

Call to Order: 6:08pm

Roll Call: Districts Present – 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19

Executive Board – 1st Vice Chair, 2nd Vice Chair, Secretary, Rules Chair, Treasurer

Introductions: Bill Machile – District 16, Bill Pityak – District 4

Call to the Public:

None

Agenda:

Motion to approve with changes

Motion – District 4

Second – District 17

Passed

Minutes:

Motion to approve with changes

Motion – District 18

Second - 17

Passed

Treasurer's Report:

Motion to approve

Motion – District 9

Second – District 6

Passed

Treasurer: Covered hand outs – Profit and Loss breakdown.

District 18 – Asks for what other large costs are slated for this year.

Treasurer – Answers the question.

District 4 – When does the insurance go in?

Treasurer – Tomorrow or Friday.

District 18 – That's what starts the policy?

2nd Vice Chair - Believes MIHA is still covered until the 8th.

District 9 – Commends the work put into the treasurer's report. Suggests to overnight the check to the insurance company.

Old Business:

A. Website

District 19 – The non Front Page version is up now. There was some issue in transferring. The webpage hosting donation was approved by the company.

2nd Vice Chair – There are some forms which need to be updated.

B. Regional Costs

District 4 – How is everyone paying for their regions? He is trying to keep it as inexpensive as possible.

District 9 – Has a sliding scale based on rider distance from the grounds. The most anyone pays is \$87 per rider. If they have a 2nd horse it is another \$32. T-Shirts are used as profit also.

District 4 – Is everyone charging the same for T-Shirts?

District 15 – They charge \$10

District 9 – Charges \$12. And did this based on numbers he had. Back numbers are way too expensive. They could've gotten them cheaper through Hodges.

2nd Vice Chair – We've increased rider registration fees to help offset some of this.

Treasurer – The numbers have not changed from what you've seen it is now in classes for allocation.

Regional need to return more than what the state gave D2: Just plain numbers are about \$.60 per.

District 9 - Unknown is pins. How many pins are we going to have to pay for?

District 4 - The numbers we had last time should work out now with the double riders at regions. All he is trying to do is figure out what everyone else is doing.

1st Vice Chair - \$1.25 per pin. Chair and he were talking thinking no one would want any more than 250 pins. In the past we ordered 1700 of those pins.

1st Vice Chair - Is going to ask how many pins you want. Tophies are here and will be handed out. Sportsmanship trophies are not here.

2nd Vice Chair - they need to UPS them out to the Regional chairs.

District 4 - Trophy costs for regions?

1st Vice Chair - Will get back with the information he does not have the bill with him here today.

District 9 - How about a ball park costs?

1st Vice Chair - \$71 per set X4. \$284 total. They may be \$.50 more than that per trophy.

District 4 - Is there anything else on this?

District 9 - Back numbers were \$180 correct?

Are we paying for patterns?

1st Vice Chair - On the web.

2nd Vice Chair - Was going to post them on the web after the last district show.

District 14 - Each region is going to pay \$180 for back numbers?

1st Vice Chair - Yes

Treasurer - Tshirts 6.50, trophies 284, back tags 180, pins 1.25 per pin

Treasurer - You could give to the team and sell to the coaches.

District 9 - How many back numbers?

2nd Vice Chair - Figured 250 per region

New Business:

A. Letterhead Form Letter for Teams Opening Accounts

Treasurer - Fred's junior district donated back its \$500 to help costs.

Secretary - Goes over the sheet.

B. Walled Lake Northern

District 1 - Last week before paperwork turn in a phone call was received about a rider who was not allowed to participate because she could not bring her horse to the three mandatory practices.

She went over the rules and contacted the coach. They are a C team who would be pushed into B. Because she did not send her the last sheet stating about the practices the rider was eligible.

The coach quit and the assistant is taking over. The AD is now getting involved. She is not sure where to proceed.

After the conversation the former coach started sending emails which she would not discuss on the phone. DC is letting the rider participate.

District 9 - Are they a full varsity sport?

District 1 - Yes

District 9 - Unfortunately there is not anything can do. If it is a varsity sport they have to abide by the school rules.

You're saying the rules I forwarded are not what you are looking at?

District 4 - We don't want schools telling us what rules we have to follow. It's been overlooked if there is a conflict between the school and MIHA rules there has to be a letter written to MIHA for approval.

