

Michigan Interscholastic Horsemanship Association
Annual Meeting
February 10, 2018 9:00 a.m.
Saint Louis VFW
1295 W. Monroe Rd., Saint Louis, MI 48880

Call to Order
9:40am

Attendance 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19

2017 Executive Board and 2018 Board of Directors Introductions

Chair

1st VC -

2nd VC – Lauren Fetner

Secretary – Pattie Yanz

Treasurer – Kim Clapp

State Show Chair – Marc DeLisle

Rules Chair – Amy Franks

Opening Remarks – Mike Yanz

Welcomes everyone to the meeting. Thanks everyone who was able to brave the roads to attend.

Agenda

Changes No

Motion to Approve D9

Second D15

Pass/Fail

Minutes

Changes No

Motion to Approve D5

Second D17

Pass/Fail

Financial Report

Presented physical copies at the meeting. Up for junior in 2017, high school was lower, state was up a bit. Income was up about \$10,000 from last year. Expenses were down for junior and regionals. States was up slightly. Insurance fees increased last year. Over expenses were up about \$13,000 from 2016.

Balance Sheet: Up \$25,000 cash in hand from 2016, total assets are up about the same amount.

D13: Being a nonprofit there is certain amount we can have. Are we in danger of reaching that amount?

1st VC: We are in range

Changes

Motion to Approve D13

Second D10

Pass/Fail 1 Abstain

Old Business:

A. Regional Meets 2017 – Mike Yanz
Chair – Reads champion and Reserve Champions

B. State Championship Meet 2017– Mark DeLisle

Chair – Each year we try to improve the state competition. Thank you to all the hard work Marc puts in to make the meet run smoothly. The reason we have such a successful meet, is in large part to the coaches and staff.

Div A – Oxford Champion

Lakeland - Reserve

Div B - Ludington - Champion

Bullock Creek - Reserve

Div C - Williamston - Champion

Whitmore Lake - Reserve

Div D – SHA Equestrian Team - Champion

Spring Lake - Reserve

C. MIHA Logo Contest 2017 – Brian Bode

1st VC: This is a fun contest we do each year to allow members to submit their designs for the T-Shirts each year. We had 11 this year. Alaynah Pelton from Reed City School was our winner for both logos this last year.

D. MIHA, MHC Scholarship Announcement – Brian Bode

1st VC: Reads winners

59 applicants this year.

Alexander Clark – Manchester D10

Annette Donner – River Valley D3

Hannah Flickinger – Vicksburgh High D15

Olivia Hohman – Perry HS D11

Kaitlin Sanger – Breckinridge HS D17

Some changes to the scholarship offerings beginning in 2018, we are expanding the number we offer to 4 and increasing the amount to \$2500. Each year we will have \$11,000 in scholarships each year. We are reducing the number of years required is being reduced to 3 years with one year being the senior year of high school.

New Business:

A. Dates for Next Year's Championship Meet

Registration for junior is 5/9/18

Early HS registration is 08/08/2018

HS registration is 09/05/2018

Regions are 09/28-09/30/2018

States are 10/11-10/14/2018

B. Constitutional Changes – Amy Franks

1. Requires Ambulances at all MIHA Meets – There is no rule for this. Falls under section E. Proposal is read.

Chair – Encourages each meet to have a designated medical person with jurisdiction in the ring and on the grounds.

Encourages regions to hire a designated medial person. States does pay an EMS person. Researched this for his area and contacted other areas to find their fees. Some fees were \$150-\$200 per hour for a stationed ambulance.

The figures for this would increase our fees by \$70 per rider. At the low end, it would be an increase of \$46 per rider increase. If our riders decrease that fee will increase. There is a chance if this passes and the fees increase our registrations will decrease. If this does not pass, please make sure your meets have someone on the grounds that is trained in EMS.

District 9 – Are we changing the format from each year? It's presentation by the parties that presented it. To be consistent we need to follow our format.

District 6 – Expresses they are 2.1 miles from the Midland hospital. The way this is worded it mandates we hire a service. Staging just means they will put an ambulance at the site, but it will still service the community. They have an EMT or first responder on their grounds. She is concerned about the financial impact on the districts if this passes. She doesn't believe this rule will benefit us in the long run.

