

Michigan Interscholastic Horsemanship Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Agenda
May 13, 2015 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

6:08pm

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, Web Master**

Introductions: Meg Pearson-District 3 Treasurer

Call to the Public: No

Agenda

Changes Yes
Motion To Approve D17
Second D9
Pass/ Fail

Minutes

Changes No
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Second D17
Pass/Fail

Treasurer's Report

Discussion: There wasn't a lot of activity. Only the balance sheet and profit and loss sheets were sent. \$136,000 up from \$113,000 from last year. We had two bad checks outstanding from teams. Vendor deposits, \$50 was collected to hold a spot.

Profit and Loss: Rule Change income is our only income to date. The key chains were put under Marketing and Advertising.

Motion To Approve D9
Second D6
Pass/Fail

Old Business:

New Business:

A. SOP on Grooms

2nd VC would like to make it a standard procedure for grooms to fill out a registration form so we have the liability, concussion and medical treatment form on them. They will have the same items in their registration package except the coggins and the horse registration.

D16: Are we going to run into problems at regionals and states if trainers are riding the horses?

1st VC: Liability covers the spectators.

D16: Don't we have some kind of form or something? We are opening ourselves up for liabilities if trainers are riding the horse.

D5: Some facilities require a signed form, but other don't. 4H does not require it. Any open or breed show doesn't require it either.

2nd VC: Most of it is covered under the Equine Liability Act.

D16: Wonders if we aren't being aggressive enough. Do we have attorney's we can ask?

1st VC: We will ask the question of an attorney.

D11: Isn't that something as a DC you can make up as a rule?

D16: He does have a rule.

Motion 20150513-001 Create an SOP for registration of grooms including all medical and release forms outside of horse registration and coggins.

Motion: D5

Second: D16

Passed

D3: Are grooms included in a team's size?

Chair: No. They are only required to pay the \$2.00 to the state for the accident insurance.

D3: So a team will say they have 5 riders and 2 grooms. We need something in the rulebook covering this.

1st VC: The SOP will become a rule in 2016.

B. Regional and State Patterns

D19: Had a few coaches bring this up. They are having a lot of trouble getting those circuit riders because they have a pleasure horse which could do equitation rail class but cannot do patterns well. They feel we are limiting riders.

D3: What is your solution?

D19: Eliminate the patterns in the equitation classes since we already have pattern classes.

D9: Sees the point. At one time a pattern was asked only if needed. He feels MIHA has evolved to the next level. If we are

talking equitation, the equitation horses should be in MIHA. There are two sides to the subject. Breed shows are performing equitation the same way. It a direction we need to stay focused on. They do patterns at districts for some classes to prepare the kids for regionals. We need to keep in mind this is not 4H.

D19: Trainers are seeing a big push away from equitation patterns all equitation classes at breed shows. They see equitation can be mastered at the rail.

D4: It gives the kids something to work for to make it to the next level.

2nd VC: He fought doing patterns at districts for a long time, but realized he was doing the kids a disservice by not preparing them for regionals.

Rules Chair: Sees the point of rider elimination for those kids who have horses who do not do patterns. As a judge she would like to have patterns as she is judging one on one. It's easier as a judge to judge a pattern class.

D14: On the other hand we have a lot of kids who go in speed classes who are not fast.

D19: He is specifically talking about circuit horses who can't join MIHA, because their national champion pleasure horse cannot do a forehand turn or pivot.

D9: He has national champion equitation horses which come to MIHA leaving their pleasure horses at home.

D19: The idea is to increase numbers, and feels we need to open up to this for the increase.

1st VC: He has pleasure horses which quit MIHA because they are not being judged on pleasure.

D9: Brian's point is very valid. A judge will watch the rail but the majority will be judged on the pattern.

D6: They have a pattern but not for every class at every meet. There will be a different one each time.

D3: She would like to see if more evenly weighted.

D19: Then do the rail work first.

D5: You will have two or three spits at the rail then the pattern. Will that speed up the class.

Rules Chair: You won't be running 40 horses through the pattern. You'd only be running your top 10%.

D19: Even if we started with rail work then performing the patterns for those top picks, it will speed up the class.

