

Michigan Interscholastic Horsemanship Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Agenda

January 11, 2014 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Telephone Conference Call
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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, 1st VC, 2nd VC, Secretary, Treasurer, Rules**, State Show
10:07

Introductions:

Diane

Call to the Public:

Agenda

Changes No
Motion To Approve D4
Second D6
Pass/ Fail

Minutes

Changes No
Motion to Approve D4
Second D13
Pass/Fail

Treasurer's Report

Discussion

Treasurer has quite a few W9's. If you have any get them to her soon.
Team and District financial statements. She has two in. They need to be in
before teams and districts can vote. Please send or send as one complete
package, not individually to Ginbemoneyfit@gmail.com
Regional financial statements, Ingham County Fairgrounds bill has not been
paid. The invoice will be sent to the treasurer.

How would you like the report to show? Maybe she should send a draft
before the December meeting as she doesn't have the December statement.

Are there any questions about the financial statements?

D12: Do you really want social security numbers going through email?

Treasurer: How would you like to do it?

Fax number: 231-275-0283

D12: He asks his judges to fax.

D4: Would suggest a central database for our judges social security
numbers.

Treasurer: Knows there is a list like that. Our judges change a lot and she doesn't feel comfortable keeping that information on her computer. She will be preparing them next week and the tax docs have to be in the mail by Dec 31st.

Motion To Approve D9

Second D4

Pass/Fail

D14: Since we have a \$123,000 in the account, and we announce rider fees at the annual meeting. Are we going to adjust the fees?

Treasurer: She as a parent would like to keep the fees the same. Since we are in a good position right now, she would like to give our volunteers a small stipend for their assistance at the state meet, maybe a hotel room and \$100.

State Show Chair: The state meet patterns will be put on the web and charge a little more for the rider fees.

We had a young man with a learning disability who asked for the patterns after regionals and was told know. We stayed fair and didn't allow him to have them. The next year we will run it like regions and h

Chair: Still believes we should have some copies of the book at the meet. Some will not print or will say we forgot them. Maybe we should not charge for them.

D14: Agrees in not lowering fees and giving more perks. Seeing as we are a non profit, we may be getting looked at if we keep growing.

Treasurer: Agrees with the thought, but the last time we were not prepared when the bottom fell out. Maybe consider an alumni scholarship to offset some of the excess.

Old Business:

A. Storage Unit

2nd Vice Chair: We have 1 10x10 room D7.

New Business:

A. Rule Changes

Rules Chair: Assumes everyone printed off their copy.

Rule changes covered.

1.

2. D9: No problem with proposing the dressage classes. What if we just add those classes not change the classes. It will be just 2 extra classes.

Rules Chair: If we allow 4 classes for all the other disciplines but only 2 for dressage? Do we need to add the other 2 for dressage?

D1: She can't see adding the other two classes. Dressage is more the seat, rider and the carrying.

Rules Chair: Would you like her to supply to options?

Her other thought was to do a Western bareback and an English bareback.

D9: He wouldn't like to drop the bareback classes.

Rules Chair: Is it going to be a big issue with the computer program?

2nd VC: On the program we have you cannot add classes or change them.

D19: His thought is to keep the number of classes the same. It would cause a lot more support in designing for the additional classes.

D1: What if we remove the saddle seat pattern class and put in the dressage?

D14: Concerns: It will be another outfit riders can't afford. Also you're asking smaller schools to fill additional classes they cannot.

Rules Chair: If you have a kid with huntseat clothing they only have to have a huntseat attire if it is a dark coat and light breeches. A hunt seat saddle will work also.

D19: Likes the idea of combining the bare back class and adding dressage.

3. Rules Chair: It would make two man relay not an option for D teams.

D5: Doesn't agree they have an advantage. Our division D champion was a one man team.

D4: Doesn't agree with that at all.

D14: Doesn't agree. Each team has 16 slots. They can use it anyway they want.

D9: Ever since the D division has come in to play, it has been proved there is a definite advantage if you have a two man team. More times than not, the two riders will excel.

2nd VC: Typically the D teams elect not to go into the over fences. Two man team can do the over fences with one rider then have them be a ghost in the two man relay.

Chair: Isn't that motivation for them to grow? Isn't that what we are trying to get them to do?

Rules Chair: Do you want me to leave it in and let the membership decide?

D13: This is a huge issue with those districts having more D teams. They are already hurting for riders and this would help.

