

Michigan Interscholastic Horsemanship Association

Annual Meeting

February 9, 2019 9:00 a.m.

Saint Louis VFW

1295 W. Monroe Rd., Saint Louis, MI 48880

Call to Order 9:20am

Attendance **1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20**

2018 Executive Board and 2019 Board of Directors Introductions

Opening Remarks – Mike Yanz

Agenda

Changes No
Motion to Approve District 10
Second District 11
Pass/Fail

Minutes

Changes No
Motion to Approve District 10
Second District 19
Pass/Fail

Financial Report

Changes No
Motion to Approve D10
Second D19
Pass/Fail

Old Business:

- A. Regional Meets 2018 – Mike Yanz
Chair: Is there any input on our regional meets?
Regional Winners:
Region A: Coop
- B. State Championship Meet 2018– Mark DeLisle
Champion A: Coopersville
Champion B: Goodrich
Champion C: Grand Haven
Champion D: Dewitt
Reserve A: Oxford
Reserve B: Bay City Western
Reserve C: Tri-County
Reserve D: CMH Homeschool
State Show Chair: Our expenses were a lot more this year. Lodging and stalls increased this year. There is really only one vendor in the Michigan area. Eventually Midland will have close to 400 stalls available to us. The judges enjoyed judging it. Each year it gets easier to manage it. It is because of all the help received.
He and our Rules Chair did a session at the judges' conference on the differences between 4H and MIHA rules. Hopefully this will help with future judging.
- C. MIHA Logo Contest 2018 – Brian Bode
1st VC: Winner and runner up was Alexis settler from Pentwater. Artwork can be submitted through the website and are due June 1st.
- D. MIHA, MHC Scholarship Announcement – Brian Bode
1st VC: We used to have 3 scholarships of \$500 and two from MHC for \$500 each. We increased our scholarships this year to 7 including that from Lighthouse.
Winners:
\$2500

Carolyn Brown from St Clair
Sara Harvey from Gaylord
Sydney Pelse Armada
Leah Russel

\$500

Lighthouse \$500

Mallory Thorsby New Lothrop

Participation is 3 years with one of those years being your senior year. Scholarship apps are due by November 1st.

See the website for details.

New Business:

A. Dates for Next Year's Championship Meet

October 10-13, 2019 at the Midland Fairgrounds

Chair: He and the secretary went to WIHA for their state meet. Michigan doesn't really have a facility available.

Wisconsin has a large facility housing two rings and stalls. The second building had an arena for practice. If we were to do a national competition we would need to go to Wisconsin at this time. This would likely be the 2nd or 3rd weekend of November. What is the consensus of the membership?

Question: What if we found neutral area?

Answer: The closest was still at least 4 hours away.

D9: 4-5 hours is not really unreasonable.

D1: They have a hard time fundraising for regionals and states. Would there be a fund to help go?

Answer: We could look into something to help subsidize.

D8: Would it be the teams or best riders which would go?

Answer: In the chair's mind it would be the teams. One of the items talked about in the past is a rule proposal about a dream team. Right now, it would be the best of Michigan's teams against WIHA's best teams.

D6: How many districts are in WIHA

Answer: 6-10

Chair: They have one more class than we do, and have hunter hack version instead of jumping. Their whole show was based on patterns. WIHA incorporates their junior teams with senior. If we were to move forward, we would go to Wisconsin.

How many would be interested?

Moderate show of hands

D13: As a point of courtesy, please keep side conversations to a whisper.

Chair: He will keep in contact with WIHA

B. Constitutional Changes – Amy Franks

C. By-Law Changes – Amy Franks

D. Rules and Regulation Changes – Amy Franks

Rule 1: Was put in to ensure we are in line with what the government requires. This will help with additional fundraising venues.

Passed by hand vote

Rule 2: Annual code of Conduct

2nd VC: We are adding a CoC that the volunteers and volunteers need to assign. This is to help DCs have a bit more ability to enforce rules.

CoC read. Pulled from the 4H CoC.

D19: That is just adult volunteers?

Answer: Yes

Rules Chair: The CoC was not sent to the membership.

