

Michigan Interscholastic Horsemanship Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Agenda

June 12, 2013 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

MSU Equine Teaching Center

Call to Order: 6:15pm

Roll Call: 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 9, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19

Executive Board: Chair, 1<sup>st</sup> VC, 2<sup>nd</sup> VC, Secretary, Treasurer, Rules

Introductions: Tiffany Harvey, Assistant DC  
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Call to the Public: None

Agenda

Changes yes

Motion To Approve 1

Second 12

**Pass/ Fail**

Minutes

Changes No

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Second 17

**Pass/Fail**

Treasurer's Report

Discussion

\$20015 collected for Juniors. Still need 13 and 18/20. Return check from Hartford, a \$15 fee was charged. Net income \$10,200 for the month of May. Junior money collected is up from last year to \$20000.

Motion To Approve 1

Second 2

**Pass/Fail**

Old Business:

A. Tracker

1<sup>st</sup> VC: Been trying to contact Shelly and Jeff. Just yesterday Jeff sent a response that we could have the code. MIHA asked to have the code, not for resale but for our own use. What he doesn't have is the answer to is if we get two seasons worth of debugging. Shelly is

working with the app and thinks it is coming along nicely and is trying to find time to have a training session.

Chair: We asked the question on the code in March and we are just now getting a response.

2<sup>nd</sup> VC: District 6 used the app and did have some issues but those are resolve to his understanding. If we have a working program by high school season we need districts to run both programs to make sure all totals are correct. The same would be needed of regionals and states.

1<sup>st</sup> VC: Cost was \$900 without the code. No response on with the code. It's been 4 weeks on a response to an email.

D1: Is there any way to remove the middle person on this?

1<sup>st</sup> VC: Is trying to get to that.

1<sup>st</sup> VC: The last response from Shelly was this morning.

Secretary: When can we expect answers to remaining questions?

1<sup>st</sup> VC: Two weeks is the time frame to receive a product is the target.

(Introduction of Assistant DC of 11 and explanation of D11 situation.)

New Business:

A. Assistant Rules Chair

2<sup>nd</sup> VC: Is clarifying and making an official motion.

**20130612-001 Motion to create and appoint an assistant rules chair to assist the current rules chairperson. All rules correspondence will go to the rules chair and then be deseminated to the assistant chair. This person will also assist the rules chair with their duties.**

**Motion: 2<sup>nd</sup> VC**

**Second: D1**

**Pass**

KOENIG718@GMAIL.COM (Laura Koenig)

Chair: Has received some concerns about the addition only due to age and life experiences.

Laura: Tries to be very business-like and professional.

Chair: Asks Laura to be aware she may get some push back to her being in the position. Asks to please use your resources.

B. Saddle Up Ad

There is no ad in the magazine currently.

Rules Chair: What is the problem?

1<sup>st</sup> VC: Explains the issues.

D5: Received a call from Amy at Saddle Up. If we want an ad it has to be in by Friday. She has, in the past, sent the information to Saddle Up and they design it.

D11: Asks what the purpose of the ad is.

Rules Chair: It's to get MIHAs name and information out there.  
There are many schools who don't know about MIHA or have a team.  
Chair: Asks if we need to change our ad from last year at all.  
D5: Is looking for the information. Full page add last year with logo and which districts and which district was in which region.  
MIHA.ORG on it.  
2<sup>nd</sup> VC: Maybe add if you're looking to start a team contact us by this date at...  
Chair: You can use the exec board email on it.  
D5: Invoice will get mailed to?  
Treasurer: To her at GINBEMONEYFIT@GMAIL.COM

### C. Annual Meeting Location

Treasurer: Did some research, Ithaca Community Center for \$125 per day. They have tables for about 150. We would have to set up chairs and tables and take them down. Last year we paid \$500 for the facility.

Chair: We moved from Mason due to numbers. We haven't had many controversial rule changes so our numbers have been much lower. She will look for a bigger facility to hold at least 200. Maybe a VFW or Knights of Columbus.

Catering: For the cost we paid last year per person, we could order party subs or sandwiches and have it delivered around lunch time. We could buy bags of chips and such from Sam's. It was close to \$10 per person last year.

D17: Offers to order the subs if the meeting is in Alma.

### D. Redistricting

Rules Chair: On the table is a map with purple lines. Some areas changed more than others. Trying to keep the numbers between 80 and 120 riders. District 13 doesn't seem to matter where she draws the line it has about 40 riders. There is another marker, if you have major issues of where the lines are drawn use it to mark your issue. In order to be equal we need to even out the size of our districts. The people on the edge it is very hard to change them. The middle of the state is where the most changes occur. She doesn't know the districts well enough to know where the numbers exist.

