

Michigan Interscholastic Horsemanship Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Agenda  
November 8, 2014 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

10:10am

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

Introductions: Jared Stilwell District 3

Call to the Public:

Agenda

Changes Yes  
Motion To Approve D17  
Second D19  
**Pass/ Fail**

Minutes

Changes No  
Motion to Approve D5  
Second D17  
**Pass/Fail**

Treasurer's Report (No Report)

Discussion  
Motion To Approve  
Second  
Pass/Fail

Old Business:

A. National Competition

D16: Talked about national competition for three or four years. He would like to get a committee formed and wouldn't mind heading it up.

2<sup>nd</sup> VC: Part of the national competition was including Wisconsin. They wanted us to come to Milwaukee during their fair event. It was more of an exhibition rather than an actual meet. We are trying to find a venue both near them and us. We would like to include Ohio and Indiana.

Chair: Talked with Dan about it. The thought was Barrien Springs was supposed to be putting in an indoor facility. They would like to see how that was. Dan would like us to still come

and do a few classes. Chair stated if we are sinking the money in to it we wanted it to be an actual even.

Ohio is still not really stable at this point.

It's been the whole venue and time of year.

2<sup>nd</sup> VC: Berrien Springs is still about two years out on the indoor facility.

D16: He wasn't around when the organization was formed but it started in corner of the state. We need to set a date and get something accomplished. It may be small the first year or two, but it will grow interest. He hasn't had any communications from anyone from the other states.

2<sup>nd</sup> VC: Do you know of any other venues in Indiana or Illinois?

D16: He can start looking.

Kathy: She agrees with Chair in not hauling horses to another state for just two classes.

Chair: He is supposed to be meeting with Dan at the multi-State judge's conference about this.

D16: Would like to have another person involved in discussions with other states on this subject.

2<sup>nd</sup> VC: We need covered facilities for the time of year.

Chair: We need enclosed facilities more than just covered. The facilities get booked and are booked for years in advance. That is why he was hoping on Berrien Springs.

D3: She has been talking with Berrien Springs already. They were hoping to break ground this year, but it didn't happen.

That is why she stated more two or three years. Once they get to the point of scheduling they are definitely looking to us. She will keep us posted.

2<sup>nd</sup> VC: If D16 wants to start looking at venues.

D16: Doesn't want to step on the chair's toes in what he's already accomplished. He wants to move things forward.

2<sup>nd</sup> VC: If we can get a venue then we can start planning. We need some targets

Rules Chair: How many horses are we talking?

Chair: We have to make it enough to attract attention.

2<sup>nd</sup> VC: We would have 4 of each division teams in attendance the first year.

Chair: Let's have D16 look for venues and bring it to the next meeting.

D3: Will check to see if there are any updated plans on Berrien Springs.

D19: We should really set a target date as a goal.

Chair: Wisconsin does have their meets around the same time frame as Michigan. State Show Chair judged Wisconsin's state meet and was going to see how they run and what classes they run.

1<sup>st</sup> VC: Chair will work to gather the committee as he's already made initial contact.

## New Business:

### A. Video Streaming

D19: Updated stats: 41,500 page loads for the site. 2,900 original loads. Outside the US we had over 100 views. 500 unique users from facebook. Online scores took 37,000 hits. We've been talking internally about improvements. One was some form of audio in the streaming. Downside of audio is inclusion of information some may not want streamed. We could have a second line to the audio stream or have a commentator.

D3: Even something which showed what class is in and what is coming.

D19: We could have someone manning the camera that can pan the arena and focus on the riders. Are there any other suggestions?

Rules Chair: Did we get anyone interested in funding the project.

D19: One company stated they knew someone who would be interested in sponsoring. If we get more sponsorships we could add money to the state budget. We could also add sponsorships to the scores page.

### B. Rule Book Changes

Rules Chair: She has not received any rule changes from any individuals or teams. She presented a list of rules clarification brought to her by others.

D14: The intent was for the coat and pants have to be the same color but maybe not the same texture.

D3: What is the rule?

Rules Chair: Any other color top is considered a day coat.

D19: There were different definitions of what a day coat is at the rules meeting. Some thought anything other than matching was a day coat. Others thought different colors were a day coat but not necessarily pattern if the color was same.

D5: It should be written to include same color but not pattern.

1<sup>st</sup> VC: The pants were not in the proposed rule.

D19: We will have to specifically state what is allowed.

Rules Chair: Will put together a clarification.

Timed Events: You cannot make a hackamore work over a cavesson.

D3: Is there such a thing as an English hackamore?

D5: Yes, but it looks basically like a western hackamore.

