

Michigan Interscholastic Horsemanship Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Agenda

August 14, 2013 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Roll Call: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20  
Executive Board: Chair, 1<sup>st</sup> VC, 2<sup>nd</sup> VC, Secretary, Treasurer, Rules, State Show  
6:25PM

Introductions:

Tammy Beland – District 11

Call to the Public:

None

Agenda

Changes Yes  
Motion To Approve – D18  
Second – D17  
**Pass/ Fail**

Minutes

Changes No  
Motion to Approve - D19  
Second – D2  
**Pass/Fail**

Treasurer's Report

Discussion  
June's balance sheet and income statement was printed off. Covered  
July sent via email and covered.  
Regional pins are \$1.40 per pin.  
Chair: Insurance bill was received as well as a questionnaire. If we  
do not select that all leadership is covered we have to provide a list to  
be covered.  
Treasurer: Please help out by putting all adult volunteers and coaches  
covered by insurance on the enrollment.  
Motion To Approve - 17  
Second - 13  
**Pass/Fail**

Old Business:

A. Tracker Update

Chair: After our conference call we received a call from Shelly.

1<sup>st</sup> VC: The program isn't quite ready yet. She asked to have a couple reports fixed. In the process of fixing it another piece was changed causing the db to not hold the slot sheet. They are working on fixing the issue.

She believes we will have a program which we can move toward web based use.

Shelly believes it will not be ready for this fall as there will be training needed when it is complete.

Chair: We do have the developers information, but since Shelly has been giving updates we have not contacted him.

D13: Has anyone contacted Bill?

Chair: He has sent a couple emails and received a response from him. He hasn't wanted to say we were done until we saw something from the other developer.

Chair: Shelly led him to believe she was going to send out a beta copy when the problem is fixed. Does anyone want to have a copy to work side by side with the current Tracker?

2<sup>nd</sup> VC: If we aren't going to use the program this year, we may want to have a few select districts work with it.

D8: Would like everyone to be able to work with it and provide feedback.

2<sup>nd</sup> VC: Would like it for states to run side by side.

D13: Will it work on a Mac?

D19: It needs .Net4.0 but you can setup a virtual session to run it in.

## B. Redistricting

Rules Chair: The map is always a work in progress. Fred sent some bigger maps of the school districts and she went online to look at school districts. She tried to average out numbers which will not continue to work due to size changes. She made a list of schools in the districts. There are only 19 districts right now. We can do 20 if wanted.

If you are a DC and we moved the lines enough to put you in another district do you want to continue to run your current district?

She doesn't know how that should be handled, whether by committee or other.

D4: School conferences within the sports, he has at least 6 teams taken out of a school conference where they play each other in other sports.

Chair: With Dansville, we don't compete with any other school in our sport conference.

D16: Has one team who wants the DC to fight to stay in 16. He has worked hard to build up these teams. These kids and coaches

all work together. How fair is it to tell them they don't have a choice, they are moving. We shouldn't be so hard nosed to say no.

Chair: How fair is it that your district of 101 riders competes against a district of 13 riders?

D16: They have worked very hard as a group to build up their numbers. Believes it is the wrong attitude to force this.

Rules Chair: She doesn't believe any decision can be made until this year's numbers are in.

It's always going to fluctuate. She still thinks in order for these kids to have equity, we should look at the sizes.

Chair: No answer is going to be fully correct. We have teams driving through a district to another district.

Chair: Everyone needs to live by what the committee decides for one year.

D4: Disagrees. To start cutting in to each district to even numbers.

Chair: Asks him to come up with an idea.

D4: You're putting numbers on emotions. If we aren't careful we will lose riders.

D9: Agrees and disagrees. As far as conferences, he doesn't know that we can look at that with a whole lot of weight. His district has been in conferences with different ones. Unless you are a varsity sport it doesn't affect the schools the same way.

Thinks there has been a tremendous amount effort put in to this. The same discussions will be had now as years ago.

D18: When would we look at this again as a whole?

Rules Chair: October is such a busy month, but that is when we would have all our numbers in. It is in the rulebook how this all has to play out.

D13: So are you saying district 13 will not exist?

Rules Chair: They will be absorbed in to other groups.

D13: Their groups were discussing their northern teams going someplace closer to them.

Rules Chair: Your kids have 100% chance of going to regionals where another has a 1 in 4 chance.

Chair: So what he is hearing is we should leave things alone.

D4: Understands the notion of districts not paying for themselves. He has teams which will double their drive to the fairgrounds.

D16: Has teams which joined because he campaigned to get them.

Chair: What do you think we should do?

D16: Look at the individual problems and address those.

Chair: The whole thing is a problem.

D8: Knows we've had these districts for 30 some years. Why can't we have teams who want to move to a closer grounds

approach the board and ask for the move? Why are we changing them now.

Chair:

Vote count was 6 yes, 6 no and 1 ab

D9: Districts 13 and 1 were the ones to cause the initiation of the redistrict. Maybe we just need to handle 1 and 13.