She got numbers of 4Hers from Karen Waite and doesn't understand why our numbers in MIHA are low there when there are many 4Hers.

D5: Kent county numbers are distorted due to special riding programs.

D17: A lot of counties have every kid in 4H sign up for the horse project whether they were showing or not. This is done in order to have more state show delegates.

Rules: With the teal marker if you know of a show grounds which can accommodate the number of riders please mark it.

She is also trying to make the districts square rather than oblong.

D18: Are you dropping to 18 districts?

Rules Chair: 19 Districts

#### E. Stickers

D14: If anyone has any stickers have any they want to sell she will buy them.

2<sup>nd</sup> VC: If he can have one he will some made.

Treasurer: It has been 6 years since those came out.

#### F. Rulebook Cost

2<sup>nd</sup> VC: We are going to set the cost of the rulebook.

Chair: \$2.00

Rules Chair: That sounds reasonable. She will be sending them out with a letter to all the judges.

Laura: Will take the numbers taken today and create a spreadsheet to record orders and cost.

Chair: How many rulebooks did we get?

Laura: 1700 with 120 per box.

#### G. Facebook Page

Chair: Started deleting people and making comments about what it is for. He started receiving nasty comments.

D6: What if you make two groups so the users have an outlet to post.

D5: There are a lot of FB pages for advertising.

D12: We have other people leveraging our page to promote their own efforts. We need to get rid of that and make it our own informational.

D5: It is an open group.

Chair: Has to authorize people who want to join it.

D12: Anything they publish other can see if they like the FB page.

You can't convert a group to a page.

The best thing to do is to lock the page down as it is with a pointer to the new fan page. As DCs all the DCs are going to have to publish to promote the page.

D5: Would D12 be willing to take on the lead of fixing our FB issues?

D12: Agrees to.

Chair: Will give D12 admin rights to make the changes.

## Committee Reports:

### State Show:

2<sup>nd</sup> VC: Knows the ads for the state show were changed and the form to order placed on the web. All the judges are confirmed and the schedule is pretty much the same.

### Rules:

Rules Chair: Two emails in the last two weeks, both instances where a rider doesn't want to ride by themselves and the DCs have said it is OK to ride with another team. Just a reminder we do not do cooperative in senior.

Chair: School district A is combined with School district B only for sports.

D14: If the schools are recognized as being one for sports we do too.

Rules Chair: Homeschooler done junior eq team for 3 years. In her district if you don't attend the school you don't play for their sport. Now she needs to form her own team. She would like two other home schoolers in another district she would like to combine with.

D1: She has one where all the students are in the same type of program but meet at least once per week. They combined as a team.

2<sup>nd</sup> VC: They need to form their own teams.

D5: Reads the rule.

Rules Chair: They are a group

D14: Do they have an official name?

Rules Chair: They aren't housed in a particular building.

Chair: Person lives in one school district, home schooled, goes to the other school district across from her residence to take her tests. She doesn't get a diploma from the school.

D14: The school is only providing her a place to take her tests, not attend.

Rules Chair: Other than that things are going pretty well.

Treasurer: She was junior coordinator for 18 & 20. She rode for 4 years in junior as her mom signed her up in 5<sup>th</sup> grade stating she was in 6<sup>th</sup>. She should only have 3 years of eligibility in juniors. She addressed it but wonders if we should be policing more on this type of issue.

D19: If she fails a grade she could potentially ride for 4 years in junior.

D11: What do you do when a coach is limiting riders?

Rules Chair: What do you mean she is not allowing?

D11: She takes money and registration but never notifies of meetings and doesn't let the kids show when it comes down to it.

Rules Chair: As a DC you should take her to task and find the money trail.

D11: The families still don't have their money back from last fall.

D1: Start with the parents. Have them file a complaint and move through the process.

D1: She has an issue like that also.

1<sup>st</sup> VC: There is a part in the rulebook on how to remove a coach.

D12: Hartland coaches were removed by MIHA not the athletic director and it was upheld in court.

#### Junior Division:

Secretary: Sharon Greene resigned from junior steering.

#### Regional:

2<sup>nd</sup> VC: Regional pattern selection went out yesterday and are being reviewed. The final choices will be made and up on the web after the final district show.

Rotating the regions for next year, do you want to pursue that?