1st Vice Chair - There is a rule stating you have to notify us of the rule.

District 1 - Has confirmation the rider did attend the meetings on Friday's as required. She just couldn't bring her horse.

District 4 - MIHA is not associated with the high schools, only the coach is. No one wanted MIHA and that is why it is that way.

1st Vice Chair - There are several coaches who requested to be part of the school.

District 18 - Doesn't agree with D4's whole concept.

District 14 - The key to it is whether it was there and inadvertently left off. If the school has a copy with the missing page you may have to follow that.

District 1 - Asked if the parent and rider had signed the rules? The coach said she had it but did not produce it.

District 14 - The AD may only want to know what is going on.

Rules Chair - The AD may also not realize there is more involved with this than just showing up for practice. A parent has to take time off work to get the horse there.

District 1 - All the other horses had been moved to the former coach's barn.

District 1 - They paid their \$325 to the team and went to practices. All the paperwork for the rider has been turned in.

2nd Vice Chair - If the AD says you have to do it then the rider becomes an absent rider and the team is still a B.

C. Rules Clarification

District 6 - On English halter the show halter is in question. The brass plate on the side of the plain halter was the protest. The judge was upset as most English halters have a brass plate on them.

District 6 wants a final ruling. The word plain means nothing on it.

Rules Chair - Plain leather to her means no silver. Most halters have something else on it. What is objectionable to most judges is the title on a plate.

District 6 - The judge was upset as the halter was standard English.

Rules Chair - You're right the rulebook says plain.

District 4 - He had a rider DQ'd for one silver plate on the cheek. Plain means nothing on it.

District 6 - How are they going to check it at states?

District 18 - What would be considered a plain leather halter versus a show halter?

District 6 - Some show halters have a brass plate on them.

Rules Chair - It says not of a western style.

District 9 - They show on the Morgan circuit, but they have their plain show halters which are only used for MIHA. They don't take the chance. Agrees with the rules chair but why set yourself up?

District 6 - The word plain means plain and that is it?

Rules Chair - It also says show halter. She has a hard time DQ'ing a kid for a brass plate.

District 6 - Wants a definite answer and it goes through at states.

Rules Chair: If it were a western halter it would have silver on it not brass.

1st Vice Chair - The EB rules it's allowed.

District 6 - Can they use a different horse for two different gymkhana classes?

2nd Vice Chair - Yes they just can't use two different horses in the same class.

District 6 - Kids riding speed in jeans with holes in them and in Tidye. She was upset at states when she watched riders dressed that way. According to the rules it's not acceptable.

District 9 - Is it address in the rulebook?

District 6 - The way she reads the rule you would wear something like you'd wear in a trail class.

Rules Chair - If you read it the book states pants not jeans. We are not going to disallow jeans. She is making a note of it.

District 5 - Stakes Race: Isn't the second pole supposed to be 84 feet? Just a correction for next year.

District 1 - Huntseat bridle with speed reins in gymkhana? Allowed?

Rules Chair - No, speed reins are considered western reins.

Rules Chair - Got a note from Lauren about tying of the tongue. It is allowed. Specifics were sent.

Committees:

State Show – Judges hired but not announced.

Rules Chair: Doesn't see why we can't know.

2nd VC: Last year we went through great pains to keep it quiet. The judge is going to be there, you show up and show regardless if you know who it is or not.

District 6 - Ads for the program?

2nd Vice Chair - Matt wants all the information.

District 6 - With all the fee changes we should leave the costs the same.

2nd Vice Chair - On the website it has Matt's address for the program.

District 9 - Before he used to email what part of the program he wanted, inside cover, back cover, etc.

2nd Vice Chair - We'll leave the fees the same this year and get the updated form up on the web.

2nd Vice Chair - Had a conference call to make sure everything is in place. Talk about using 4 volunteers from the region shows to cut down on hotel costs.

District 18 - Does think that is out of line.

District 4 - That is the way it was run. Each district was responsible to work.

District 9 - That is an area which can be totally rethought. There were office staff and the judges. The rest were on their own to cover the housing.

District 4 - We would have people do one thing and get a hotel room for 4.

1st Vice Chair - That has gone away.

District 9 - It's good to be looking at that.

