

Michigan Interscholastic Horsemanship Association
Board of Directors Meeting

Agenda

January 7, 2017 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Jackson National Life Insurance Conference Room

Pictured ID is required when checking in.

All DCs and Exec Board members are on the list for allowed entry. Any additional attendees need to be notified prior to arrival to the MIHA Secretary

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**

Introductions: None

Call to the Public: None

Agenda

Changes NO

Motion to Approve D13

Second D17

Pass/ Fail

Minutes

Changes No

Motion to Approve D13

Second D17

Pass/Fail

Treasurer's Report No Report

Discussion

Motion to Approve

Second

Pass/Fail

Old Business:

A. Region assignments for 2017 season

Suggestion 1:

A. 3,15, 16, 19

B. 1, 7, 11, 12

C. 6, 13, 14, 17

D. 8, 9, 18, 20

E. 2, 4, 5, 10

20170107-001 Motion to approve region configuration
Motion D13
Second D12
Passed

Chair: The dates for Midland have been resolved. Regionals will fall on the last weekend of September 29-October 1st. States will follow two weeks later October 12-15.

New Business:

A. 2017 Rule Change Review

Rules Chair: We have a few less changes submitted this year.

1. No discussion
2. 2nd VC: They voted last year to pull a pattern due to weather conditions. This rule change limits flexibility.

D2: Their district was very disappointed at regionals when not all the patterns were run on the first day.

Chair: Keep in mind when you're discussing this with your coaches you can opt to try and ask for a friendly amendment.

D14: If you do a vote to accommodate due to your facilities at the district level, should it flow the same into regionals. Just because it is in the book doesn't mean your region can't hold a vote to alter to meet their conditions.

D5: Track the vote in your district or region which alters the format.

3. The rule change is not correctly done. It is not being reviewed. It will not be included in the packet.
4. This cannot go through because of invalid article number. It will not be in the packet.
5. Looking to add letter O.
6. Asking for helmets in bareback.
7. Not written in the proper format. It will not be in the packet.
8. 2nd VC: This makes the strides concrete in the patterns.

9. Packets will flip 9 and 10.
10. Discussed
11. D14: Does not have the room for all the jumps.
12. 2nd VC: Asks what exactly is the time allowed. It is very vague.
D5: That is a communication issue.
D2: In her district if a rider is unable to walk the course they can walk it with their coach. They had issues in regionals making it to walk the trail pattern.
2nd VC: Is this an incident that happen multiple times or just once?
D4: They had to move trail very far away from the south arena to the infield hoop house.
D13: Are we writing a rule change for a circumstance?
Chair: It is written correctly and will be in the packet.
13. Is written properly.
2nd VC: This stems from the instance at the state meet.
D13: Does this mean if they fall regardless of coming in or going out they are DQ'd.
14. On the same topic.
15. Chair: Every year this is mentioned it isn't written.
16. Covered through 18
17. Covered through 18
18. Covered through 18
19. Place barrels lip down.
D8: The bucket on the barrel needs to be the same at every meet.
D12: If it is the same for every rider it shouldn't matter.
D8: It does if you're practicing one way or the other.
Chair: The rules chair will write a change for the bucket placement. This is not part of proposal 19's submission.
20. Adding Dressage to the class list.

2nd VC: This needs to be planned as there is considerable time involved in adding the class times and finding the correct judges for it.

D5: The biggest objection was that dressage is based on the horse. She knows that can be adjusted, but this was the biggest issue the last time it was suggested.

D10: If it's added does that give hunt seat and saddle seat more classes than western?

2nd VC: It would alternate each year. Also, there is no apparel guidelines.

D12: What about a dressage ring?

D10: When this was first brought up, he thought about it and thought if you could alternate jumping and dressage. This would help make sure all your seats have the same number of classes.

D2: Has there ever been a time a district has run to find what kind of time and requirements are needed? Is that something a district could do?

2nd VC: That could be done but not used as part of the show in the number of slots and points to determine who moves on.

D4: You would have dressage kids joining a team where their points wouldn't even count. They would be paying fees and not actually contributing to the team.

