

Michigan Interscholastic Horsemanship Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Agenda

March 9, 2013 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
MSU Equine Teaching Center

10:00am

Roll Call: **1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 17, 19**

Executive Board: **Chair, 1st VC, 2nd VC, Secretary, State Show**

Introductions: Michelle Yurk d11, Bill Bahnke, Stacey Toy, Shelly
Armstrong-Miller, Kristi Stecker

Call to the Public:

None

Agenda

Changes yes

Motion To Approve 1

Second 4

Pass

Minutes

Changes No

Motion to Approve 1

Second 17

Pass

Treasurer's Report

Discussion: Sent an extra \$200 to the Midland fairgrounds for security deposit. We have also paid for one year of the storage unit. A reimbursement for patterns was given to Fred and Dennis.

We paid the Towne and Country building fee.

Chair: The Towne and Country building is for sale. Anything being reserved is bound and the only way the man is going to retire is if he sells the building. The question is whether we are going to reserve again.

D3: Do we have other options?

Chair: Ingham County fairgrounds was too small but may be big enough now.

The treasurer is checking for a place in Alma.

D8: There is supposed to be a place in St. Johns coming up.

2nd VC: Marc had also suggested a hotel. He thought about Midland Fairgrounds facility.

D9: Ingham County was pretty reasonable in cost.

D17: It was reasonable because we brought the food.

D9: It may be something to revisit, the Ingham County fairgrounds

Chair: We will look into a different meeting place for the annual meeting.

We haven't been thrilled with the current location.

2nd Vice Chair: Another thought would be a school cafeteria.

Motion To Approve (No official treasurers report to approve.)

Second

Pass/Fail

Old Business:

A. District Money

2nd VC: At the winter meeting was mentioned to put this back up for discussion. District 1 will take another \$500 hit this year. This is to just keep things in line with proper spending.

What you can expect for this year for payouts is: 1-74 \$ 2000, 75-100 \$2500, 101- up \$3000.

D1: If this keeps up without redistricting this will start really tapping her families. She going to try and cut back some this year.

They don't do a banquet. She is cutting costs where she can.

They can't do overnights and she has to rent porta-johns.

Rider registration is jr \$60 hs \$80. They have no stalling or camping.

She feels the money they've brought in has offset others' costs of being in the red. Now she feels they are being punished.

District 1 is losing Plymouth/Canton/Salem.

2nd VC: The thought is trying to level the playing cost playing field per district

D3: Is district 1 the largest?

2nd VC: Yes.

D17: So what she is saying is she has no money left after her meets? What is her rider registration fee?

D1: \$80 for senior

D17: Can district 17 give her \$500? They can operate on less.

D3: She's 80 riders

20130309-001 Motion to induce another rider number level between 100 and 150. 101-125 \$3000, 126-up \$3500

Motion: District 3

Second: District 9

Passed

B. Regional Assignments

2nd VC: Had numerous coaches at the winter meeting state what a hardship it would be to drive to Berrien Springs for their regional meet. He doesn't know what to do about unless he moves someone back to western Michigan.

D9: When regional was started we agreed to rotate teams to different regions. It poses a real hardship for some teams to go other places. Other sports do not change.

D14: That isn't the same in all parts of the state.

D9: So you're telling me you always go someplace else for regional competition?

D3: So your regions change?

1st VC: The districts are much larger than a school. When you move a district to another location you are moving a lot of schools.

D5: District 16 is moving to Midland for their regional. They are farther west than district 5. She understands the hardship but start fundraising to pay for it.

D6: They other thing, even locally, when people have to start traveling it costs them that much more.

D9: Feels bad for the teams when it is going to be such an extreme hardship.

2nd VC: It does become counter-productive.

D14: We are redistricting this year? We will have to redo our regions next year anyway.

Chair: We knew there was going to be issues. Joanne worked hard to find the best option. It was just a way to introduce the idea. Joanne has a new break down of the map and is planning to bring it to the next meeting.

D3: We are all going to have to change. It really opened our eyes.

D4: What we saw at the meeting is not going to be what we end up with.

D9: The presentation at the winter meeting included all 20 districts.

D10: He has 5 schools within short miles to Lake Erie and we are asking them to drive 200 miles one way to get to regional. Half of his district will not go to regional.

D6: When we start moving people causing more hardship, they will not come in to MIHA because they can't afford it.

Chair: This is why we are talking about it. If we left them the same way last year as we did this year, some could complain because they could be closer to a different grounds.

D3: You will never make everyone happy.

D5: With your teams, would they go to Midland than Berrien? It is about 50 miles shorter.

D10: He doesn't know. Part of it is time parents have to take off of work to travel.

D19: If it is left the same the complaint of where is moot. He believes changing gives those moving to another grounds a disadvantage.