2nd Vice Chair - There is something new almost every day.

District 9 - Have the rooms been reserved?

2nd Vice Chair - Marc has the rooms held.

Rules Chair – Is having a hard time finding someone to help. All the judges have been sent a rulebook with a notice of the changes. In the SS pattern it specifies two figures 8's but doesn't specify which direction to go. Some were getting penalized for going a certain way. The reining pattern is very long. It may be rude, but would give the judge's a whistle to DQ those off-pattern so it cuts down on time.

Junior: NR

Region: 1st VC needs pin count.

Reg A: 300, B: 250 C: 200, D: 300, E: 300

1st Vice Chair - Make sure to get two boxes, T-Shirts Since we extended the deadline for the logo contest, the shirt order will be done before regions.

District 9 - Where are they being printed?

District 4 - Lansing

District 9 - How are we going to get them?

1st Vice Chair - We'll figure that out.

District 9 - Back Numbers? When are we getting those?

2nd Vice Chair - About the same time as the shirts

Will let everyone know what the numbers are going to be.

District 9 - Did any of the other regions hire more than 4 judges? Ans: Yes

1st Vice Chair - You can't do it in two days with the same number of judges.

We do not have insurance for Friday only for Saturday and Sunday.

Membership: NR

Historian: NR

Judges: Will discuss announcing the judges with Marc.

Patterns: 2nd Vice Chair - Have all the district patterns out there now. Regional patterns will be going out to the regional committee next week to decide.

District 16 - What day do you want to have them posted?

2nd Vice Chair - September 24th.

Patterns for the state show, we would put on the website also. But they are a point of revenue for the state meet.

1st Vice Chair - They will be preorder as last year.

1st Vice Chair - Some things he didn't realize is how much the insurance policies run MIHA. \$10,000 for liability insurance. In the winter we can put out for bids and reassess.

Awards: District trophies are also here. Reserve trophies are \$25 per. Some may not need them. Leave those with Dennis. Regional trophies cannot be stacked. Sportsmanship trophies are not done.

Cancel: D1,

Finance: Covered

Logo: NR

Nominations: NR

Scholarship: 1st Vice Chair - Need to put this year's scholarship app form and info on the web site. Activate the link. November 1st deadline.

District 16 - Needs an electronic copy of the logo winner to post.

Tracker: Have an update but haven't tested it.

National Competition: NR

District Reports:

1. Fine 154 riders, meet Saturday
2. 96 riders maybe 97, down 10 riders
3. Not Present
4. 94 riders, went from 250 to 94 in 5 years.
5. Meets this weekend 83 riders, down 9.
6. Had two meets which went well, good comments from the judge 106 riders
7. About the same as last year, 111 riders in 23 teams
8. Two shows couple weekends ago, last show this weekend
9. Going well, numbers are the same or maybe have one more. First meets 15 and 16 last 22nd
10. 84 riders, 17 teams
11. Not Present
12. 98 riders, alumni show next weekend with 162 riders

13. Had 1st meet, gain 1 more rider. They will be up 15-20 kids for spring. Next show is this weekend. Someone is putting on a couple of speed shows for the district. One this Sunday and the other the Sunday the 23rd. On M-33 just not of 55. Levi training stable. Will scan and send the showbill. Talked with all the judges and they moved the time back which enabled them to not need the motel rooms.
14. Up 6 riders, same teams as last year. Meets are this weekend and next
15. 80 riders, up 1. One show already.
16. Up 10 riders to 100. First show is this week.
17. Fine down almost 20 riders but hoping to gain back next year. Had one meet last weekend
18. 50 riders up two or 3 from last year. Meets start this weekend
19. 73 riders down about 5. Next 3 Saturdays are meets
20. Not Present

Correspondence:

A lady who has a special ed child going to the senior division next and asked if there was a way to add one equitation class not taking from slots or points counting. Her fear is only one kid would show up and it would be an exhibition.

District 9 - Personally has a problem with that. We are a sport and yes a number of us aren't affiliated with the school. These kids aren't excluded but they are expected to perform at a certain level. You have a lot of open and local shows which provide classes for those kids.

Rules Chair: Told her it would be a good

District 5 - Her experience was a couple teams were mean to a rider who was special needs. Let her ride to best of her ability.