Treasurer: They had a two man D team which did no speed. If you take it out you may have a 1 person D team who is strong in gymkhana. They would be losing with this.

D5: Taking it out would be a huge disadvantage to everyone.

D4: Do we then start looking at the other divisions for disadvantages then?

D19: What if we don't drop the class but give them a different class?

D9: Would suggest not moving on past this. Do we leave it in and let the membership decide?

20140111-001: Motions to remove #3 change from the packet.

D4: Motion

D14: Second

Yes 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 11, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20

No 9, 13, 15,

Abstain 12

4. In their senior year they walked through graduation but did not receive their diploma, rode less than 4 years and would like to ride after high school.

5. Riders being disrespectful

D14: Agrees with it but stress to our coaches they need documentation to back it up.

7: Changes the slots for the D teams

Rules Chair: Talks how many slots D teams receive. C teams average 7 slot per rider, B-6, A-5. This would limit the D teams to 14 slots.

D4: Did we just revise the number of slots in the last year or so?

Rules Chair: Only the maximum number of slots and missing rider slots.

D13: The only issues is with the 2 man relay.

Rules Chair: A one man D team has to be in 4 disciplines. Maybe by lowering the slots we will lower the risk factor.

8. Team Apparel

Rules Chair: Talks about wearing it in trail

9. Appearance of the rider and adds the dressage. It clarifies what can be worn and cannot be worn.

10. Dressage saddles in saddle seat class.

Rules Chair: Only allow flat type saddles in saddle seat.

D5: She ran into this year a saddle which was flat but not a saddle seat saddle.

D13: Is there such a thing as a saddle seat saddle which is not cut back?

Rules Chair: Not that she has ever seen. She doesn't know if putting that in there will open another can of worms. In 4H the wording is the same as this and they don't have problems.

11. Inconsistency in judging

Rules Chair: Some judges drops points, others score a 0. The change will allow for 3 errors.

D9: Thinks you are opening a can of worms here. He understands the intent but don't think it solves the problem. We are paying for a

judges opinion. This won't make more consistency. As a coach, he would have a problem with the rider being stopped and reset on course.

D4: Agrees with D9. By having the judge talk to a rider on a correction, you have totally eliminated impartiality.

Rules Chair: Do we want to have something like in reining, if there is an error it is off course and a DQ? Some would give point errors, others would DQ.

D4: Doesn't disagree with that. We should have some consistency. He thinks point deduction is the best option.

D9: Another would be to specify western riding/reining.

Rules Chair: Do we want to put, just because a rider made an error doesn't mean they are DQ'd? They will be scored lower.

D4: Truly thinks scoring them 0 and not eliminating will be the best approach. We won't have any time savings.

D5: Agrees with D4. Let's not eliminate them from competition.

Rules Chair: Just because they made an error they don't get a 0.

2nd VC: How about making it a major fault? One with a major fault cannot place above someone without a major fault.

This is how we as DCs need to talk with our judges in the morning on how they score.

12. ASMEI approved helmets

13. Equitations over fences, clearing repetitive wording and changing distance between jumps.

D1: Is it saying minimum 48' in between jumps?

Rules Chair: If not an in and out.

D1: We should have the ability to do that on our own volition not by a rule change. She understands putting in the distances as a guide, but not as a solid rule change.

D9: Likes the proposal. It's a good guide. We do adjust when needed based on the arena conditions. This will eliminate a lot of questions.

D1: Likes the guide but not to have a hard set rule.

Rules Chair: The reason for 48' feet is at that distance it doesn't matter whether pony or horse. At 36' the ponies are at a disadvantage.

D14: Questions on #8 under this. Does it mean we have a choice with the wording of recommendations?

She wants to see it consistent all the way through.

Rules Chair: We can insert at the state and regional meets the distance will be a set.

20110111-002 – Motion to present this as written (Withdrawn)

D9-Motion

D4-Seconds

D19: What if you put the number of strides?

D14: So they won't know until the patterns comes out for regionals what the strides will be. They could be riding at two different strides between districts and regionals.

2nd VC: Some won't have two weeks to prepare for the change. The ones that jump will count their strides. The non jumpers will be the concern.

Rules Chair: Having the striding on the patterns is a good idea.