D16: Has an issue with it. Feels there is some personal issues going on with this and feels it is wrong.

D4: If we do go through with redistricting, every DC should get a list of schools they are losing and the ones they are gaining and the option to have schools stay where they are if wanted.

D19: If we give the teams plenty of time to object.

You do have to have some concessions for those teams who have valid concerns.

Chair: There was a point brought up that 1 and 13 were our problem districts.

2<sup>nd</sup> VC: We are going to support 13 about \$30 per rider.

D13: They have done cost cutting measures like getting the rings for less.

D9: Coopersville coach approached the DC for 9 last year about moving. As a point of clarification, wanted it on record.

D19: Feels we are dealing with a lot of hypotheticals and not a lot of fact. What if we go back and looked at the numbers.

Rules Chair: On each list are names of the districts, not the schools in the districts.

Chair: DCs take the lists and come back next month with the review.

Question about schools districts, did the schools districts get put in to intermediate school districts?

Rules Chair: No, she did not do the intermediate school districts. She did individual school districts.

Rules Chair: Wants it looked at to see if the money follows the kids.

D13: If we are following the money, we all should have detailed records on what each kid brings.

Tabled until next month pending the review of lists.

Treasurer: Knows there are a lot of teams not in their right districts. Can you show which ones are not in the correct districts?

Rules Chair: No

New Business:

A. Kalamazoo Christian/Gull Lake Team Issue

D19: Talked with Dennis about a rider issue. Before a couple weeks ago, Gull Lakes has a rider for a Christian school/private school. She lives in side of Gull Lake school district. The rider moved her whole soccer schedule around for this. A second person wants to join which forces them to make a team. Both are asking for an exception for this year as it is happening so late.

Chair: Each year we have this problem and we've said no.

What if Kalamzoo Christian shows in D19? That solves part of the issue. This is acceptable provided she puts her differences aside with the other rider and forms the team.

D19: The rider has already stated they won't show with the other individual.

Chair: Then the rider has made the decision themselves.

State Show Chair: What if Gull Lake took them under their wing and had them stalled together?

D19: Will make that suggestion

#### B. Jumping Pattern Safety Concern

D19: At the registration meeting one of the coaches had a concern with the jumping pattern being safe.

D9: We've had this pattern before.

D19: It's a liability issue

Chair: How many brought this up?

D19: 6 or 7 coaches.

D9: The concern is from 6 to 7 right?

D19: What is the most concern to us, the rider safety or the pattern? The liability rolls up hill.

D9: It is their choice, the coaches choice and the parent's choice to enter the class.

Rules Chair: If the pattern doesn't fit in their arena well it can be modified, but riders need to know it will be different at states.

Chair: If you need to adjust it for your ring please do as long as the rider knows it will be different at states.

#### C. Slotting Rules

D11: Questions the slotting in the rulebook. On page 13 under division C team, it only tells us the maximum for 2 or 3 riders.

## Committee Reports:

State Show: Had to replace a judge. Is verifying rooms and stalls. We sent back stalls last year and still paid for them. If no one complained about the mini stalls, he will get less stalls this year. Encouraging districts to advertise their district champions. They deserve the recognition. The book is being put together by Matt again this year. District 9 wants the inside cover.

Chair: There is a link for you to send the ad to which will be put on the web.

Rules: Getting a lot of calls from teams asking if they can be a B team with 4 riders. The answer is no.

2<sup>nd</sup> VC: A couple things we missed in the book can we get those to Brian to add to the web?

Junior Division: NR

Regional: Pins are here to pass out. Please take them tonight.

D11: She was talking with the county fairgrounds and there is no contract on file with the fairgrounds. The insurance is gotten.

D5: Chene was working to get the information from Todd.

2<sup>nd</sup> VC: Will call and take care of it tomorrow.

Shiawasee grounds wants insurance paperwork from every district at the meet.

Membership: NR

Historian: NR

Judges: Covered

Pattern: People are getting confused between the pattern in the book and the patterns on the web. It is pattern 1 in the book and the patterns on the web are one for each meet. The patterns on the web are not required to be used.

2<sup>nd</sup> VC: The regional patterns will be posted either Sunday night after the last district meet or Monday morning.

1<sup>st</sup> VC: Please let your teams know they are there.

Awards: Missing Hartland and Fenton Trophies will be ready by the end of this month.

Finance: NR

Nominations: No nominations received .

Scholarship: Provided last year's winners to the treasurer

Tracker Program: NR

Promotional: Taken care of. Ad is in.

National Competition:

Chair: Email received from Wisconsin, but nothing has been decided.