D5: When she looks up English hackamore there is no cavesson.

D5: If you can use a hackamore in timed events can you use it in your flat classes?

1<sup>st</sup> VC: That exception is listed under the timed events only.

Stopping by hitting the gate: State show chair would like to have stopping by hitting the gate as a disqualification.

D4: If you took it to hitting the gate, you would have someone complaining the horse touched the gate.

Header: We will leave that alone.

Keyhole: Should the 25' marker be used or not?

D16: At the state level we set up the pattern wrong. We should've started the class over with the pattern correct.

Rules Chair: There were no horses DQ'd for those arms on the pattern.

D16: The pattern was setup wrong. So

1<sup>st</sup> VC: The disagreement is a moot point at this time. The question is on the cones.

D14: They don't use cones and doesn't know any organization that does.

D5: Look at the picture of cloverleaf. There are two barrels at the entrance. If you're looking at just the picture, we are setting up wrong.

Rules Chair: Markers will be at the fence.

D19: Speed and Action doesn't show any markers.

D3: She would like to show the markers at the fence exception for the obvious two-man and speed and action.

Trail: There is nothing stating the judge has the final say on the obstacles.

D14: You're stating if the judge doesn't like the obstacles we have to change the pattern?

2<sup>nd</sup> VC: If there is a safety reason it is the consensus of the coaches to make the change.

Why do we have individual tests listed if we have patterns?

D5: Not all districts use the patterns offered on the web.

D19: If we are going to keep a list of individual tests the judges can ask for our patterns should contain the same list.

Rules Chair: We just need to look at the selected patterns making sure they are within the rulebook.

D5: There are no individual tests in showmanship.

Can we use polo wraps for any classes?

The answer is NO! It's in the rulebook twice on page 19 & 42.

Rules Chair: Came up with a form for a rule change proposal.

She would like it on one page only if possible and in a fill-able format and would eventually like it electronically submitted.

D6: The ruling for page 13 on A team splits was omitted for the last two years. It needs to be put back in.

C5: Three refusals is not cause for a DQ.

D4: If you don't attempt it you are DQ'd.

We need to put the SOP in for the rule changes. We believe it was D4 getting dropped.

D19: Would like a trail score sheet made.

Rules Chair: Will create a score sheet.

D3: Saddleseat pattern is setup so walking horses cannot compete in that. There is no diagonal change in that.

D5: Most judges will judge them as the breed standard.

D19: Thinks our format of the winter meeting should change.

1<sup>st</sup> VC: Come up with your suggestions for annual meeting procedures and bring to the next meeting.

### C. State Meet Survey Results

2<sup>nd</sup> VC: He compiled the surveys from the state meet. The number one complaint was about the judges.

The sound system, showers, campground complaints will be forwarded to the Midland fairgrounds.

Three requested nightly security to drive around the facilities.

There were no troubles this year. Last year there was an issue with a saddle.

A security guard will run about \$20/hr and car about \$50 per day. We can look at that for upcoming years.

D5: They have a person from 11pm to 6am to check horses and walk the barns. He is paid \$100 per night. She doesn't feel we need an armed person.

2<sup>nd</sup> VC: He took the responses as a safety issue rather than horse care issue.

1<sup>st</sup> VC: Kidding suggests the Chair.

D19: Believes even just a person on a golf cart would be enough to deter.

2<sup>nd</sup> VC: There were a lot of positive comments on the state meet.

D5: The judge's comments on many surveys were contradictory on the same form.

#### D. Regional Patterns

1<sup>st</sup> VC: There were some complaints about the patterns.

2<sup>nd</sup> VC: The patterns were picked by a committee. There was less participation on the committee this year. If there is anyone else who wants to be on it get with the 2<sup>nd</sup> VC.

2<sup>nd</sup> VC: If anyone wants to move regions please get the to him by January.

#### E. Organizational Goals

D19: The main goal when he started was to get the state out of financial troubles. He feels we have stalled out on having an organizational goal. He would like to have a goal to accomplish this year. An example would be to increase our numbers. We are not actively trying to increase our numbers. S-Increase our numbers next by 5%, current 4,584 riders so by 100 riders.

M-By number of riders in both junior and seniors

A-State sponsored flyers, Talking with schools, marketing, social media.

R-MIHA tokens with phone numbers, D5 will research this.

T-September 2015

D19: Why are we losing members? The answer he receives is they don't want to deal with all the drama. We need to find a way to deter the attitude of drama.

D5: She stresses the team mentality. You are working with a team not just yourself. This is the life lesson she is trying to put forth.

