

Michigan Interscholastic Horsemanship Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Agenda
August 12, 2015 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

6:06 pm

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,
Webmaster

Introductions:

Call to the Public:

Agenda

Changes Yes
Motion To Approve D6
Second D13
Pass/ Fail

Minutes

Changes No
Motion to Approve D17
Second D13
Pass/Fail

Treasurer's Report

Discussion Covered
Motion To Approve D19
Second D6
Pass/Fail

Old Business:

New Business:

A. Alternative Education

D6: Kids headed to early college classes. The kids will get their diploma from the alternative school not the high school. Their issue is resolved by upholding the rulebook.

D14: This was discussed before for those attending an early college program. These students get four years on the team.

2nd VC: Another problem headed our way is the virtual schools.

Rules Chair: Is there another way to word this in the rulebook?

2nd VC: We may have to identify virtual high school is considered a home school program.

D14: Early college is a bit different.

B. Cutting Riders to Be Competitive

A school has cut riders to be more competitive after a coaching change. This goes against our rules. The only reason they can be denied is due to safety; however, the student can be a groom.

D6: The problem is if the school is a varsity sport, MHSAA rules state they have a try out and can cut.

D14: The difference with cutting is if there is a limit to the number of “players”. We don’t have a limit, so there is no reason to cut. If there are other rules like attending practices as part of the team’s rules, that can be used to cut riders.

Rules Chair: In this instance the riders were part of the junior team moving up to senior. They did all the fundraising this summer.

D1: Rumor has it, but not verified that if you don’t have your own horse you cannot ride for the team.

D3: We need to clarify this more.

D6: Instead of the word “tryout” use a word which doesn’t mean elimination.

D3: Maybe use wording such as qualification.

Webmaster: Teams use criteria such as number of shows attended.

D14: They have the ability to use practices as a substitute for shows.

D3: She is not sure our rules back up D14s processes.

D14: This is why teams submitted rules to the exec board.

D3: So the exec board will back up the team rules?

2nd VC: Yes, if the rules were submitted and approved by the committee, the exec board will stand behind the team rules.

D3: Where is it written what is given back after registration? It’s not in the rule book anywhere.

D14: It’s in the minutes.

Rules Chair: The exec board needs to complete research on the issue brought forth with cutting riders.

C. Wireless at Midland Fairgrounds

Webmaster: Had a colleague headed to Midland. He contacted to find how the wireless is functioning. He was told there was only one area with Wifi on the grounds. It is very likely we will not be using the ground’s internet for state.

They are working to find a way to pipe in the intercom sound to the stream.

D6: The sound system has all be redone at Midland.

D. Sponsorship for Webstreaming the State Meet

Webmaster: A sponsorship program was put together last year to offset the costs. The information is out on the web page. It's time to get teams to start fundraising for it. A reminder should be put out to begin the process. The biggest sponsorship would be one arena. Smaller sponsors can be a daily sponsor. The lowest entry is about \$100 and the largest is \$1500.

If you know someone who will sponsor a whole arena, let the Webmaster know so we don't get too many.

Committee Reports:

State Show: No Report

Rules: Rulebooks were sent out to all judges. A few things we may want to address later. The biggest question was can they ride in gymkhana clothes in trail. It is stated in the rulebook they can.

D14: We can address that in our coach's meeting.

Rules Chair: She is still trying to get with the state show chair to get a score sheet for trail.

2nd VC: D5 put together one for the junior meet which worked very well.

Rules Chair: We need to get it up online in the next couple weeks. It is a culmination of the 4H and AQHA sheet.

2nd VC: He will send out the one D5 put together.

D3: Is it approved?

Webmaster: Let's send it to the exec board first to have a once over before we post it.

Rules Chair: She is giving us her resignation. She will be with us for another month, but we will need to find another. She will not be at states. She will be at the September meeting to hand off everything.

Junior Division: No Report

Regional: 2nd VC: Regional chairs please send your packets so they can be posted to the web.

Membership: No Report

Historian: No Report

Judges: No Report

Pattern: 2nd VC: Be advised that pattern one on the web does not meet our requirements.

Webmaster: He believes none of them meet the requirements. He will look at them again. There are three required obstacles. If one is listed twice will they be counted in the three separately?

Rules Chair: Up to eight obstacles are required, 3 need to be from the mandatory and up to 5 from the mandatory/optional list.

D3: Are regional patterns going to be by our rules?

2nd VC: Yes they will. There will be 6-8 obstacles.
Regional patterns will be up the Sunday or Monday following the last district meet.
Webmaster: He will send out an email when they are up.
Awards: No Report
Finance: Covered
Nominations: Need to appoint a new rules chair
Scholarship: No Report
Tracker Program: Webmaster: Ring assignment scoring mechanism is fixed. He will run a test this weekend. This was a major code change. He will finish running through the junior then port it to the senior.
We will be using the current Tracker for this fall, but significant movement has been made.
Promotional: No Report
Logo: Logos have been voted on and chosen. The artwork needs to be formatted to fit our needs. Pins will be available at the September meeting. The logo winners have not been notified.
National Competition: 2nd VC: Venues for end of October beginning of November are slim. We have no place here right now. We are still waiting to hear back from Dan about the Madison complex. That is about the greatest potential for a location at this time. This will not happen this year.
D3: When do we potentially seeing the competition happening?
We don't get done with our season until October.

District Reports:

D1: All is good
D2: All is good. He will be stepping down as DC this year.
Karen Logan will be taking his place. He will continue with his 2nd VC position.
D3: Things are smooth on her end. She will know more later.
D6: Everything is fine. Sept 2nd is registration meeting.
D10: Team numbers are down by 3 but riders are up by a dozen.
D13: Down but brought back another team.
D14: One potential coaching issue which will resolve itself.
D15: Registration meeting, numbers are down a little. They will have their first double header in a couple weeks.
D17: All is good. Registration is next Monday.
D19: Follow-up on junior high. They had their first banquet and had 180 people show up. They had 78 riders for the district.
Senior numbers will be about the same. Had one participation issue.

Correspondence:

2nd VC: We talked about the cutting riders.

Call to the Public:

D13: Was recently talking with a group of barrel racers. There was a group on facebook bashing MIHA.

Chair: The biggest issue we have with barrel racers is that we don't allow them to run through the gate.

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion D13

Second D6

Pass/Fail

7:52pm