SS Chair: The thought was to get the powerhouse teams separated.

2nd VC: No that isn't the case.

Chair: Teams want to move for easier competition.

D1: The reason for changing the power teams was to cut down on protests.

D14: The powerhouse teams will always be in the same area.

2nd VC: Do you want to take the regions back to what they were last year?

D5: She is about two hours from any regional show grounds.

2nd: 5 and 10 could be swapped, 5 to Berrien and 10 to Shiawasee.

We setup anchor districts so the districts in the area of the show grounds can handle the ground issues and know they area.

If you want to change so the regions stay in the same place each year, we can do that.

D9: What about district 16? Where would you put them?

D5: She is the regional chair of the region and is working on hiring judges and such.

D11: She does not want to take over the job.

D5: The rulebook states the regional DCs will vote on who the chair will be. It does not have to be the anchor district.

2nd VC: Was going to move 16 back to Berrien Springs.

D9: The two we are talking about are 10 and 16. Why don't we just switch them?

2nd VC: It doesn't do anything for 16.

He is going to table this for now.

D9: This shouldn't be tabled.

D19: Was anyone upset with the setup last year?

2nd VC: If we go back to last year's setup, is there a problem with that? Last years setup was:

Berrien Springs: 3, 15, 16, 19

Shiawasee: 1, 12, 11, 14

Midland: 6, 8, 13, 17

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Ingham: 2, 4, 7, 10

D9: Only one district, 8, wanted to move last year.

2nd VC: District 5 switch with District 8?

D5: That is about another 30 minutes further. There are no good ways to get there.

She will do her best to work with it. She is not saying no.

20130309-002 Motion to leave the region setup as they were last year.

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Motion: D17

Second: D4

D5: If we can work on some things like the scheduling she can probably convince her district to go.

D9: Does not believe district 5 going to Ludington is workable.

D3: What was the problem?

D5: Really it was the scheduling. Her two d teams felt they had no time to enjoy anything. They were running constantly.

D1: Not everyone is going to be happy with every decision is made.

2nd VC: Move D5 to Midland and D8 to Ludington.

D5: She can sell that.

Friendly amendment to set schedule as such

Motion: 2nd VC

Second: district 11

2nd VC: New schedule

A:3, 15, 16, 19

B:1, 12, 11, 14

C:5, 6, 13, 17

D:8, 9, 18, 20

E:2, 4, 7, 10

Passed

1 Abstain

Chair: Joanne will bring the redistricting map for the next meeting

D14: Can she email them out?

Chair: Joanne is just about done with the rule changes and will get them to the EX Board.

New Business:

A. Scholar Athlete Patch

1st VC: Had a parent call regarding a non varsity sport who cannot participate in the all academic program offered through the school. The parent wondered if MIHA would consider an all academic patch through our organization and sell them to the coaches to present to their riders. They would have to set up their rules to qualify for it.

What does the board think? We would have to design and front the cost for the patches.

D9: Has mixed emotions. He understands the idea. Some have access to that right now.

D1: The parent of the team wants the patch from the MHSAA.

1st VC: They actually have to win the scholarship.

D1: That is not what she understands.

1st VC: That is what their website says.

D13: She would hate to have another layer we have to track and monitor.

D1: We already took the district off the patch to save money. Why would we buy another patch.

D14: Their district buys medals for such things.

D1: The parent wants it to come from the higher powers.

1st VC: This would benefit all other areas of the state.

D5: This is something done at the district level.

She would have to find proof of validity.

D14: If you call the school and ask if the kid has a 3.5 grade point average they will tell you that.

1st VC: Anyone interested in making a motion?

No.

B. Tracker Program – Demos

D3: Are either developer expecting payment?

Shelly: Her person is reasonable.

D11: Is either looking for compensation and if so how much?

Shelly: In the end he would like some compensation?

D11: Is it something they would consider doing a donation?

D13: That is unreasonable to ask.

D3: One program is further along than another.

D9: Both are on track for what we need. They need to get with the board and give their price.

D11: Is there a maintenance agreement? What is the cost?

Shelly: Hers will support it indefinitely.

D19: We need to make a decision sooner than later.

C. Sub Websites

D19: We have sub websites for each district, D1.MIHA.ORG...

Each one has a username and password. He will send it to you. If you have a facebook or something setup already, it can be linked.

There is a template page for everyone. It has something already to start from. You can put whatever you want on it. Be careful of privacy. It will be monitored by the board and reserve the right to

delete things off the pages. You have 25mg of space available. If you have any questions, contact Brian.

You will need a web editor such as Word or Frontpage.

A link to the webpage can be put under your district. A good idea is to put a link back to the main MIHA page.

Committee Reports:

State Show: Judges are hired and contracts are out to them.

D3: Is Mark officially the State Show Chair?

