

Michigan Interscholastic Horsemanship Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Agenda
March 8, 2014 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
MSU Equine Teaching Facility

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
10:02

Introductions:

Sarah Permoda – Assist DC for District 13, Christie Stecker – Assistant DC
for District 6,

Call to the Public:

Agenda

Changes Yes
Motion To Approve 17
Second 13
Pass/ Fail

Minutes

Changes No
Motion to Approve 14
Second 6
Pass/Fail

Treasurer's Report No Report

Discussion
Motion To Approve
Second
Pass/Fail

Old Business:

New Business:

A. State Show Funding of Workers (scribes, ring stewards, paddock
masters)

Marc-Proposal to present regarding state show volunteer positions. He
has come up with some calculations to pay some of the workers. His
request to approve a \$4000 budget to pay the announcers, scribes, rings
stewards and paddock masters, and speed crew. It would be about 12
people. Lists payments to the workers.

**20140308-001 Motion to accept the proposal to allot a \$4000 budget
to pay the state meet workers**

Motion:D9

Second: D13

Passed

B. State Show Program

2nd VC: Matt Wright stated last year was his absolute last year doing the program.

Christie D6: The big thing with Matt was he was doing this in his own time. He handled all the ads, organized it all and put the program together. The amount of time we allot between the regional meet and the state meet is short and any other company would charge rush charges. Matt has become far too busy with business and outside volunteer work. She will see if she can get another designer to donate some time and will work with Marc to organize something.

C. State Show Contract

2nd VC: State show contracts have been signed and sent out along with the regional contract. Ginny has sent the additional money to reserve the shows.

Chair: Hidi did get the hall for the annual meeting on February 14th.

D. District Reserve Trophies

Chair: Due to the fact we are doing a bit better financially at this time. We would like to bring some of the costs placed on the districts back to the state. The district reserve trophies

20140308-002 – Motion to take over assumption of the cost of the district reserve trophy purchases from the districts.

Motion: D5

Second: D13

Passed

E. Patches, Bars, Pins

Chair: Patches, bars and pins are the next items we would like the state to resume the cost of purchasing.

Christie D6: Can we make it for any registered rider, coach, assistant coach and grooms?

Judy D3: There is nothing in our rulebook concerning grooms. If we are going to recognize them they need to be noted in our rulebook.

20140308-003 Motion for the state to pick up the costs for patches, pins and bars for registered coaches, assistant coaches, and riders.

Motion: D13

Second : D17

Passed w/1 Abstain

Marie D14: If we aren't charging our grooms a registration fee we shouldn't include them in the benefit.

Steve D16: Charges \$10 per groom and gives them the patch, bar and pin.

Marie D14: Does that include regional pins?

Chair: Yes

Because of better revenue from regionals we are able to do this. At this point we can do this and may be able to continue if the extras are done at regionals.

Candice D5: Agrees with Marie and Judy we should charge them something. She gives a t-shirt, bars, patch and pin.

Judy D3: Inquires how many have registered grooms and who charges.

F. Items to Remain District Specific

Things remaining in the district is the meet insurance and extra rings for extra shows.

1st VC: You have not been charged if you have extra days in your district meets. If you have a fundraising meet or an additional junior meet you are charged \$50 per meet.

Marie D14: She cannot fit into three meets

G. Scholarships

1st VC: The five winners have been invited to the expo tomorrow. There will be a presentation tomorrow at the expo.

He did have a person think she was to apply for the scholarship next fall though her child graduated this year. She was told no.

2nd VC: Would like to hand out a couple more scholarships, maybe increase one more for next year. He would like to give more opportunities. We would have 4 scholarships from MIHA.

Stacie D19: How about doing a \$1000 for first the \$500 for the rest.

Chair: MHC has been very gracious in adding the one for us. It would be an insult to increase ours.

Doyle D9: With the additional assumptions at the state level we've already voted on he feels we should wait on this avenue right now and see how we are sitting come fall.

Christie D6: A scholarship benefits one kid where giving back in savings to all through pins, bars, etc right now is more beneficial.

2nd VC: We can wait until fall and reassess.

H. Computer Program

1st VC: At the winter meeting we were supposed to have the program by weeks end. That did not happen. The program came on the 17th.

We just got it based off email issues.

Candice D5: Has the app and is having nothing but issues.