District Reports:

1. NP
2. May have a returning team, numbers will be up.
3. NP
4. Have a new team and a return team, 90 riders. Situation with a coach asked to step down due to wanting more practices. The coach did step aside.  
He would like to not allow a person to be a coach on two different teams.  
Chair: It is allowed.
5. Good
6. NP
7. NP
8. Good
9. Good, gain and lost a couple of teams due to proximity. Issue with West Michigan Christian and enrollment being worked on.
10. Some teams starting up and leaving. May have big problems with a family which may affect the team.
11. Lost two teams and gained four. One team loss was due to coaching.
12. NP
13. Up to 21 rider from 11.
14. NP
15. Good.
16. One new team and maybe a 2<sup>nd</sup> one. Ran a speed show, had 74 riders.
17. Meeting is on the 20<sup>th</sup>.
18. Up a couple riders and strange things with kids changing schools for better MIHA teams. Has a group of coop homeschoolers.
19. Up two teams and maybe one more.
20. NP

Correspondence:  
None

Call to the Public:  
None

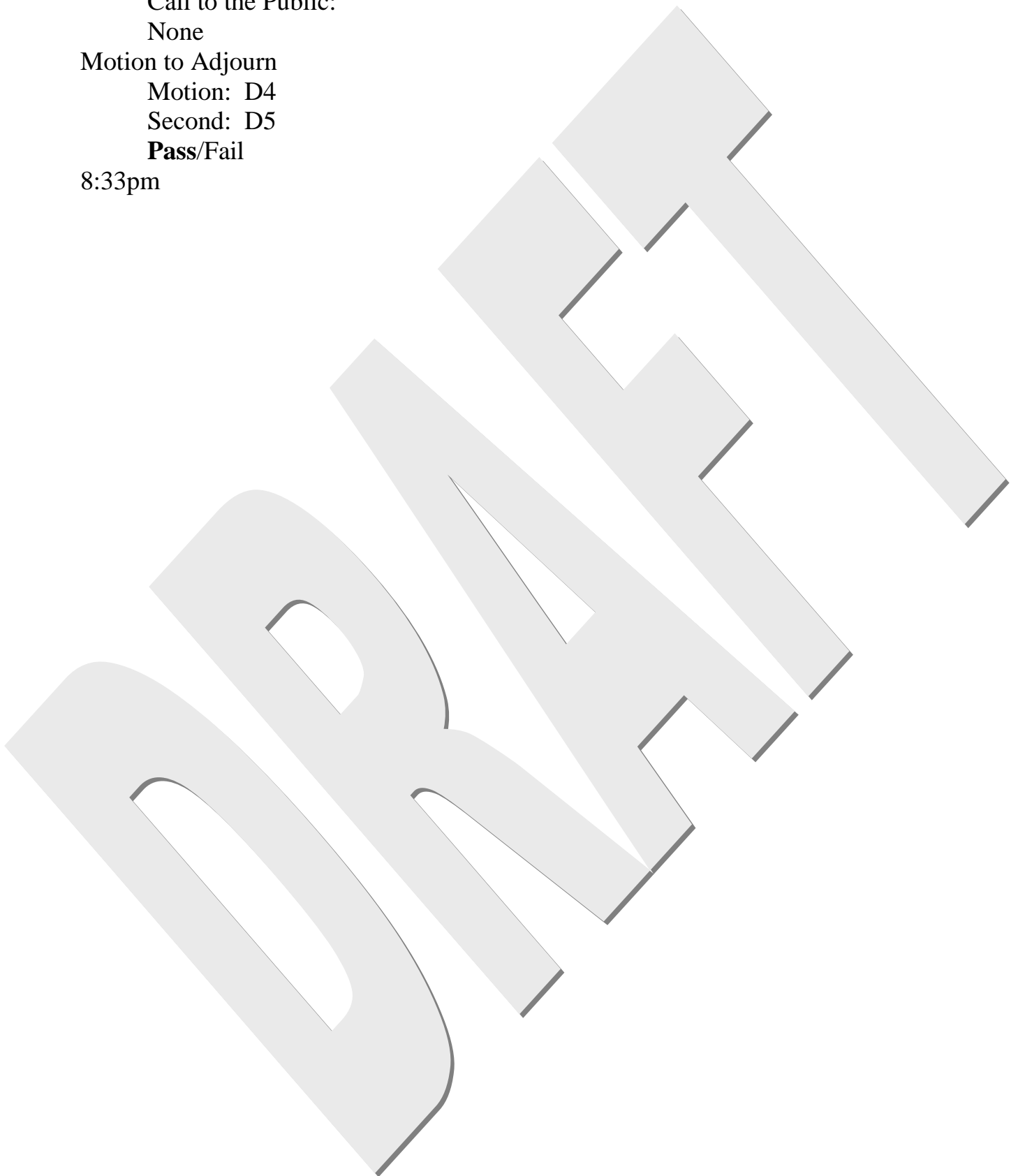
Motion to Adjourn

Motion: D4

Second: D5

**Pass/Fail**

8:33pm





Motions:

Agenda

Changes Yes

Motion To Approve D18

Second D17

**Pass/ Fail**

Minutes

Changes No

Motion to Approve D1

Second D2

**Pass/Fail Passed**

Treasurer's Report

Discussion

Motion To Approve D17

Second D13

**Pass/Fail**

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion D4

Second D5

**Pass/Fail**

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