D8: This is something that all the coaches to sign?

Where is the one for the riders and parents.

SS Show Chair: It's in the team rules

D9: Are we going to vote on this? What are we voting on? While he agrees with it, we need to vote on something we can see.

1st VC: The rule change here is a formality. The BOD has the ability to put in a CoC. We have a little bit in the constitution regarding doing what is best for the team. This is so we can enforce the CoC on the registration form.

D8: Agrees with it but wants to see it.

1st VC: The BOD has voted in the CoC already. This is to place the enforcement of the CoC.

Passed by hand vote

Rule 3: Rule for disallowance of camera footage for complaints

1st VC: Because we don't have professional footage of numerous different angles, we don't accept footage. This is to facilitate a meet running. This is just reinforcing what we already do.

Passed by hand vote

Rule 4: Two-man relay and the one man D teams.

Rationale read.

D15: Looks to rule 14. How are we going to handle these two?

D16: You're talking about D teams, you will have different classes for those riders. It will be too confusing.

D3: Decided that spinning or turning more than 90 degrees was unsafe and now we are asking them to do it? Will the rider be Ds' if the rider doesn't do an official rollback?

D8: Division D gets 16 events. You pick where you want your rider to be.

Failed by hand vote

Rule 5: Junior Voting Only: Allowing non-family junior riders to share mounts on a team

Rationale presented

D19: Is this just for w/t riders to use a w/t/c horse?

D9: No, there are too many extenuating circumstances. Such instances as having a mini they can only do showmanship could share with a rideable horse.

D2: It does say more than one district, but when it comes to scheduling it will be a logistical nightmare.

D8: The whole point of this when junior high was started it goes against showing the kids all aspects of MIHA. If you're going to change junior, senior should be changed too or allow 3 horses. Please keep consistent.

D13: Yes, this is for the kids. If they can't get in, they will never see the senior division.

Suggests a friendly amendment to only allow just in the district.

D6: Would like to keep it within the district.

Joanne D9: Deny's the friendly amendment.

D9: While he agrees with the comments, we have to keep in mind as the owner of the horse, you need to make the decision to where your horse goes. Numbers are going down. This could help increase those numbers.

Junior Only

Yes = 9

Oppose = 15

Failed by hand vote

Rule 6: Allowing w/t/c horse to be used by two different riders on a team for w/t and w/t/c

D13: Why can't a rider do two w/t classes and all three showmanship classes?

Chair: Who is going to police this?

Unknown: Leans toward using the team's excellent horses versus one horse one rider.

Rule Submitter: Most of her riders are just starting to learn. Limiting the classes to one showmanship is due to the cost of outfitting the rider.

D9: Offers a friendly amendment: The horse can be shared by two people with one being a w/t rider.

Friendly amendment accepted.

D11: Would like to see some form of this go through. It starts at the junior level. Disagrees with the showmanship portion.

Friendly amendment proposed: Removes the one showmanship class limit

Accepted

D19: They handle this problem by offering groom positions on the team.

Unknown: Aren't there 3 more than two designated w/t classes?

Yes

Would like to have it say designated walk trot classes.

Unknown: Middle school is to get these kids prepared for high school. You can't share horses in high school. You might as well have them find a horse from the beginning. Allow them to be grooms.

D13: Doesn't like the idea to limit this to walk-trot. Keep in mind the rider cannot be in the same class.

Friendly amendment: Two middle school riders on the same team can share a mount.

D16: Being a groom is no where near participating and riding. You don't make the same investments in the team.

Call for the vote:

Amendment Accepted: Two middle school riders may share a mount if one rider is a walk-trot rider. The rider will be limited to showing the shared horse in 2 designated walk trot classes and showmanship that the horse has not already been entered in by the other rider.

Yes=25

No=3

Passed by hand vote

Rule 7: Correction: A rider can participate through age 18.

Rationale presented

D8: Some kids when they get out of preschool, they are 6 going into kindergarten. Their senior year they are 19.

Rule submitter: The original reason was to keep the 19-year olds from riding.

D8: They have a lot of 19-year-old seniors due to the late start of school. Would suggest maybe it be 20 instead of 19.