The old app when you opened it up you could figure out how to use it.

There is no save button even though it keeps telling her to save.

Doyle D9: Isn't over due to move on?

Chair: This is what he reiterates. In July of last year we were getting no communications with Shellie or the developer. We needed to give an ultimatum to provide something immediately. We got some vague reply back. Since we've had nothing delivered. He wants the BOD to decide what to do. We were supposed to have it by the annual meeting.

Shellie's comment at the annual meeting was she was happy dressage didn't pass because the app would not work with it and would have to scrap it.

Marie D14: Her main concern is it needs to be user friendly. If she can't understand it she won't be able to teach it.

Doyle D9: If Candice is struggling with it who is computer savvy, we need to move on.

Steve D16: Do we have any monetary commitments to this person?

1st VC: There has been no money exchanged.

Chair: One benefit with Bill is he is still willing to work with it even now.

Tracy D13: When he started working with this he wanted the extremes, the largest district and smallest. They were to meet and go through the program and come up with the best.

Gives a bit of Bill's background.

Bill's largest problem with other developers is they don't work with the end users.

Chair: That is one of the biggest problems with this whole process. He isn't trying to sway anyone.

2nd VC: We also have to look at the fact the developer scrapped the app more than once.

20140308-004 Motion to release Jeff from his duties developing our MIHA application and hire Bill to complete development.

Motion: D9

Second: D5

Passed 15, 6, 13 Abstain

Steve D16: Are we putting time constraints on this now?

Tracy D13: Bill was ready to run the junior side by side last year to see how it will work?

Chair: Tracy, please find out a time frame.

Stacie D19: Do we have a price?

Judy D3: She wants one of the executive board to be in contact and not have a liaison.

1st VC: We had a price of \$1500. He does not know if that is still viable.

I. Winter Meeting 2015

Chair: Thought this year's venue worked out very well. It was a little smaller but we could fit more in. Thank you Hidi for organizing it.

J. Districts share of our advertisement as well. The \$48 assessment

Chair: We thought we would bring the advertising back into the state.

20140308-005 Motion for advertisement assessment be assumed by the state organization

Motion: D16

Second: D2

Passed

K. Lighthouse

Chair: We have used them for last few years for our MIHA apparel. He knows we had a person who came up with the logo be a little upset their design had been changed from the original. Lighthouse did try to contact them. This company gives us royalty fees back to the state organization.

Doyle D9: He would like us to see us explore other opportunities. It is great they give us back royalties, but they could drop the price of the goods instead of the royalty. He would like to see what is out there.

Lighthouse's prices are higher.

Chair: When we did examine the cost with the multicolors the other vendor said they couldn't compete with Lighthouse's price.

Steve D16: Can we get a price on the goods?

Marie D14: T-shirts are \$18.

Steve D16: What are our regional prices?

Christie D6: A parent in their organization owns ATS printing and wants to give a proposal.

Laura D6: If we are looking at it we need to give the vendors what we are looking for and have them write a bid proposal.

Christie D6: If we estimate high and put that as our standard then anything else would be lower.

Chair: We need a time line. Logos are due June 1st.

Christie D6: Volunteers Laura and herself to come up with a requirement proposal to give out to all vendors wanting to submit a proposal.

Steve D16: We need to make sure the deals they are bidding on will extend from year to year, not just one year then change.

Stacie D19: Asks if we want to put a number of color limit on our logo contest.

Chair: Doesn't think it will be necessary.

Wants a decision made in April or May. He will deliver the approximate numbers order in prior years.

L. Rulebook Ordering

Laura D6: Is getting with Joanne and is getting all the changes input and wants orders put in and back by the April meeting.

1VC: Our venue for April has to change. The conference room is in use. Pattie will work on find a venue change.

Laura D6: Talks reducing numbers ordered without cutting ourselves short. We shouldn't increase in pages at all. \$2373.36 for 1500 rulebooks. We had 1700 ordered last year.

If districts can send the number they need to Laura she will divide them up and have them ready to hand out.

Judy D3: How much are we charging per rulebook and how many do we get?

Chair: \$2 for additional books and every team gets one free.

Marc SS Chair: It is still on the web too.

Chair: Brian is working on streamlining the web page.

Laura D6: Do you want the new changes to be highlighted in the rulebook?

