

01/14/2012

Call to Order: 10:05 AM

Roll Call: Districts Present – 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19  
Executive Board – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair(Acting Chair), 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair, Secretary,  
Treasurer, Rules Chair, State Show Chair

Introductions:

Larry Flanary, Winston Liker, Kristi Stacker, Marc DesLisle

Call to the Public:

None

Agenda:

**Motion to approve with changes**

**District 18 – Motions**

**District 4 – Seconds**

**Passed with changes**

Minutes:

**Motion to accept the minutes with changes**

**District 9 – Motions**

**District 17 – Seconds**

**Passed**

Treasurer's Report:

Postponed. District financials given to secretary will be mailed to the treasurer.

Old Business:

New Business:

A. Cost Saving Measures – District 5

District 5 – Some thoughts district 5 had are pins at regionals-eliminate the year bar. Change the year bar to be generic like district, regional, state rather than the year.

According to the treasurer the pins run about \$600.

District 5 – The patch at states would be eliminated and have a bar instead.

District 9 – Would not support eliminating the year bar. They are important to the kids.

District 15 – Regions are not charged for the pins, we could do pins and pass on the cost.

District 5 – Over several years we are talking a significant amount of money.

District 16 – Year bars are paid through the districts. Would like pins at districts. We give them for regional and state but not districts.

District 5 – What about giving a bar instead of a patch at states to put under the year bar which reads states or regional?

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair – The design doesn't fit together.

District 5 – Volunteers at states receive a T-shirt instead of a sweatshirt.  
District 5 – Back numbers, she has a bunch left from regional. Maybe a generic number with MIHA on it.  
District 9 – Likes the back number idea.  
State Show Chair – Those numbers were cheaper than those at regional.  
District 4 – If they aren't required to use the number then why order them?  
District 11 – Doesn't buy numbers, she sends out the numbers to the teams and they print their own.  
District 15 – ½ of their people print their own.  
District 16 – Had to buy a set of numbers. They were expensive. Would a company who does give for free be interested in doing the state if they could put their logo on it?  
State Show Chair – Had 325 numbers made and the cost was \$318 including shipping. 4 numbers per tag and they had the MIHA logo.  
District 14 – Doesn't have a problem with either flip numbers or what is provided. She emails the list of numbers to her coaches.  
District 18 – That is bulk printing if you order 500 or so.  
District 16 – There is a cost to doing business, if you don't give numbers then someone will always complain about someone doing something different.  
Larry Flanary – Did the numbers as a sign of prestige. Also with order late there was the additional cost of the rush order.  
State Show Chair – That was last year.  
District 1 – For those worried about the numbers being different set parameters for how the number is to be printed.  
District 11 – Doesn't have a problem with spending the money on the numbers but the kids have to wear them.  
District 9 – Back numbers at states are important. We shouldn't change that. Regional could be important too with possibly increasing the number of riders going. And regional may be the end of the road for some kids so at regions that is important.  
Rules Chair – The printed number parameter is a rule change proposal.  
Larry Flanary – Questions Rules chair as a judge about different back numbers in the ring.  
Rules Chair – We have wasted too much time on this. Judges don't have time to worry about what is there even if it is descriptive.  
State Show Chair – What about T-shirts at regional?  
Acting Chair – The state doesn't charge for those. It doesn't require more than \$500.  
District 2 – Are we supplying souvenirs to the kids? We should have an exact budget for each region including the T-Shirts not being paid back.  
District 9 – Doesn't have a problem with paying for shirts but he incorporates them into his budget knowing he doesn't have to pay that back. It would be nice to have the regional chairs called to find what sizes are needed prior to ordering them.  
District 2 – No matter what we decide to do with pins, shirts, etc., the things we do need to pay for themselves.  
District 18 – This has to be more businesslike. We've got to cover expenses.  
District 16 – States and regional is an honor for some kids.

District 18 – But it can't be a gift.

District 2 – Puts all the extras in the registration.

District 18 – How do we implement them?

Rules Chair – Committees are important and we don't utilize them. The financial committee should function and not put all this on the treasurer's shoulders.

Acting Chair – We probably won't ever get a proposal.

20120114-001 *Motion to assign 3 or 4 people to the finance committee. \*Withdrawn\**

Acting Chair – The motion can be withdrawn. The chair can appoint to the finance committee.

Finance Committee: District 5, District 2, District 11 and Treasurer

This group will look at cost saving measures.

District 4 – When you vote on the budget you can't change the amount charged.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair – It's a budget. A budget states we are expecting to have...

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair – What if we put an order sheet on the web for the stock pile of left over items? Would that be a way to recoup some of the cost?

## B. Payout Formulas

District 2 – Explains the formula sheet.

District 4 – Still thinks we need to start redistricting. It comes down to putting more money back on our kids.

District 16 – Numbers you are using go back to previous numbers?

District 2 – This is using last year's numbers.