Rules Chair: We should wait until redistricting is done. The one group who moves each time is at a huge disadvantage. She likes the idea of changing up the competition but it is at another's expense.

D5: The competition changes every year because your riders and teams change.

2<sup>nd</sup> VC: Maybe we should move 2 or 3 districts at a time.

D19: You will always have an anchor district.

#### Membership:

Secretary: Rules still being submitted.

#### Historian:

No Report

#### Judges:

Chair: We have one judge who we do not want to use due to past incidents.

Rules Chair: He has had more incidents since.

D14: Also, had an problem.

D6: Do you have a black list of judges?

Rules Chair: On occasion she gets questions on who is upcoming and who has had issues.

When do most people hire their judges? January?

Maybe we could meet ½ or hour earlier to discuss judges.  
Strengths and weaknesses can be brought forth. It will be helpful to balance out your judges for different strengths.  
D19: An eighth grader was a ring steward and received continual comments and one physical contact from the judge which made the person feel very uncomfortable.

Pattern:

Covered. The jumping pattern was a problem at our district.  
D1: Set it up for 5 strides and didn't have any issue. She would be will to go through and rework the jump patterns.  
2<sup>nd</sup> VC: They had no issues in district 2.

Awards:

No Report  
2<sup>nd</sup> VC: Has trophies back from A and C, need Clare and Clinton  
A Hartland and D Fenton for reserve trophies returned  
D11: Asks if we can reuse bases. Answer yes

Finance:

Covered

Nominations:

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair and Chair positions are up for nominations this year.

Scholarship:

No Report

Tracker Program:

Covered

Promotional:

Covered

National Competition:

Chair: Has talked with Wisconsin, they are still set on MIHA going to WIHA for a competition.

Rules Chair: It is a huge amount of resources to go for an exhibition.

D14: It needs to be a full competition

Chair: MIHA started the organization and feels WIHA should come to us first.

2<sup>nd</sup> VC: Ohio is starting up an organization also.

Chair: Indiana too.

Logo:

D5: Do we have any logos turned in?

1<sup>st</sup> VC: Has a couple but forgot to bring them. We will vote in July.

Chair: Asks about T-Shirts and the vendor.

D6: Has a vendor who is interested.

Treasurer: Light House gives us a royalty on his sales. They so far have been the best deal.

1<sup>st</sup> VC: Looking up the logos stored in his email.

Vote 1 declares the two winning logos

1. B/W State - 0
2. White State – 4
3. Orange (Legs) – 2
4. Green (Mane) – 8

Vote 2 declares state winner

1. White State – 11
2. Green (Mane) - 1

Winner is: Bullock Creek HS – Hailee Nielsen

District Reports:

1. 80 riders in and out with patterns in 8 hours. All else is good except for Kettering coach cutting riders.
2. Nothing much, junior shows went well. Might have a revisiting team, Andover.
3. Not Present
4. We our junior meets with about half of last year. We are talking about going back to one day. Alix Ryder-Carroll was very understanding about having to cut a couple judges.
5. Junior meet with D19 is this weekend and had to switch locations. Went to Montcalm county. All is good.
6. Junior meet was in April. HS meeting was had and discussed patterns. Roughly about the same amount of riders.
7. Not Present
8. Not Present
9. Had meet a couple weeks ago. Rainy weekend and cold. Show was suspended for 3 hours and came back to sunshine. Rail classes during the day, double speed in the evening and rail on the next day. 75 riders
10. Not Present
11. Had junior show last weekend. Had about 36-38 riders. All coaches were friendly but one.

12. Junior meet at the beginning of May. Numbers were down but can understand why. Working to build relationships
13. Not Present
14. 42 riders, up from last year. Meet went really well. HS three returning teams,
15. Good junior meet. Judge approached him and stated she would never judge another MIHA show again. She stated if we aren't careful we would have numerous judges who will not work for our organization. The judge was non-specific, Laura Carrington was the judge.  
D5: States she is a very knowledgeable judge.
16. Not Present
17. Junior meet a couple weeks ago. Weather was good. No problems.
18. June 1<sup>st</sup> meet. It went well.
19. Same as D5
20. Not Present

Correspondence:

Chair: Still getting some correspondence on a state competition horse issue, but is now a non-issue. We cannot police everything but do our best to catch as much as we can.

Call to the Public:

None

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion 6

Second 18

**Pass/Fail**

8:46pm

Motions:

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Motion To Approve 1

Second 12

**Pass/ Fail**

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