District 14 - Had a special needs on her team but she received extra coaching and she was placed where she was not a danger to anyone else. No one in her district even knew.

District 1 - Had one who rode with Milford, but she had spotter with her.

This year's rider numbers:

1578 riders, 264 teams

A-45, B-71, C-91, D-57

2011 = 1685 riders

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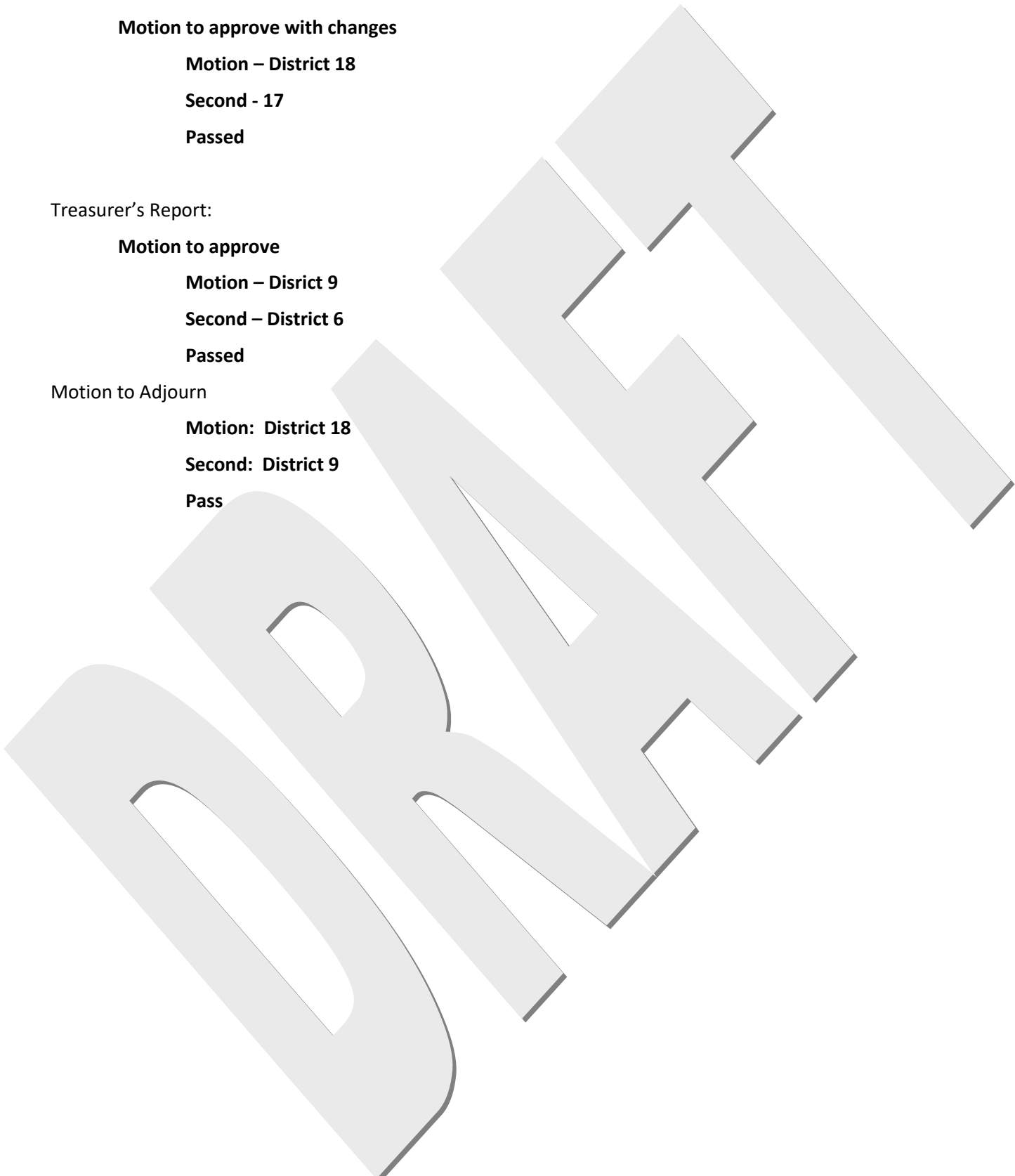
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Tasks:

Email Address Verification:

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