1st VC: Yes if possible.

Committee Reports:

State Show: Marc DeLisle is our state show chair again this year. All judges are hired.

Rules: No announcement on the rules chair. All the changes need to be forwarded to Laura. She is sending along the updates to the rules chair, 2nd VC and chair to review.

Chair: Feels our rules meeting went very well. States Karen Waite got a comment stating the 4H rulebook should be changed to be more like the MIHA rulebook.

Marc SS Chair: We contribute over \$60,000 to judges fees every year.

Chair: Has mentioned to MHC to setup something at expo to present MIHA. When talking to Ann Louise he expressed how much MIHA influences and what we contribute to the horse industry. We may be able to get a room next year to do so.

Candice D5: If she spends \$10000 on her district each year, think about what 20 districts contribute to the industry.

Chair: We are trying a different avenue to get us out there.

Junior Division: 1st VC: Had a person send in a coaches request to the committee. This needs to go through the DC. He will kick those back to the sender indicating to go through their DC.

Chair: He has received a couple from people and send them back to the DC.

Regional: No report

Membership: No report

Historian: No report

Judges: State show judges hired.

Chair: When you are hiring your judges please do your best effort to hire the best you can and use new judges if possible.

Candice D5: Is the 2014 book available online?

Pattern: 2nd VC: Reminder to the DCs the patterns are out on the website. Take a look at them.

Chair: Make sure to let your coaches know whether you are or not using the patterns on the web.

Awards: No Report

Finance: Chair: District 13, his feeling at this point knowing efforts have been made to increase numbers, he would like to again this year let them continue.

Tracy D13: Their juniors look like they may increase to around 15. They are definitely making strides to increase their participants.

Chair:

Tracy D13: They had 15 seniors and 6 juniors. They don't separate divisions.

Lesley D18: Doesn't feel they should be penalized for the amount of people in their district and the financial dynamics.

Tracy D13: Describes the makeup of the district 13. They've been reaching out to all areas and is receiving calls back. They are really pushing the information to anyone and everyone.

Marie D14: Asks about one school district.

Tracy D13: Shows 3 different districts have formed teams in the last year or two.

Doyle D9: He thinks Tracy and her group are trying to do the best they can. He feels they should be allowed to continue to build numbers and should be given credit for her efforts.

Marie D14: If district 13 was dissolved to other districts MIHA would just lose those kids.

Tracy D13: The families cannot afford to travel that far if dissolved.

1st VC: This was brought up due to ultimatums given a couple years ago.

Nominations: No Report

Scholarship: Covered

Tracker Program: Covered

District Reports:

- 1.
- 2.
3. Everything is good. The fightin' hasn't started yet.
4. We have a new fair manager. They are trying to make changes like preventing showing from trailers due to damage to the grounds. He is not sure how that will affect us.
5. Good
6. Had a coaching/parent issue on one of their teams. They given a little coaching to the coaches on interpersonal skills and diplomacy.
- Chair: Has had a lot of issues lately with parent/coach issues. One issue was addressed after the annual meeting.
- 7.
- 8.
9. Nothing new. Planning two junior meets again.
10. Nothing new.
- 11.
- 12.
13. Dates set for junior and senior meets pending availability of the grounds.
14. Looking at some growth this year. Mentoring new coaches
15. Nothing new

16. Team rules go to membership committee? They are upping a 3 show speed series to 4. They are using it as a fundraiser. Has one coaching issue. He sat in on one team conflict between coaches. Like the fact all assistant coaches have to be approved by the head coach. It's a hard spot for a DC to be in dealing with conflicts.

17. Judges are all hired. Grounds are changing from Alma to Mt. Pleasant

18. They are in the process of moving their shows from the fairgrounds to Flint fields facility. They are doing it for senior. She is in need of stall rentals. American Stall Rental is the name of the company the state uses. The grounds rental there is donated.

Chair: Make sure to let Dennis the 1st VC know the change for insurance purposes.

Lesley D18: She hasn't been able to get a hold of D20 who the coop with. They need to find a venue for the junior meet.

19. No Report

20.

Chair: Please go to the website and verify your contact information is correct. Let Brian know if the change.

Candice D5: Check junior too. That is a separate list.

Correspondence:

Call To The Public:

Motion To Adjourn:

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