Chair: Yes he is our state show chair.

Rules: We have not received any interest in the rules chair position.

If there is anyone out there interested in helping her and taking it over that would be best.

Changes are about done on the rules and is planning to pass it along to the board.

D1: Can we at least get it up on the web?

Chair: Yes that is the plan.

Junior Division: NP

Regional: Discussed

2nd VC: For the regional chairs, at least one was looking to run classes Friday night.

1st VC: It will cost us an additional \$200. In their eyes, each district is their own entity.

D11: It is her understanding the insurance expires August 31st. Will she have to call and re-up for a new certificate?

2nd VC: You will have a new insurance form before your meet.

1st VC: Please email him your dates for meets.

Mark: Have we researched Equisport?

Membership: Get any changed rules in and new ones.

Historian: No Report

Judges: Covered for states.

Pattern: You junior and high school patterns are on the web, found under forms. The one junior trail pattern has a canter. It will have to be changed to trot. It also has 9 movements, so eliminate one or combine one. Regional patterns hopefully will be out for next month for looking over and posted after the last district show. There has been some discussion on the state pattern but think it will be done the same as last year.

Maybe we print out the patterns but no laminate them.

Awards: 1st VC: If you would like him to try looking at another trophy company please contact him.

D1: American awards in Brighton.

Chair: We've discussed the horse before. Is that still the feeling that the horse needs to be metal?

D5: Can we change the sportsmanship trophy to something reusable?
She threw out 3 this last year.

Finance: No Report

Nominations: No Report

Scholarship: D19: Any way we can open it up to not having to be in MIHA for 4 years?

Chair: We did say if they had been a groom one year they qualify.

1st VC: The original thought was to reward those who were with us for 4 years.

The BOD felt pretty strongly about the 4 year guidelines. It is open for discussion.

D5: Likes the 4 years. We still get 35-40 applications. She could see changing it if the application level dropped.

1st VC: Is also in favor of the 4 years.

It's not a dead issue. We can discuss it.

Tracker Program: Covered

Chair: He would like to form another committee for marketing. He apologizes for dropping the ball on getting the expo booth. He did include a half sheet to place in bags being given out to school age kids including information on horse programs. These bags were being given out at the expo.

He believes we really need to utilize these channels.

D11: She believes we need to look into some grant writing and utilize our 5013c.

Marc: We need to use more social media.

D11: We need to find who the admin is of our facebook page. If Chene is willing to turn over the facebook maintenance to the committee, they can handle it. Social media is the way of marketing right now.

D13: One of her coaches made up a flyer and she emailed it to all county extensions and send it off to all 4H horse leaders.

Chair: We get a lot of people asking the executive board and we refer them back to the district chairs with contact information. We receive calls back stating there was no return calls or emails. Please follow up on those calls.

Chair: Is forming Marketing and Public Relation committee.

Michelle Yurk, Candice Russell, Brian Bode are the committee members.

District Reports:

1: NR

2: NR

3: Good

4: NR

- 5: 4 new junior teams. Anyone have Saranac in their district?
6: April 20 junior meet, couple new teams
7: Not Present
8: NR
9: 3 open shows scheduled, junior meets and district meets
10: Going better
11: Have her show dates. Has a team with a current senior going to school in Ohio and wants to be the coach of her team she is leaving. One part of the team is OK with it, the other part is not.
1st VC: Until the person is 18 she cannot be an adult volunteer or coach.
D3: You don't have to give up your team.
D11: So what do you do in the case of a protest?
D1: You just have to be as neutral as possible.
D3: You will have some that will complain regardless.
Chair: Do you feel comfortable having this girl as your assistant?
D11: No, she does have parents willing to step up.
D6: That is why you have a good support group with knowledge.
2nd VC: We had a discussion about the age of coaches in the past.
D14: They have to have graduated high school.
D19: Does our insurance have a stipulation?
1st VC: No it doesn't. Our forms say adult volunteers.
D9: There are times where a graduating senior enabled a team to exist.
12: Not Present
13: Getting their kids ready for juniors. She is having problems getting parents and coaches to meetings. She is gaining schools.
14: Lots of new coaches and some teams reforming.
15: Going good.
16: Not Present
17: Good, couple new teams, judges hired.
18: Not Present
19: Good, judges hired for senior and junior
20: Present

Correspondence:

Already talked about earlier.

Call to the Public:

D9: Specifically for the exec board. Commends the board for turning the organization back toward the direction it needs to be.

Chair: Thank you for the compliments

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion D17

Second D1
Pass/Fail

12:59pm

DRAFT

Motions:

Agenda:

Motion to approve with changes

Motion – District 1

Second – District 4

Passed

Minutes:

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Second - 17

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Motion –

Second –

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Tasks:

****District 1 to make cupcakes for the next meeting**** 😊