21. Adding 5th graders to the junior division.

D6: Asks if the 5th grade would have to be in the same middle school.

D13: It would fall under the same rule we have now as to what school they will attend the next year.

22. Potential rule addition suggestion for the board.

Page 10 on H about coaches being responsible for financials. It does not state there is a penalty for not turning one in. For the district, it does have a line for the DC and treasurer. If we took that line and added it to H, it would allow us to impose sanctions against the coach.

D14: Any rule infraction in the rulebook states it can have sanctions imposed. She isn't against it, but it would be redundant.

D12: It states on the website that if they are not in by the winter meeting they cannot vote. What do you do with a coach that is not moving into the next year?

D5: If it isn't in the rulebook then it's an empty threat. If the statement is under the team there is something to stand on.

Committee Reports:

State Show: NR

Rules: Covered

Junior Division: NR

Regional: Covered

Membership: NR

Historian: NR

Judges: NR

Pattern: 2nd VC will put a signup sheet out to get more members on the committee. If you want a voice, sign up for the committee.

Awards: D division reserve travel trophy needs a new base to add more plaques.

D2: Is there any way those revolving trophies could be returned earlier?

Chair: They are supposed to be. They are due the beginning of June.

1st VC: Year bars are on order.

D5: Junior pins?

1st VC: No, that is done the first of March.

Finance: Chair: We need a treasurer, but also need someone who understands what paperwork needs to be submitted. We have discussed having a treasurer handle the day to day check writing, but also pay an accountant for the back-end paperwork. That is what he would suggest unless we have someone who has a nonprofit background.

D13: She agrees we need to hire someone to take care of these things.

D7: She is an accountant with nonprofit experience, but doesn't have any time. She works for a CPA who handles this type of paperwork. She also has someone who is good with finances, but doesn't have the knowledge to file the taxes returns. The 990 changes every year, and is a lot of work. It concerns her that the reports turned in that have items which are ones that go through the school. It could be increasing our income where it shouldn't be. Our forms could be changed to combine those things we need in our organization.

Believes we need to pay an accountant for our 990.

2nd VC: Do we need some sort of proposal.

20170107-002 Motion to obtain bids on hiring a paid accountant for filing of forms and returns.

Motion D13

Second D5

Passed

Nominations:

1st VC: Brian Bode

Treasurer:

Secretary: Pattie Yanz

If Brian remains webmaster and wins the vice chair position he will still only maintain 1 vote on the Executive Board.

Scholarship: Winners:

Annika Bendele D17 Shepherd HS

Jayci Cain D6 Bullock Creek

Ryan Greene D9 Grand Haven

Brooke Pfeiffer D12 Cardinal Mooney Catholic HS (MHC)

Hannah Waroway D7 Ann Arbor Father Gabriel Richard HS (MHC)

Tracker Program: D13: He has done a lot of transfers and changed name labels.

Promotional: D5: She is in contact with Robin to get our booth at expo. She will work on getting things made to pin to the curtain. She is asking for bars and pins.

Chair: Has an issue with people who weren't on the team stop and ask for those items. We can come up with a list to take down names and addresses to send those items.

****Need to send out the half sheet****

D13: Volunteers to come up with a trifold brochure with our information. Expo is March 10-12.

D5: Will coordinate booth coverage at the February meeting.

If each district gives one item, we can do the give away at the expo.

Logo: NR

National Competition: NR

District Reports:

1. Had coaches meeting, Roxanne was voted in as well as Lauren.
2. All is good
3. NP
4. Kelly is DC again.
5. All but one judge is hired, venues are done, waiting on one financial report and Candace is still DC.
6. All is good
7. All is good
8. All the financials are in except for 2.
9. NP
10. All is good. With change of insurance do we have rider registration amount determined?
Chair: We will get together on email on that.
11. All is good.
12. All is good. All but one judge is booked. They had to move one district meet.
13. All is good
14. Nothing new
15. Working on judges
16. NP

17.All is good

18.NP

19.NP

20.NP

21.

Correspondence: Covered

Call to the Public: None

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion D13

Second D12

Pass/Fail