the rule.

District 14 – So if they petition the BOD they can coach 2 as a hardship?

2nd Vice Chair – Any other discussion?

District 14 – Accepted by district 2 and district 14 with the stipulation.

C. Traverse City St. Francis

District 9 – DC from 18 is not here and ask this be brought up.

Ginny is the coach of the team and was called to the office of the school to be told she was removed as coach of the team with no reason other than it was time for a change. As of yesterday, the chairman has not responded.

District 9 – Asking the executive board to contact the school. Even if they are a varsity sport maybe a call from the board will bring forth a reason.

1st Vice Chair – Will make the call to DC of 18 and the school.

Committees

State Show Committee – Brief of state show was given last meeting.

Placings: Division A: Hartland-Champion, Oxford-Reserve Champion

Division B: Howell – Champion, Williamston-Reserve Champion

Division C: Traverse City St. Francis-Champion, Alma-Reserve Champion

Division D: Lakewood-Champion, Clinton-Reserve Champion

Thanks to Marc DesLisle for his efforts, Chris Deisler for vendor help, Marie Currel for judge transport, Fred Stockley for IT Support, the office staff, District 6 for parking and camping guide.

District 9 – It was nice with the early entrance and had a good flow, everything was up on the web for easy access.

2nd Vice Chair – Stated a few people were difficult to deal with for their parking.

2nd Vice Chair – Clarifications for state show patterns?

District 2 – On the list of things to do maybe scan them and email.

Marc DesLisle – Equipment Judge was very beneficial

Suggestion to open the gates at 8 and invite each region at ½ hour intervals. It might help with traffic. If we can change the name of the regions it would be beneficial. Parents and riders can't tell you what region they are in.

Rules Committee – Sent an attachment of proposed rule changes. The whole rule is present with changes X'd out and the change is in gray. There are 3 SOPs not in the packet.

The constitution is not on the web.

*** Rules chair will email the constitution to the 2nd VC to put on the web.***

Refers to Annual winter meeting change to Annual Membership Meeting.

Rules: The executive board is weighed down. We aren't using our committees. Do we want committees to be comprised of BOD members only or do we allow non BOD members? Also, looking for a Rules Infraction Committee who knows how to run an investigation.

Added: Adding a state show manager if needed.

District 2 – Annual Membership Meeting- add “or as announced by the board” Rulebook changes covered.

Equipment Check:

District 1 – Would like it to be an SOP for one year or more.

Rules Chair – Wording in the rulebook stating we can?

District 4 – Leave it out. There is nothing saying we can't.

Junior Committee – No Report

Regional Committee – 2nd Vice Chair – The committee had a productive meeting. From the numbers there is a belief we could support two teams coming up from districts to regionals.

Recommendation: A rule change proposed to allow 2 teams per division to advance from district level competition to regional.

Ties for 1st place: Both 1st place teams move on.

Ties for 2nd place: The team which won 2 of the 3 meets will advance.

District 5 – Doesn't like the word "win".

2nd Vice Chair – The team holding more head to head points in 2 of 3 meets of the 2nd place teams.

New Region Setup:

Regional Groupings:

Barrien A – 3, 16, 19, 15

Shiawassee B – 11, 14, 12, 1

Midland C – 17, 6, 8, 13

Ludington D – 9, 18, 20, 5

Ingham E – 4, 10, 2, 7

This is the Regional Committee Recommendation

District 9 – Suggest a vote.

20111210-005 Motion to accept the regional division setup for 2012.

Motion – District 9

Second – District 17

Passed, Opposed-D15, Ab-D4

Membership – Secretary – SOP started but not done.

Historian – No Report

Judges Committee – Started compiling a list and will get with Marc and the committee

Trophy Committee – All trophies are out

2nd Vice Chair – Is searching for quotes and possibly a change in vendor.

2nd Vice Chair – Likes to order the current trophy.

Email 2nd Vice Chair if junior sportsmanship trophy is not wanted.

Finance – Districts 1, 19, 15 are scheduled for audit this year.

Nominations – None so far for 2nd Vice Chair or Chairman

Patterns - Did not receive any complaints from DCs on the patterns. Had no feedback.

District 5 – Liked the patterns.

District 9 – Point of mention – Hopes the trail pattern is a trail pattern not an obstacle course.

2nd Vice Chair – How about patterns being available online a few days before?

No emailing of patterns. Preordering of patterns was nice.

Scholarship – Committee met and had the top 10 drawing. Winners will be announced at the February meeting. MHC will contact their winners. The essays were extremely good and some were nice stories. We had 34 applicants, about ½ of last year.

District 6 – Remind your coaches about the date due. Questions the number of years.

District 15 – The coach writes the recommendation and we rely on them for accurate number of years.

Logo – No Report

Tracker Program – Looking to ask about team roster form and importing rather than retyping. Form would have to be specific in order to pull data from it.

WIHA – Larry Flanary – Committee is formed. Dates available are August 25th and 26th. It is right before our season or in the season. More discussion on it but we may not ride until April of the following year.

District 9 – There are options.

District 4 – Only a couple hours are available during each day.

Larry Flanary – There are going to be 1000 horses there that is why we picked that location. Alliance Fairgrounds, Madison, WI. We will have 5 hours over 2 days.

District 9 - Proceed

District Reports:

1. Lauren Fetner elected new DC
2. No Report
3. No Report
4. No Report
5. No Report
6. No Report
7. No Report
8. No Report
9. Had meeting and set dates. 6/23/12 alumni show. Have 3 new teams
10. No Report
11. Not Present
12. Not Present
13. No Report
14. Good

15. Meeting had and relected Dennis as DC, Define under control in Gymkhana
16. Not Present
17. No Report
18. Not Present
19. No Report
20. Not Present

Correspondence:

District 16 – Person is asking for a provisional district as Allegan County Fair is on the weekends in September.

Rules Chair – District 16 is already small due to fairs.

District 9 – Have you talked to Steve? Maybe he has some ideas.

Rules Chair – Hudsonville fairgrounds won't show on Sundays unless he will go to another facility.

2nd Vice Chair – We will work with district 16.

District 19 – Was contacted and asked for their meet dates.

Call to the Public:

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Adjourned 12:47pm

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1st Vice Chair – Will make the call to DC of 18 and Traverse City St. Francis school.

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