Rules Chair: We cannot rewrite a rule here.

D13: If you have a student enrolled in early college. They are not in regular classes.

D7: If a student is allowed to compete in any other school sports, why should we not allow it?

D10: Kindergarten is not a requirement. If you are one in early kindergarten and held back you could be held back further yet.

1st VC: Reading the ADA we need to be careful not go against laws and need to make an exception for IEP.

Failed by hand vote

Rule 8: Further limits on the number of slots in the D division to 14.

Rationale presented

D17: Feels if the horse and rider are properly positioned, 16 classes shouldn't be a problem.

D8: Has put of a number of competitive teams with one rider.

D10: If the rider and the horse are trained, they can handle 16 classes. As a coach, she should put her riders and mounts in the number of classes they can handle. A one-person team can have two horses they use.

D16: It makes logical sense that 14 classes are sufficient. Doesn't know that there is that much of a disadvantage.

D1: The rule book for division A, it does not match. All divisions will need to change if the D division is changed.

D10: We are only asking to ride in 14 classes because 3 are showmanship.

Rule submitter: The possibility of an A team only having 3 riders show up is pretty slim. It's unfair to the rider and horse to place them in 16 classes. We don't do this in other divisions.

Call for vote

Failed by hand vote

Rule 9: Add individual riders being able to qualify for regional and state competition

Rationale presented

D15: Confused on writing

D8: This is not logistically something that can be added. We would have to add days. Other sports have a separate day for individual versus team.

D2: Works hard to get her individual recognition. Because our organization does not recognize individual accomplishment the school could not.

D1: This gets away from the whole team thing. If you want individual awards.... Horse show.

Rule submitter: Wrestling has their own individual meet day; track does not.

2nd VC: Understands what is trying to be done. This rule book only touches one spot in the rulebook. It does not touch any other part. All our districts run differently. One district may only ride with their division riders. Other districts have all divisions ride together. Thinks this needs a bit more finesse.

Failed by hand vote

Rule 10: Riders with school recognized IEPs will be allowed a reader at all times

D13: Friendly amendment: Reasonable accommodations are to be made based on

D8: Agrees:

D1: Strongly disagrees with comments on memory disabilities. Suggests a different place to post patterns.

1st VC: If anyone came to us and stating they have an IEP and need reasonable accommodations, we will grant it.

D8: It wasn't that long ago that we allowed reading for saddle seat. Why should we just limit it to IEP accommodations? Why not just allow ready back into MIHA?

D16: By law we don't need the rule there. States we are part of the school system.

D10: Call for the vote

Friendly Amendment accepted: Riders with a school issues IEP must provide MIHA with documentation for accommodations.

Passed by hand vote

Rule 11: Position of the reins in saddle seat

D8: Has an issue with not having a straight line from the elbow to the bit. We are not part of the USEF. You lose control when you don't have the straight line.

2nd VC: We are not the USEF, but if the USEF made the change there must be a reason behind it.

D9: We are not USEF, but a lot of what we do with saddle seat is based on USEF. This was to make it more inline with the saddle seat horse. A judge will look for the position of the reins.

Yes=55

No=67
Abstain=9
Failed

Rule 12: Spurs

D9: When we deviate from the horse industry standard, we need to have a good reason to do so. It affects our youth's understanding and judging.

Friendly Amendment: Spurs are optional but must be of the English type including blunt roller types.

Passed by hand vote

Rule 13: This is clarification and to embrace the spirit of the keyhole pattern.

Passed by hand vote

Rule 14: Two-man relay is replaced by poles and adding down and back dash race in place of the poles rotation
Rationale presented

Chair: This is on of those events which is really a team event.

D9: Two-man relay is an event with this organization and has been. You are giving those speed kids an extra advantage by pulling two man. Sometimes it's the slower horses that can make the hand off better.

D1: Sometimes poles are not an advantage as the horse tries to go to fast. The force of the turn can cause more damage. Poles takes more skill.

D13: The big issue with safety is protecting our judges. Just because we have been doing it doesn't mean it was safe. She feels poles will help even out the ratio.