Rules Chair: 95% of those riders will make the cut on the rail anyway.

D14: Under rules for competition. H3 Page 19.

1st VC: It doesn't say you have to rail work or patterns first.

We will table this until next month to retrieve more information from judges and ponder the suggestion.

D4: Are we trying to do a work around? You mentioned rail work first. If you can't put your pleasure horse into a pattern class then the rail work will get them to the pattern portion of the class. They still have to do the pattern.

D3: The idea is to take the emphasis off the pattern and put it on the rail.

Chair: How many districts feel we should do patterns we have been at regionals and states? 8 Yes, 5 No, Abstain 2

D16: At the district level you can run it the way you want it.

D6: Doing it differently puts your kids at a disadvantage at regionals.

Chair: This is tabled. Talk to your coaches and get a feel.

Committee Reports:

State Show: NR

Rules: Rules Chair: Rulebooks are here. There are few tweaks but overall looks very good. All the rule changes are in there. All the tweaks deal with formatting.

One other thing, according to the constitution, if your rule passes you get your \$10 back. She will get the information to the treasurer.

D6: Are judges getting rulebooks sent?

Rules Chair: All 4H judges will receive a MIHA rulebook. They went out today along with a letter.

D3: Is asking about the trail score sheet.

D14: Can't we use the 4H one?

D9: It is almost identical to the one created for MIHA.

Rules Chair: The scoring is verbatim from the 4H rulebook.

Junior Division: 1st VC: Remember to fill out a coop form if you have one. This just helps us keep track.

Regional: 2nd VC: Everything is going well at that level. We are leaving the fees the same as last year. Each one is a little different per what facility costs are and such.

Membership: NR

Historian: NR

Judges: D12: What is our plan for 1099s? Before he hands them their check he hands them a form with an envelope. He did have a number of judges who were concerned about filling out multiple forms.

Treasurer: Some judges sent W9's, but she couldn't match up what they were paid or to the right district. She suggests if you want to give her a list of all your judges, she will take on sending out the W9's. The DC will be required to send in the judging contract or what each judge is paid. Email her your list of judges now for districts, regionals and judges. This way they only fill out one form per judge.

If you've collected for Juniors, give her the current form and she won't have them fill out another.

We are not reporting accurately to the IRS.

D12: We are responsible for keeping social security numbers private.

Treasurer: She will send a cover letter with the form. If she doesn't receive the form we will have to come up with a penalty for not filling out the form and returning it.

D3: Are we collecting anything?

Treasurer: She needs judge's name and how much is paid. If they are not in the judge's list she will need an address.

Regarding financial statements, she would like a flash drive with a complete set of financial statements on them. She receives hundreds of emails and will miss something. She would like to store them electronically on a flash rather than printing financials.

Pattern: 2nd VC: Regional patterns have gone out to the committee and have received back most. The state patterns are all the state show chair.

Awards: 1st VC: Trophies are here tonight for your junior shows. Is there something there you don't need leave it with D5.

Finance: NR

Nominations: 2nd VC and Chair are up this year. You have until just before the winter meeting to nominate.

Scholarship: The names and colleges will be given to the treasurer. Their university will receive a check for the scholarship made out to the college and the recipient.

Chair: MHC is in a tremendous amount of turmoil at this time. Be aware they are in flux right now. They are working on taking

care of the problem. The 2015 leadership has been replaced to our knowledge.

We are still listed under their scholarships.

MHC does do a lot for Michigan's horse industry.

Tracker Program: D19: Tried to run the new tracker program in conjunction with the old program. It supported combining the division but didn't support two of the same classes. You either combined both division and classes or not combined.

He mentioned this to the developer and received a frustrated response stating this was a significant change and that he wasn't sure he had time to complete these changes.

1st VC: There was never an agreement on cost.

D19: The developer is going to think on what it would take to make the changes.

D19: He thinks we are really close. The reports look nice, and the app is very stable. He wanted to do a remote meeting to go through the whole thing step by step.

Chair: When the developer started working on it he was not employed. Now he is and time is short for him.