District 16 – You have to get creative in how you're doing things. We need to look toward getting our backyard kids to these shows. We set our prices to get those kids. The backbone of this organization is the backyard riders.

District 18 – Likes the schedule.

District 11 – Remembers being on probation for the number of riders. Maybe we should look at probation for dropping numbers.

Rules Chair – When you look at a district you can't pick on a small one. 80-100 kids is optimum in a district. We need to look at the whole state and take the time to review and present it.

Acting Chair – Made a probation statement to Fred and we can't have a district down so low without repercussions.

District 14 – If you redistrict it's the smaller outlying areas who suffer. The cost in rider registration is far less than having to travel farther.

State Show Chair – Each district needs to cover their own cost.

District 1 – Understands what we are trying to accomplish, but cutting their cost would be very detrimental. Their cuts will cause a raise in registration, which will eliminate those backyard kids.

District 9 – A district with good numbers is being penalized to offset the district with low numbers. As for district 13, maybe a membership committee should come up with ideas to increase their numbers.

District 6 – Need someone in those districts to recruit.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair – This is only part of what is going on. District 2 gave out numbers. We are just talking numbers. If you have a good district that runs well, the numbers are generally better. If a district is not run well the numbers

reduce. Tell coaches if we don't have XYZ numbers we will be required to go elsewhere to compete. We haven't done much lately to promote MIHA.

**20120114-002 Motion for the newly formed finance committee to look at these proposals and bring back a recommendation.**

**Motion – District 16**

**Second – District 6**

**Passed, Abstaining district 9**

District 2 – If the rider trend continues we are looking for a \$8700 deficit.

Acting Chair – 15 years ago registration was \$45. It resides at \$50 now plus the \$2 for insurance. Thoughts on raising rates?

District 18 – Thinks we should.

Rules Chair – Keep the insurance in mind.

District 4 – The kids paid for the insurance.

District 9 – Even if we jumped it \$20, it won't make that much of a difference.

*20120114-003 Motion to raise rider registration to \$72 \*Withdrawn\**

*Motion – District 9*

*Second – District 18*

District 2 - \$51000 would be the net if the registration was moved to \$60.

District 8 – Instead of hitting the high school only how about the junior division? Raise it to \$20.

Rules Chair – Can we give the 8<sup>th</sup> graders a break?

District 2 – At \$72, \$71000 would go back to the state.

Rules Chair – Likes shooting for \$70 but agrees we should step it over a period of time, \$60 the first year and up it \$5 the next two years.

District 4 – It's not \$60 or \$62. Each district has to charge more.

Acting Chair – Motion was made for \$70 plus \$2 insurance. Any more discussion?

District 16 – More gradual increase would be better.

District 9 – Would be willing to accept a motion of \$60 plus \$2 insurance.

District 2 – We want to make sure we have enough to cover stuff. The finance committee has to make a recommendation.

Acting Chair – Doesn't want to go higher now. We can adjust regional and states.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair – This is a budget. It's not an exact amount.

**20120114-004 Motion to set rider registration to \$60 plus \$2 insurance.**

**Motion – District 9**

**Second – District 18**

**Passed**

District 2 – The amount for next will be approximately \$54000.

**20120114-005 Motion to raise junior registration to \$20 plus \$2 insurance.**

**Motion – District 5**

**Second – District 8**

**Passed**

C. Farm Bureau and Donations

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair – We talked about the donation from Farm Bureau. We asked multiple times and were told by the chairman that it was taken care of. Larry Flanary checked and we've lost our donation from Farm Bureau for not

picking up the checks. The 2009 money was deposited in 2010 and the check for 2010 had never been picked up. It is our fault as an executive board for not following up. We are starting the application process again. An outside committee now handles this.

Larry Flanary – It was the finance committee who worked on this.

District 4 – Is upset about this. We argued about money for insurance while the chairman knew the check was not coming. Last month the insurance was brought up. Why did Mr. Cook lie to me and Arlene about the insurance? We said nothing to him.

District 9 – Agrees and has been very outspoken about issues with the chairman.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair – The executive board tried to stay together as a board but he is now breaking the silence. No one realizes what happened for sure.

The problem with the insurance process was explained to the BOD.

District 9 – Sitting as a DC he appreciates the information provided. Nothing was done and nothing has been done. We sanctioned the district 4 chair for issues less than this. We've done nothing to the chairman and no one wanted to take him on. He should not have the ability to go to the state meeting as chairman.

District 11 – Did not feel we needed a specialty meeting for this but didn't know everything and waited for someone who knew to bring up the information.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair – You are correct.

District 4 – The special meeting, if there was a letter of complaint, we could've had one. No one wanted to come to that meeting.

District 16 – Does appreciate what the executive board does. Challenges the executive board on things and has been frustrated. We need to get off the past. We should do something immediately. On the insurance, the person they had possessed insurance already and all was OK. He doesn't know the process of applying for a claim.

District 9 – They will have a fee schedule.