D8: There is no difference in the possibility of jumping than two-man relay.

1st VC: We teach our kids not to run up the back end of another horse. We are now asking them to.

State Show Chair: He sees more injuries in jumping than he does in two-man. This year they stayed within the guidelines but shrunk the box a bit. We had no injuries this year.

D6: This takes away from your ghost spots. This is a huge team thing. We as coaches needs to be responsible not to put kids in that aren't ready.

D8: If a kid has practiced it is a safe event. This is the only event that is a team event where the kids can work as a team. Two-man is practiced just like any team event.

D16: It may be a team event, but it's not for all teams. Single man D teams don't get to participate. Feels teams don't practice as much as they should.

D6: This class does not encourage a horse to run up on the other horse's butt. They can position the horse any way.

D15: Friendly amendment suggested: She would like to put two-man in the rotation instead of the dash race.

Amendment is declined

D9: Asks about slotting

Rule submitter: Changing the slotting would cause another rule change

Failed by roll call

Rule 15: Dressage

History presented

Rationale presented

D14: How many more slots do I get? If you're adding a class you need to add slots.

Unknown: Can this be an open dressage pattern?

D16: There was a discussion about western dressage. There has been a lot of feedback about the time constraints. So, they decided to start small, and would like to gradually add at a later time.

Regarding the slots issue: If we add more slots, we add more time. Also, not adding

D7: She doesn't think we need to add classes. You are not bringing in dressage judges either. It will be slotted as another English class. If you can do a dressage pattern you will do well at these classes.

1st VC: Thanks, the committee that worked on this. It took a lot of time. He was first against this 100%. He has changed is mind. This is one way we can add more participation in MIHA. We can bring in more riders and dressage jumpers. Encourages to consider this is not perfect, but please don't let that deter you from considering this.

D16: He has heard a lot of we need to add more riders. He already has 4 riders that will join if we add this. His job as a DC to figure out to handle the time constraints.

2nd VC: This will help get riders time without

D8: More rural areas could use the western dressage.

Rules committee: The tests written were developed based off the 2015 USEF Intro tests. Felt the tests were comparable in difficulty to our saddle seat patterns.

We know how hard it is for this group to make change. They propose a two-year trial and will remove it in two years if it isn't working. Joanne will put in the rule change to remove in two years if it isn't wanted. If it is found beneficial western dressage can be added to it.

D6: From a computer standpoint, we can add classes. Adding slots will cause a major rewrite. Go with what we have right now.

D13: Addressing rural versus urban. She lost 3 potential riders because dressage was not offered.

D12: She is appreciative of this but would like it in a different form. It benefits English strong teams.

Unknown: Expresses a time concern and having proper judging.

Dressage committee: On the 4H judges list more than ½ have the dressage box checked. The tests are asking for a 1-10 rating system, not comments.

Call for the vote:

D10: Expresses time concerns

2nd VC: This is a two-year trial. We are not going to have a perfect system. If it works, we are going to investigate the western. It has to start somewhere. It might not be balanced.

Passed by roll call

Rule 16:

Rationale presented

Passed by hand vote

E. Rider/Team Registration Dates – Mike Yanz

Senior Registration 9/4

Early

Junior Registration 5/8

F. Patterns 2019 – Marc DeLisle

State Show Chair: District use level 1 patterns, regionals level 2 and states level 3

Juniors will have walk trot and level 1

This year's pattern is on the website.

G. Nominations – Brian Bode

1st Vice Chair – Susan Bannister - 42

Joanne Kosanic - 73

Katie Tsouris - 8

Secretary – Tracy Lentz

Susan Bannister

Treasurer – Kim Clapp

20190209: Motion to Unanimous ballot cast for Kim Clapp

Passed

H. Elections – Brian Bode/Marc DeLisle

1st Vice Chair: Joanne Kosanic

Secretary: Susan Bannister

Treasurer: Kim Clapp

Call to the Public:

D8: Official coach for both junior and senior. She would like the BOD to consider changing the one body, one vote rule.

Chair: Please put in a rule change

Adjournment:

Motion to Adjourn D10

Second D1

Pass/Fail

2:10pm