District 19 – The legislation was presented for all sports in the states. It almost mandates you must hire two ambulances as one will need to be a backup or your meet will have to stop until the primary arrives back to the grounds.

District 12 – They did HS Rodeo. They could not afford a service either. They paid an EMT with all the supplies and never had an issue.

Failed by hand vote

2. 1st VC: Most all charter schools are considered public schools in the state. We are clarifying that in our rules. We are looking to avoid confusion.

Charter schools would have to form their own team as most are considered public schools in Michigan.

District 1 – Having everything divided it will cause more D division teams rather than larger team.

District 1 – Numbers are really down. Feels it is a disadvantage to some of the kids to not allow them to build bigger teams.

Chair – This technically already is the rule. About 90% of the charter schools are public schools. This only changes the wording to clarify and will affect a minimal amount of schools. This does not affect home or private schools.

We had some serious instances where this affected multiple teams in 2017. Just because they are a charter school it doesn't automatically mean they can join another team.

Passed by hand vote

3. Rule submitter – Most all speed shows are offering poles at every show. They would like to switch poles to be a permanent event and put flags into rotation.

D13 – Would like to add a friendly amendment, put into the rulebook what the set classes are which removes flags from other parts of the rulebook. Amendment accepted. At all other organizations, they do poles. The argument has been made before. The argument is always made that it's the one class pleasure riders can do well in. She would like to know what pleasure class is set for speed riders to do well in.

D9 – Flags has been part of our shows for many years. This is MIHA and we are not always the same as everyone else. We are giving the speed riders more of an advantage in poles. The argument that the speed horses are not given the same in pleasure. The rider probably has two horses, one for speed and one for pleasure.

D8 – Agrees with this. We are talking about getting more children into this. This will help. Speed kids get 4 classes. How many do pleasure riders get? There isn't a difference whether speed has to compete in pleasure or pleasure compete in speed. Poles is more of an equestrian event.

D10 – Flags is part of 4H. Just a fast horse isn't going to win the class. If you have a well-rounded rider, they can do it all.

D19 – Flags gives their kids the ability to try speed. It gives them a chance to do a class. It made a world of difference to the kids who don't do as well throughout the show.

D8 – She sees both sides of this rule. Pleasure horses can do very well in a poles class.

D2 – Leans against this proposal. Does advocate for speed horses. Flags is a speed event. You are not losing a speed event by keeping things as they are.

D17 – Advocates speed horses. Flags is a speed event. It takes nothing away from speed. It's skill on behalf of the rider and the mount. You watch a lot of knocked down poles.

D9 – Disagrees with some of the comments. Believes these kids are capable of doing well. Pole patterns really need a lead change. She is more likely to stick them in flag pattern.

D13 – Clarifies no one is taking flags away. It will be put in the yearly rotation.

D16 – There are good points on both sides. The kids love flags. It is a speed event. Believes we are picking on the wrong event to rotate.

D6 – Poles is a time factor. Poles takes considerably long time to run. It adds a lot of time to setup, drag and run. She is looking at the time factor of this rule.

D17 – Thinks that maybe we need 2-person goes away and put in U-turn.

Rules Chair – This is great discussion.

Call for the vote.

Failed

4. Chair – Is concerned juniors will run under rules made from the previous year and seniors on the current year.

D10 – We could adjust the rulebook to start July 1st.

Failed by hand vote

5. Rule Submitter – Is asking to allow siblings to ride on the same team though they are attending two different schools. Siblings are defined in the change. This is similar to the sharing a horse rule.

D12 – What do you do if you have children who are homeschooled, but the school district does not want to allow this situation?

Chair – You would need to form your own team.

D9 – If it is considered a varsity sport, you must attend the school, so some schools will not allow it. Where do we draw the line? What if there are 4 kids? Are they ever required to form their own team? This leave a lot of gray areas.

D5 – Asks for clarification of the rule.

Rule Submitter – It's one thing to have two family who come together to form a team. It's hard for a family financially to form a new team.

D5 – Understands the logic, but disagrees with it. Understands the loss of a team bond, but how is this different for non-sibling teams? Feels this rule is going to make another argument for which team to join.