D6: She dealt with a team drama. The riders are texting each other, but not talking to their coach. She also explained they are all representing their school.

D6: Community and school acknowledgement will do wonders for the organization.

D19: How do you join? We need a better way to funnel people. It's very hard to figure out how to sign up.

2<sup>nd</sup> VC: We were trying to do some of that with the redistricting.

D19: We also are not comparable to circuit riders. Many breed show riders don't feel MIHA is up to standard with breed organizations.

D19: Lack of cost consistency in joining MIHA.

D19: Continuing goal assessment on an ongoing basis, can we form a group?

He will add something to the page on how to join.

## F. State Show Change Ideas

D19: Feels we need to make some changes to the state meet to make it more exclusive and exciting. It's the same every year. It needs to be something more exciting for the kids.

D3: You lose a lot of people at the closing ceremonies.

D19: Maybe take the whole Olympic idea and put a three tier podium for the teams to take a photo on it. Items to do to make it really unique experience.

D19: Revisit the idea of a dream team for the state meet. Even if their team didn't make it, they would be a all-state team.

D14: What about a D division kid who is the top rider in points and is already going to states? Can they opt not to be part of the dream team?

D19: Yes it would follow like the team advancement does.

Rules Chair: Would it fall like the national meet idea not wanting to come because they only have two classes?

D16: Has thought about the dream team idea for a long time but doesn't feel the state meet is the right place for it. The state meet already has a lot going on. If your district makes a dream team and have them show against all the other district's dream teams at a whole other competition.

1<sup>st</sup> VC: He is looking at it via insurance standpoint. There is a substantial added cost.

D19: Suggests maybe extending the state meet. This would help make it more exciting to be at. It may also get those circuit kids interested if it's more elite.

D3: Let's put something together and discuss it.

## G. Dates for 2015

BOD Meeting Saturday, January 10

BOD Meeting Saturday, February 14

BOD Meeting Saturday, March 14

BOD Meeting Saturday, April 11

BOD Meeting Wednesday, May 13

BOD Meeting Wednesday, June 10

BOD Meeting Wednesday, July 8

BOD Meeting Wednesday, August 12

BOD Meeting Wednesday, September 9

Regional Meets October 3 & 4

State Meet October 15-18

BOD Meeting Saturday, November 14

BOD Meeting Saturday, December 12

BOD Meeting Saturday, January 9, 2016

## Committee Reports:

State Show: No Report

Rules: Covered

Junior Division: No Report

Regional: Covered

Membership: Covered

Historian: No Report

Judges: No Report

Pattern: Covered

Awards: We have a number of bases due to replacing the horse.

Finance: No Report

Nominations: No new nominations, Dennis, Ginny and Pattie are accepting

Scholarship: We have over 50 applications. The committee will have recipients selected by the end of the month.

Tracker Program: D19: Bill has an update coming very shortly.

Promotional: D5: Video on facebook page, is that page one administrator or can anyone add to it? Anyone can post to it, but it setup so junk doesn't get set to the page.

D12: Maybe we could add D5 chair and D19 chair to it for adding updates for new forms and video.

D5: We don't have a lot of video or photos to promote our organization.

D19: The photographer has some really nice photos and thinks it would be beneficial. He believes we should buy those photos from the photographer.

D19: Will add the media release to the rider registration form.

D5: There are a lot of tack sales coming up. She is looking at promotional items and is looking in to cost.

D12: He is hitting 4H meetings to recruit through leaders. He has the hardest time getting to the kids. They have an alumni show that offered a scholarship. They are planning to do a contest for kids to recruit other kids. They are developing guidelines. It is planned to be a gift card and the amount goes up with the number of new registrations. They will announce it at their banquet to the kids. They are talking about giving out a district T-shirt with the MIHA info on it with rider registration.

D19: We could put it back to the district level from state and offer a prize for getting the most increase by percentage.

Logo: If we don't start getting more logos submitted we may be doing it ourselves.

1<sup>st</sup> VC: He is working with Lighthouse on how to submit a hand drawn logo.

National Competition: Covered



District Reports:

D3: All is good

D5: All is good

D6: All is good. Having the trophy is wonderful for their district.

D12: Banquet is tomorrow

D14: Banquet is tomorrow. May be dealing with a removal of a coach.

D15: Awards banquet was last weekend. Next year will have a Saturday Sunday meet in August.

D16: Banquet was had. Steve voted in as DC. They took home two trophies this year from states. Looking at possibly 3 new teams.

D19: Awards banquet is Tuesday. They will have a rules change meeting and

Correspondence: None

Call to the Public: None

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion D3

Second D4

**Pass/Fail**

1:30pm