D9: We've put a lot of time and effort into this. He doesn't think offering more money is out of the question.

Motion 20150513-002: Provide the executive board do what is necessary to continue and complete work on the new application.

Motion: D9

Second: D14

Passed

D16: If we have to pay a good amount of money on this, put deadlines in place.

D9: We have the money. Let's get it done.

D14: Along the lines of the money, we need a workable product. Their 4H council looked into purchasing software. It was \$10,000. If we have to pay a bit more then we should do it.

D19: He doesn't think it's a lot more work outside of exports and other minor things.

D19: Will work on an upgrade installer. There is a version out on the web with a few bugs. There is a database linking problem.

Promotional: D5: Sent out a full page ad which will include a link to our web page. It was \$160 with color. She is putting information on the Facebook page to help the kids with health issues and shows. She has key chains here. They are \$0.65 each. There are 4 colors.

Logo: 1st VC: Publicize this to your kids.

D5: There is a lot of activity on the Facebook page regarding the logo contest.

National Competition: Chair: We are still looking for a venue.

D16: It's tough to find one, and is looking for one in Michigan.

2nd VC: Talked with Dan from WIHA. He is very hopeful for a venue in Madison, WI. It would be a very long haul for us. This would be a full blown competition. That venue would handle us, but be very difficult financially for us.

D16: Hears Ohio is pushing for a better program. Illinois and Missouri would like to start a program.

2nd VC: Ohio has a semi-mirror to ours.

D19: Mentions Champion Center in Ohio.

District Reports:

D2: Junior meet is this weekend. He is up a couple riders.

D3: Meet is on Sunday. Saturday is a no show clothes fun show.

D4: Meet is this weekend Saturday and Sunday. Drop from 55 to 42.

D5: Meet is June 6th. Down a few riders and a couple coaching issues. Everything else is good.

D6: Meet was last weekend. Had 52 kids. Senior will be later in Sept this year.

D8: Down 1 team. A coach asked if her MS rider can show.

Chair: The only issue we have is if the rider needs a header.

D9: Meets are May 30-31. Had a shaggy show the first Saturday in May.

D10: Down to 44 riders. Show May 31st.

D11: Meet is the last Sunday of June with a fun show the day before.

D12: Meet is this weekend with the same number of riders.

D14: First junior meet was last weekend, 2nd meet is this weekend. Down a few riders. Has a new coach. She has a home school student who doesn't want to ride on the school team. Can she form her own team? Answer: Yes

D15: Meet is this weekend. 56 kids

D16: Show is this Saturday. They are up a few. One team has 17 riders on it. This school is looking toward 25 riders in the fall.

Looking at 5 new senior teams this fall. He has a speed series this summer as a fund raiser in Hudsonville.

Has an amputee rider. In two hand riding will she get marked down for it?

D14: You tell the judge what you'd like to do.

D9: Thinks the precedence was set some years ago.

D5: If it's the person she believes it is, she is a very competent rider and have the judge score her accordingly.

D17: All is good. Junior meet is the 30th. About the same amount of riders.

1st VC: The kid probably knows how to handle the situation.

D19: Meet was last weekend. It was the largest meet ever at 70 kids. He took D12's idea of having an incentive membership drive. They will be having a junior high banquet this year.

Correspondence:

Chair: It has come to our attention we have two issues right now. Two agencies have requirements we need to meet, federal and state. Seems paperwork was sent to a previous leadership member which did not get forwarded. D4 went to open a district account and was told we were not in good standing with the state. Our corporation was dissolved in 2010.

Treasurer: We are supposed to file an annual report. Ours hasn't been filed since 2010. Now he have to pay \$75 for each of the last 5 years filings.

D4's effort to open an account brought this to light.

The good news is our treasurer is on top of the situation. She will work to get this resolved.

1st VC: We changed how the information was sent into the executive board. Instead of one person getting the information the entire executive board gets the emails. More people are in the loop to avoid this type of gap.

Call to the Public:

D6: Midland fairgrounds has upgraded announcing equipment and added Wi-Fi to the campgrounds. The fee will be \$20.

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion D12

Second D11

Pass/Fail

8:02pm

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