D8 – There is an error on the proposal page.

D15 – Knows there are families with 2-kids on a D team. Does the other kid just get abandoned?

D1 – See what is trying to be done, but also see the need to draw the line. It's got to be all or nothing. We need to build the teams.

D6 – The broader issue is that our school systems have been very fluid in the last years. We need to step back and redefine how we handle this. We are trying to draw lines without facts.

Failed by hand vote

6. D18 – If two or more riders need to use the same horse and are two different teams, that horse can essentially win two or more of the same classes which is against the rules. Currently the horse can only go into the class once.

D13 – Those districts which keep their classes ride A, B, C, D divisions this contradicts the rulebook.

D9 – Gives the reasoning for why the rules are there now.

D4 – She is for this because it is a cost saving measure for the family.

2nd VC – Gives a scenario. What happens when the horse has to be in the ring at the same time? What happens if this horse is the tie breaker. Logistics play a part.

D16 – If they are on the same team, the coach must choose.

D9 – He is not in favor of how this is written. This happened again in D18. It was allowed until they got to regionals. Riding on the same team is a key part of the proposal.

Failed by hand vote

C. By-Law Changes – Amy Franks

No By-Law Changes

D. Rules and Regulation Changes – Amy Franks

7. D19- If you look at the pole bending bases, it is labeled to how heavy they should be. Wind can blow over the poles. Our meets are not always consistent.

D10 – Are all bases created equal?

D12 – Hasn't ever been to a show where they aren't weighted. Are we asking districts to incur another cost to purchase new poles of a certain amount?

D9- They have a sustained wind in their area. Two years ago, they went through and weighted all their bases. Even with the 12lbs of sand the poles would fall over. Additionally, it's additional weight to care for in equipment. Putting a set weight is a bad idea.

D19 – Usually doesn't weigh bases. Unless they are homemade, they weigh about that. They should all be the same.

D8 – Asks for a friendly amendment that is just states they are weighted.

D19 – Would be OK with weighted per manufacturer's specifications.

D6 – The rule change states they should be. It is a recommendation not required.

Friendly amendment accepted

Passed by hand vote

Rulebooks will be a bright sky blue

E. Rider/Team Registration Dates – Mike Yanz

Junior Rider Registration – 05/09/2018

Early HS 08/08/2018

HS Registration 09/05/2018

\$70 senior

\$30 junior

This includes the insurance. If you have an accident at a practice or meet. The DC is responsible for getting you the claim form and the DC must sign it.

This is an accident policy. It is **not** a sickness policy. This does have a limit on it.

F. Patterns 2018 – Marc DeLisle

2nd VC: Pattern Number 2 is being used this year. If you are interested in being on the pattern committee for regionals, please email the executive board.

Districts for juniors will be posted within the next 1 ½ months. She will not be pulling the patterns this year as she has a team.

G. Nominations – Brian Bode

Chairperson – Mike Yanz,

20180210 – Motion to cast a unanimous ballot for Mike Yanz as chairperson

Motion D9

Second D10

Passed

2nd Vice Chair – Lauren Fetner

2010210-002 Motion to close nominations

Motion D9

Motion D17

Passed

H. Elections – Brian Bode/Marc DeLisle

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Motion D17
Passed

Call to the Public:

Thoughts for patterns, the patterns were more difficult than at congress. If you did your flat class and pulled top 6 riders, you'd have more time for other classes.

D8 – Invites all to go wmhaa.org, you will find a flyer for the MHC Horse Expo 3/9-11 this year. They will be putting on a presentation this year. There is also a \$1 off admission to the expo.

Chair – MIHA has opted to get a booth for the MHC Expo in March. Would like to see MIHA members stop by the booth and spend some time to promote the organization.

D5 – The booth number is 555. IT is a 10X10. We will be hanging a banner. We are near the youth area. She will be sending out an email to get pictures of our scholarship winners, logo winner and state winners.

Districts who would like to post something in the booth are welcome to submit.

Chair – We do not have online registration yet.

Adjournment:

Motion to Adjourn D15
Second D10
Pass/Fail

11:35am