District 16 – Farm Bureau – Would like an organizational letter sent to Farm Bureau as an apology in our lack of leadership and follow through.

District 14 – What did the Farm Bureau people think about all of the thank you's sent? Weren't they curious why they were receiving them?

Acting Chair – If there was a check waiting for us, it wasn't unusual for them to receive a thank you.

Larry Flanary – Did a radio program with Farm Bureau talking about MIHA. Believes sending a letter reminding the company of our inadequacies is a good idea.

District 8 – On the insurance, since you are covered for a year do the 8<sup>th</sup> graders pay twice? Answer: Yes.

District 6 – There is no disciplinary process for the executive board.

*20120114-006 Motions as State Show Chair of the Executive Board to sanction Chris Cook for 5 years in which time he can hold no position on a committee or head any committee. \*Rescinded\**

District 11 – The executive board wanted to suspend the district 4 chair without a hearing. She was against it and was encouraged to file a complaint. Someone needs to file the formal complaint.

Acting Chair – We have to give at least a 10 day notice. He can be suspended pending the investigation.

District 11 – Just states we need to follow our rulebook.

District 16 – Past practice is huge in an organization. Look where waiting got us?

District 5 – What happened 20 years ago many don't know. We need to be consistent. Let's go with our rulebook.

District 4 – Can this BOD approve it now?

Acting Chair – No

District 11 – We can do a vote via email.

**20120114-007 Motion according to Article XV Disciplinary Procedure, the executive board temporarily suspend Chris Cook pending an executive board hearing.**

**Motion – State Show Chairperson**

**Second – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairperson**

**Passed by Executive Board**

*\*\*Secretary to initiate the complaint letter draft and present to the executive board.\*\**

District 19 – After the recommendation would like to see a copy of the email and envelope from the insurance application submission. (Provided by secretary at time of request.)

District 11 – We have A which gives authority to suspend. B. You could do an “or a complaint”. C. Procedure, you can proceed on oral through credible testimony. Don't need a formal complaint.

Acting Chair – We will proceed in the fastest manner possible.

#### D. Website

District 18 – Is looking for the website to be updated.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair – The information requested is there.

#### Committees

State Show Committee – No Report

Rules Committee – Covered. Lunch and learn at the annual meeting for saddle seat and a “So you want to be a coach?” Rules chair will make changes to the proposed rules and email out.

Acting Chair – As a body you will vote for a senior or junior team. 1 body, 1 vote. Some issues affect both so both junior and senior votes count.

Juniors may only vote for junior changes and senior only for senior.

Junior Committee – No Report

Regional Committee – Contacted all of the show grounds. Some had dates going the end of September and some the beginning of October. Ingham and Berrien are in October. Berrien changed the date. Waiting on the official word from Shiawassee and Midland.

Last year the district 3 chair took care of the contract.

Ingham, we are still waiting, currently it is October 6-7.

Acting Chair – Are we going to allow one regional to have a different weekend? Answer: Yes

State Show Chair – Yes they can get the information in to the system. Only question is getting the information into the packets.

District 4 – With more kids will also cause more time constraints. If we do this there will be issues with Saturday stalls.

District 9 – We talked about space constraints and maybe move a couple divisions to another grounds.

Membership – District 18 – Promotion and marketing, have we considered doing something like that?

State Show Chair – It has to go through equestrian channels. The ads will get thrown away.

Rules Chair – Still waiting to hear back from Marilyn Graf. She wanted to get in to the stallion expo and do a session on starting a team. The 3 fold glossy would be great.

District 5 – Can get items donated to do a drawing and expo. She would be willing to stand at the table for tack sales on behalf of MIHA.

Historian – No Report

Judges Committee – List is being compiled, no one hired.

Trophy Committee – Anyone have any other trophy companies to send a bid to?

Finance – No Report

Nominations – Acting Chair – Specifically asked Chris if he was planning to run. He was non committed. Submissions: Chair – Larry Flanary, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair – Mike Yanz and Winston Likert

Patterns - No Report

Scholarship – Names turned over to Michigan Horse Council

Logo – No Report

Tracker Program – Meeting with programmer, training scheduled for March meeting.

*\*\* Acting Chair contact MSU for room. \*\**

WIHA – No Report

District Reports:

1. No Report
2. Alma team wants back in to district 2 from district 12. Both are ok with this. Cranbrook came up again. Fred was reelected DC.
3. Not Present
4. All is fine.
5. All is fine.
6. Left prior to reports
7. Not Present
8. Good, 1 new team. Asks about holding meets 2 and 3 or 1 and 2 on a weekend.
9. Great. Excited about new year.
10. Milan is moving from district 7 to 10
11. No Report
12. Not Present
13. Not Present
14. Holding a meeting on rule changes
15. No Report
16. No Report
17. One new team
18. Thank you for the help with the coaching situation
19. Good
20. Not Present

Correspondence: None

Call to the Public: None

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Adjourned 2:05pm



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