20110111-003 – Motion to keep the rules as written but add the strides to the regional and state patterns

Motion – D19

Second – D14

Yes – 1, 4, 5, 6, 8, 11, 12, 13, 15, 17, 19, 20

No – 2, 14,

Abstain - 9 , 18,

14. Dressage Seat classes

D5: In reference to the bits, baucher bits are now allowed in dressage. It is in the 4H rulebook. USEF allows them as well.

15. Submitted by District 16

16. Clearing wording in speed and action.

D4: Would like to separate the line rule and spinning rule.

Rules Chair: Thought about it too, but decides to leave it as written.

D14: Doesn't have a problem with either one but thinks it will be a contention point if together.

17. Adjustment of the jumping pattern

Two suggestions to correct the pattern were submitted. One involves added a 6th jump.

Rules Chair: Do we want to eliminate number 17 and leave only number 18?

D4: Yes

D5: Yes

19-22: Proposed Dressage Tests.

Rules Chair: They are geared more toward the rider abilities. She will put all 4 of them there in hopes we will have at least two to move forward with.

23. Jumping pattern changes

D19: Had an injury due to setting the original up in a smaller arena.

Rules Chair: Before an assistant can sign up as an assistant coach they need to have approval of the head coach.

D5: Would like approved obstacles cleaned up for trail.

2nd VC: One issue with sibling sharing a horse. The horse has to be registered by the rider in order to use.

D4: Any way we can get these changes on the web and out to the masses very soon?

Rules Chair: Think she can have them up by Monday.

D4: In possibly adding dressage, if we don't have a program to score this it may need to be delayed.

D19: That was the comment about making the class numbers the same. We can cross out the title and add the class number.

If we are going down the dressage pattern route, are we planning to make the saddle seat patterns true saddle seat patterns? Things such as removing the cones?

D1: She has a proposed rule change for just that purpose. She would be happy to submit them if they wish?

Rules Chair: They should've been in by December 31st.

D9: December 31st was the deadline.

D1: Understands

Committee Reports:

State Show: Pre contacted some of the judges and will run them by the committee.

Rules: Covered

Junior Division: No Report

Regional: Not much to report. Regions will remain the same

Membership: No Report

Historian: No Report

Judges: We need to get the information to the treasurer within the next week or two for tax forms to be mailed out.

Pattern: 2nd VC: Should have the juniors by the winter meeting and possibly the districts also.

Awards: Chair: We have the year bars. If you want them mailed to you please let him know.

2nd VC: We can have them at the winter meeting and hand them out there.

Finance: No Report

Nominations: No nominations for chair or 2nd vice chair

Scholarship: 5 were chosen and submitted to MHC

Tracker Program: 1st VC: Did not hear back from Shelly from the request for a copy of the tracker program.

District Reports:

1. Nothing new to add. Voted in for another year.
2. Nothing new.
3. NP
4. Nothing new
5. Nothing new
6. Junior meet has been moved to May 10th.
7. NP
8. All is good
9. Nothing new
10. NP
11. Everything is good. Tammy is voted as DC
12. Nothing to report except coaching situation with a school. Worked with the Ex Bd to get a procedure. No complaints have been filed at this time. Treasurer responded to request from that district.
13. Nothing to report
14. All is good
15. Nothing new to report
16. NP
17. All is good
18. Banquet is tomorrow and new DC will be elected. A request for a new team. Has it been approved?

Chair: Received two requests for new teams.

D20: The junior was to be a coop and senior two separate teams.

Chair: They are accepted.

19. Question sent for charter school across district lines.

20. All is good

Chair: Felt the conference call was good again today.

Correspondence:

Chair: Covered. We did receive two letters of intent.

Also received a letter about a coach at Whittmore Lake. D1 is following up on it. It is not an official complaint.

Rules Chair: Has a kid on her team who cannot ride for her team anymore after going in to high school. They are in D16, West Michigan Christian.

Chair: Has received nothing from them. He will double check.

Call To The Public:

1st VC: D19 may want to contact the Rules Chair on the charter school issue.

Rules Chair: Are they in a brick building together?

D19: Yes they are part of the charter school but in different buildings across district lines. Do we consider it an alternative school or more like a public school.

Rules Chair: If they are part of one school district but have two schools, both schools need to form a team.

Motion To Adjourn: 12:12pm

Motion D15

Second D13

Pass/Fail

Rules, junior, membership, historian, and patterns opening
Winter

M-46/Monroe Rd.

D19: The location is on the website

Count needed by January 28th

Motions: