

Michigan Interscholastic Horsemanship Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Agenda

January 11, 2014 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Telephone Conference Call
Dial (862) 902-0250 PIN: 2340228

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
10:07

Introductions:

Diane

Call to the Public:

Agenda

Changes No
Motion To Approve D4
Second D6
Pass/ Fail

Minutes

Changes No
Motion to Approve D4
Second D13
Pass/Fail

Treasurer's Report

Discussion

Treasurer has quite a few W9's. If you have any get them to her soon.
Team and District financial statements. She has two in. They need to be in
before teams and districts can vote. Please send or send as one complete
package, not individually to Ginbemoneyfit@gmail.com
Regional financial statements, Ingham County Fairgrounds bill has not been
paid. The invoice will be sent to the treasurer.

How would you like the report to show? Maybe she should send a draft
before the December meeting as she doesn't have the December statement.

Are there any questions about the financial statements?

D12: Do you really want social security numbers going through email?

Treasurer: How would you like to do it?

Fax number: 231-275-0283

D12: He asks his judges to fax.

D4: Would suggest a central database for our judges social security
numbers.

Treasurer: Knows there is a list like that. Our judges change a lot and she doesn't feel comfortable keeping that information on her computer. She will be preparing them next week and the tax docs have to be in the mail by Dec 31st.

Motion To Approve D9

Second D4

Pass/Fail

D14: Since we have a \$123,000 in the account, and we announce rider fees at the annual meeting. Are we going to adjust the fees?

Treasurer: She as a parent would like to keep the fees the same. Since we are in a good position right now, she would like to give our volunteers a small stipend for their assistance at the state meet, maybe a hotel room and \$100.

State Show Chair: The state meet patterns will be put on the web and charge a little more for the rider fees.

We had a young man with a learning disability who asked for the patterns after regionals and was told know. We stayed fair and didn't allow him to have them. The next year we will run it like regions and h

Chair: Still believes we should have some copies of the book at the meet. Some will not print or will say we forgot them. Maybe we should not charge for them.

D14: Agrees in not lowering fees and giving more perks. Seeing as we are a non profit, we may be getting looked at if we keep growing.

Treasurer: Agrees with the thought, but the last time we were not prepared when the bottom fell out. Maybe consider an alumni scholarship to offset some of the excess.

Old Business:

A. Storage Unit

2nd Vice Chair: We have 1 10x10 room D7.

New Business:

A. Rule Changes

Rules Chair: Assumes everyone printed off their copy.

Rule changes covered.

1.

2. D9: No problem with proposing the dressage classes. What if we just add those classes not change the classes. It will be just 2 extra classes.

Rules Chair: If we allow 4 classes for all the other disciplines but only 2 for dressage? Do we need to add the other 2 for dressage?

D1: She can't see adding the other two classes. Dressage is more the seat, rider and the carrying.

Rules Chair: Would you like her to supply to options?

Her other thought was to do a Western bareback and an English bareback.

D9: He wouldn't like to drop the bareback classes.

Rules Chair: Is it going to be a big issue with the computer program?

2nd VC: On the program we have you cannot add classes or change them.

D19: His thought is to keep the number of classes the same. It would cause a lot more support in designing for the additional classes.

D1: What if we remove the saddle seat pattern class and put in the dressage?

D14: Concerns: It will be another outfit riders can't afford. Also you're asking smaller schools to fill additional classes they cannot.

Rules Chair: If you have a kid with huntseat clothing they only have to have a huntseat attire if it is a dark coat and light breeches. A hunt seat saddle will work also.

D19: Likes the idea of combining the bare back class and adding dressage.

3. Rules Chair: It would make two man relay not an option for D teams.

D5: Doesn't agree they have an advantage. Our division D champion was a one man team.

D4: Doesn't agree with that at all.

D14: Doesn't agree. Each team has 16 slots. They can use it anyway they want.

D9: Ever since the D division has come in to play, it has been proved there is a definite advantage if you have a two man team. More times than not, the two riders will excel.

2nd VC: Typically the D teams elect not to go into the over fences. Two man team can do the over fences with one rider then have them be a ghost in the two man relay.

Chair: Isn't that motivation for them to grow? Isn't that what we are trying to get them to do?

Rules Chair: Do you want me to leave it in and let the membership decide?

D13: This is a huge issue with those districts having more D teams. They are already hurting for riders and this would help.

Treasurer: They had a two man D team which did no speed. If you take it out you may have a 1 person D team who is strong in gymkhana. They would be losing with this.

D5: Taking it out would be a huge disadvantage to everyone.

D4: Do we then start looking at the other divisions for disadvantages then?

D19: What if we don't drop the class but give them a different class?

D9: Would suggest not moving on past this. Do we leave it in and let the membership decide?

20140111-001: Motions to remove #3 change from the packet.

D4: Motion

D14: Second

Yes 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 11, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20

No 9, 13, 15,

Abstain 12

4. In their senior year they walked through graduation but did not receive their diploma, rode less than 4 years and would like to ride after high school.

5. Riders being disrespectful

D14: Agrees with it but stress to our coaches they need documentation to back it up.

7: Changes the slots for the D teams

Rules Chair: Talks how many slots D teams receive. C teams average 7 slot per rider, B-6, A-5. This would limit the D teams to 14 slots.

D4: Did we just revise the number of slots in the last year or so?

Rules Chair: Only the maximum number of slots and missing rider slots.

D13: The only issues is with the 2 man relay.

Rules Chair: A one man D team has to be in 4 disciplines. Maybe by lowering the slots we will lower the risk factor.

8. Team Apparrell

Rules Chair: Talks about wearing it in trail

9. Appearance of the rider and adds the dressage. It clarifies what can be worn and cannot be worn.

10. Dressage saddles in saddle seat class.

Rules Chair: Only allow flat type saddles in saddle seat.

D5: She ran into this year a saddle which was flat but not a saddle seat saddle.

D13: Is there such a thing as a saddle seat saddle which is not cut back?

Rules Chair: Not that she has ever seen. She doesn't know if putting that in there will open another can of worms. In 4H the wording is the same as this and they don't have problems.

11. Inconsistency in judging

Rules Chair: Some judges drops points, others score a 0. The change will allow for 3 errors.

D9: Thinks you are opening a can of worms here. He understands the intent but don't think it solves the problem. We are paying for a

judges opinion. This won't make more consistency. As a coach, he would have a problem with the rider being stopped and reset on course.

D4: Agrees with D9. By having the judge talk to a rider on a correction, you have totally eliminated impartiality.

Rules Chair: Do we want to have something like in reining, if there is an error it is off course and a DQ? Some would give point errors, others would DQ.

D4: Doesn't disagree with that. We should have some consistency. He thinks point deduction is the best option.

D9: Another would be to specify western riding/reining.

Rules Chair: Do we want to put, just because a rider made an error doesn't mean they are DQ'd? They will be scored lower.

D4: Truly thinks scoring them 0 and not eliminating will be the best approach. We won't have any time savings.

D5: Agrees with D4. Let's not eliminate them from competition.

Rules Chair: Just because they made an error they don't get a 0.

2nd VC: How about making it a major fault? One with a major fault cannot place above someone without a major fault.

This is how we as DCs need to talk with our judges in the morning on how they score.

12. ASMEI approved helmets

13. Equitations over fences, clearing repetitive wording and changing distance between jumps.

D1: Is it saying minimum 48' in between jumps?

Rules Chair: If not an in and out.

D1: We should have the ability to do that on our own volition not by a rule change. She understands putting in the distances as a guide, but not as a solid rule change.

D9: Likes the proposal. It's a good guide. We do adjust when needed based on the arena conditions. This will eliminate a lot of questions.

D1: Likes the guide but not to have a hard set rule.

Rules Chair: The reason for 48' feet is at that distance it doesn't matter whether pony or horse. At 36' the ponies are at a disadvantage.

D14: Questions on #8 under this. Does it mean we have a choice with the wording of recommendations?

She wants to see it consistent all the way through.

Rules Chair: We can insert at the state and regional meets the distance will be a set.

20110111-002 – Motion to present this as written (Withdrawn)

D9-Motion

D4-Seconds

D19: What if you put the number of strides?

D14: So they won't know until the patterns comes out for regionals what the strides will be. They could be riding at two different strides between districts and regionals.

2nd VC: Some won't have two weeks to prepare for the change.

The ones that jump will count their strides. The non jumpers will be the concern.

Rules Chair: Having the striding on the patterns is a good idea.

20110111-003 – Motion to keep the rules as written but add the strides to the regional and state patterns

Motion – D19

Second – D14

Yes – 1, 4, 5, 6, 8, 11, 12, 13, 15, 17, 19, 20

No – 2, 14,

Abstain - 9 , 18,

14. Dressage Seat classes

D5: In reference to the bits, baucher bits are now allowed in dressage. It is in the 4H rulebook. USEF allows them as well.

15. Submitted by District 16

16. Clearing wording in speed and action.

D4: Would like to separate the line rule and spinning rule.

Rules Chair: Thought about it too, but decides to leave it as written.

D14: Doesn't have a problem with either one but thinks it will be a contention point if together.

17. Adjustment of the jumping pattern

Two suggestions to correct the pattern were submitted. One involves added a 6th jump.

Rules Chair: Do we want to eliminate number 17 and leave only number 18?

D4: Yes

D5: Yes

19-22: Proposed Dressage Tests.

Rules Chair: They are geared more toward the rider abilities. She will put all 4 of them there in hopes we will have at least two to move forward with.

23. Jumping pattern changes

D19: Had an injury due to setting the original up in a smaller arena.

Rules Chair: Before an assistant can sign up as an assistant coach they need to have approval of the head coach.

D5: Would like approved obstacles cleaned up for trail.

2nd VC: One issue with sibling sharing a horse. The horse has to be registered by the rider in order to use.

D4: Any way we can get these changes on the web and out to the masses very soon?

Rules Chair: Think she can have them up by Monday.

D4: In possibly adding dressage, if we don't have a program to score this it may need to be delayed.

D19: That was the comment about making the class numbers the same. We can cross out the title and add the class number.

If we are going down the dressage pattern route, are we planning to make the saddle seat patterns true saddle seat patterns? Things such as removing the cones?

D1: She has a proposed rule change for just that purpose. She would be happy to submit them if they wish?

Rules Chair: They should've been in by December 31st.

D9: December 31st was the deadline.

D1: Understands

Committee Reports:

State Show: Pre contacted some of the judges and will run them by the committee.

Rules: Covered

Junior Division: No Report

Regional: Not much to report. Regions will remain the same

Membership: No Report

Historian: No Report

Judges: We need to get the information to the treasurer within the next week or two for tax forms to be mailed out.

Pattern: 2nd VC: Should have the juniors by the winter meeting and possibly the districts also.

Awards: Chair: We have the year bars. If you want them mailed to you please let him know.

2nd VC: We can have them at the winter meeting and hand them out there.

Finance: No Report

Nominations: No nominations for chair or 2nd vice chair

Scholarship: 5 were chosen and submitted to MHC

Tracker Program: 1st VC: Did not hear back from Shelly from the request for a copy of the tracker program.

District Reports:

1. Nothing new to add. Voted in for another year.
2. Nothing new.
3. NP
4. Nothing new
5. Nothing new
6. Junior meet has been moved to May 10th.
7. NP
8. All is good
9. Nothing new
10. NP
11. Everything is good. Tammy is voted as DC
12. Nothing to report except coaching situation with a school. Worked with the Ex Bd to get a procedure. No complaints have been filed at this time. Treasurer responded to request from that district.
13. Nothing to report
14. All is good
15. Nothing new to report
16. NP
17. All is good
18. Banquet is tomorrow and new DC will be elected. A request for a new team. Has it been approved?

Chair: Received two requests for new teams.

D20: The junior was to be a coop and senior two separate teams.

Chair: They are accepted.

19. Question send for charter school across district lines.

20. All is good

Chair: Felt the conference call was good again today.

Correspondence:

Chair: Covered. We did receive two letters of intent.

Also received a letter about a coach at Whittmore Lake. D1 is following up on it. It is not an official complaint.

Rules Chair: Has a kid on her team who cannot ride for her team anymore after going in to high school. They are in D16, West Michigan Christian.

Chair: Has received nothing from them. He will double check.

Call To The Public:

1st VC: D19 may want to contact the Rules Chair on the charter school issue.

Rules Chair: Are they in a brick building together?

D19: Yes they are part of the charter school but in different buildings across district lines. Do we consider it an alternative school or more like a public school.

Rules Chair: If they are part of one school district but have two schools, both schools need to form a team.

Motion To Adjourn: 12:12pm

Motion D15

Second D13

Pass/Fail

Rules, junior, membership, historian, and patterns opening
Winter

M-46/Monroe Rd.

D19: The location is on the website

Count needed by January 28th

Motions:

Michigan Interscholastic Horsemanship Association
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Agenda
March 8, 2014 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
MSU Equine Teaching Facility

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
10:02

Introductions:

Sarah Permoda – Assist DC for District 13, Christie Stecker – Assistant DC
for District 6,

Call to the Public:

Agenda

Changes Yes
Motion To Approve 17
Second 13
Pass/ Fail

Minutes

Changes No
Motion to Approve 14
Second 6
Pass/Fail

Treasurer's Report No Report

Discussion
Motion To Approve
Second
Pass/Fail

Old Business:

New Business:

A. State Show Funding of Workers (scribes, ring stewards, paddock
masters)

Marc-Proposal to present regarding state show volunteer positions. He
has come up with some calculations to pay some of the workers. His
request to approve a \$4000 budget to pay the announcers, scribes, rings
stewards and paddock masters, and speed crew. It would be about 12
people. Lists payments to the workers.

**20140308-001 Motion to accept the proposal to allot a \$4000 budget
to pay the state meet workers**

Motion:D9

Second: D13

Passed

B. State Show Program

2nd VC: Matt Wright stated last year was his absolute last year doing the program.

Christie D6: The big thing with Matt was he was doing this in his own time. He handled all the ads, organized it all and put the program together. The amount of time we allot between the regional meet and the state meet is short and any other company would charge rush charges. Matt has become far too busy with business and outside volunteer work. She will see if she can get another designer to donate some time and will work with Marc to organize something.

C. State Show Contract

2nd VC: State show contracts have been signed and sent out along with the regional contract. Ginny has sent the additional money to reserve the shows.

Chair: Hidi did get the hall for the annual meeting on February 14th.

D. District Reserve Trophies

Chair: Due to the fact we are doing a bit better financially at this time. We would like to bring some of the costs placed on the districts back to the state. The district reserve trophies

20140308-002 – Motion to take over assumption of the cost of the district reserve trophy purchases from the districts.

Motion: D5

Second: D13

Passed

E. Patches, Bars, Pins

Chair: Patches, bars and pins are the next items we would like the state to resume the cost of purchasing.

Christie D6: Can we make it for any registered rider, coach, assistant coach and grooms?

Judy D3: There is nothing in our rulebook concerning grooms. If we are going to recognize them they need to be noted in our rulebook.

20140308-003 Motion for the state to pick up the costs for patches, pins and bars for registered coaches, assistant coaches, and riders.

Motion: D13

Second : D17

Passed w/1 Abstain

Marie D14: If we aren't charging our grooms a registration fee we shouldn't include them in the benefit.

Steve D16: Charges \$10 per groom and gives them the patch, bar and pin.

Marie D14: Does that include regional pins?

Chair: Yes

Because of better revenue from regionals we are able to do this. At this point we can do this and may be able to continue if the extras are done at regionals.

Candice D5: Agrees with Marie and Judy we should charge them something. She gives a t-shirt, bars, patch and pin.

Judy D3: Inquires how many have registered grooms and who charges.

F. Items to Remain District Specific

Things remaining in the district is the meet insurance and extra rings for extra shows.

1st VC: You have not been charged if you have extra days in your district meets. If you have a fundraising meet or an additional junior meet you are charged \$50 per meet.

Marie D14: She cannot fit into three meets

G. Scholarships

1st VC: The five winners have been invited to the expo tomorrow. There will be a presentation tomorrow at the expo.

He did have a person think she was to apply for the scholarship next fall though her child graduated this year. She was told no.

2nd VC: Would like to hand out a couple more scholarships, maybe increase one more for next year. He would like to give more opportunities. We would have 4 scholarships from MIHA.

Stacie D19: How about doing a \$1000 for first the \$500 for the rest.

Chair: MHC has been very gracious in adding the one for us. It would be an insult to increase ours.

Doyle D9: With the additional assumptions at the state level we've already voted on he feels we should wait on this avenue right now and see how we are sitting come fall.

Christie D6: A scholarship benefits one kid where giving back in savings to all through pins, bars, etc right now is more beneficial.

2nd VC: We can wait until fall and reassess.

H. Computer Program

1st VC: At the winter meeting we were supposed to have the program by weeks end. That did not happen. The program came on the 17th.

We just got it based off email issues.

Candice D5: Has the app and is having nothing but issues.

The old app when you opened it up you could figure out how to use it.

There is no save button even though it keeps telling her to save.

Doyle D9: Isn't over due to move on?

Chair: This is what he reiterates. In July of last year we were getting no communications with Shellie or the developer. We needed to give an ultimatum to provide something immediately. We got some vague reply back. Since we've had nothing delivered. He wants the BOD to decide what to do. We were supposed to have it by the annual meeting.

Shellie's comment at the annual meeting was she was happy dressage didn't pass because the app would not work with it and would have to scrap it.

Marie D14: Her main concern is it needs to be user friendly. If she can't understand it she won't be able to teach it.

Doyle D9: If Candice is struggling with it who is computer savvy, we need to move on.

Steve D16: Do we have any monetary commitments to this person?

1st VC: There has been no money exchanged.

Chair: One benefit with Bill is he is still willing to work with it even now.

Tracy D13: When he started working with this he wanted the extremes, the largest district and smallest. They were to meet and go through the program and come up with the best.

Gives a bit of Bill's background.

Bill's largest problem with other developers is they don't work with the end users.

Chair: That is one of the biggest problems with this whole process. He isn't trying to sway anyone.

2nd VC: We also have to look at the fact the developer scrapped the app more than once.

20140308-004 Motion to release Jeff from his duties developing our MIHA application and hire Bill to complete development.

Motion: D9

Second: D5

Passed 15, 6, 13 Abstain

Steve D16: Are we putting time constraints on this now?

Tracy D13: Bill was ready to run the junior side by side last year to see how it will work?

Chair: Tracy, please find out a time frame.

Stacie D19: Do we have a price?

Judy D3: She wants one of the executive board to be in contact and not have a liaison.

1st VC: We had a price of \$1500. He does not know if that is still viable.

I. Winter Meeting 2015

Chair: Thought this year's venue worked out very well. It was a little smaller but we could fit more in. Thank you Hidi for organizing it.

J. Districts share of our advertisement as well. The \$48 assessment

Chair: We thought we would bring the advertising back into the state.

20140308-005 Motion for advertisement assessment be assumed by the state organization

Motion: D16

Second: D2

Passed

K. Lighthouse

Chair: We have used them for last few years for our MIHA apparel. He knows we had a person who came up with the logo be a little upset their design had been changed from the original. Lighthouse did try to contact them. This company gives us royalty fees back to the state organization.

Doyle D9: He would like us to see us explore other opportunities. It is great they give us back royalties, but they could drop the price of the goods instead of the royalty. He would like to see what is out there.

Lighthouse's prices are higher.

Chair: When we did examine the cost with the multicolors the other vendor said they couldn't compete with Lighthouse's price.

Steve D16: Can we get a price on the goods?

Marie D14: T-shirts are \$18.

Steve D16: What are our regional prices?

Christie D6: A parent in their organization owns ATS printing and wants to give a proposal.

Laura D6: If we are looking at it we need to give the vendors what we are looking for and have them write a bid proposal.

Christie D6: If we estimate high and put that as our standard then anything else would be lower.

Chair: We need a time line. Logos are due June 1st.

Christie D6: Volunteers Laura and herself to come up with a requirement proposal to give out to all vendors wanting to submit a proposal.

Steve D16: We need to make sure the deals they are bidding on will extend from year to year, not just one year then change.

Stacie D19: Asks if we want to put a number of color limit on our logo contest.

Chair: Doesn't think it will be necessary.

Wants a decision made in April or May. He will deliver the approximate numbers order in prior years.

L. Rulebook Ordering

Laura D6: Is getting with Joanne and is getting all the changes input and wants orders put in and back by the April meeting.

1VC: Our venue for April has to change. The conference room is in use. Pattie will work on find a venue change.

Laura D6: Talks reducing numbers ordered without cutting ourselves short. We shouldn't increase in pages at all. \$2373.36 for 1500 rulebooks. We had 1700 ordered last year.

If districts can send the number they need to Laura she will divide them up and have them ready to hand out.

Judy D3: How much are we charging per rulebook and how many do we get?

Chair: \$2 for additional books and every team gets one free.

Marc SS Chair: It is still on the web too.

Chair: Brian is working on streamlining the web page.

Laura D6: Do you want the new changes to be highlighted in the rulebook?

1st VC: Yes if possible.

Committee Reports:

State Show: Marc DeLisle is our state show chair again this year. All judges are hired.

Rules: No announcement on the rules chair. All the changes need to be forwarded to Laura. She is sending along the updates to the rules chair, 2nd VC and chair to review.

Chair: Feels our rules meeting went very well. States Karen Waite got a comment stating the 4H rulebook should be changed to be more like the MIHA rulebook.

Marc SS Chair: We contribute over \$60,000 to judges fees every year.

Chair: Has mentioned to MHC to setup something at expo to present MIHA. When talking to Ann Louise he expressed how much MIHA influences and what we contribute to the horse industry. We may be able to get a room next year to do so.

Candice D5: If she spends \$10000 on her district each year, think about what 20 districts contribute to the industry.

Chair: We are trying a different avenue to get us out there.

Junior Division: 1st VC: Had a person send in a coaches request to the committee. This needs to go through the DC. He will kick those back to the sender indicating to go through their DC.

Chair: He has received a couple from people and send them back to the DC.

Regional: No report

Membership: No report

Historian: No report

Judges: State show judges hired.

Chair: When you are hiring your judges please do your best effort to hire the best you can and use new judges if possible.

Candice D5: Is the 2014 book available online?

Pattern: 2nd VC: Reminder to the DCs the patterns are out on the website. Take a look at them.

Chair: Make sure to let your coaches know whether you are or not using the patterns on the web.

Awards: No Report

Finance: Chair: District 13, his feeling at this point knowing efforts have been made to increase numbers, he would like to again this year let them continue.

Tracy D13: Their juniors look like they may increase to around 15. They are definitely making strides to increase their participants.

Chair:

Tracy D13: They had 15 seniors and 6 juniors. They don't separate divisions.

Lesley D18: Doesn't feel they should be penalized for the amount of people in their district and the financial dynamics.

Tracy D13: Describes the makeup of the district 13. They've been reaching out to all areas and is receiving calls back. They are really pushing the information to anyone and everyone.

Marie D14: Asks about one school district.

Tracy D13: Shows 3 different districts have formed teams in the last year or two.

Doyle D9: He thinks Tracy and her group are trying to do the best they can. He feels they should be allowed to continue to build numbers and should be given credit for her efforts.

Marie D14: If district 13 was dissolved to other districts MIHA would just lose those kids.

Tracy D13: The families cannot afford to travel that far if dissolved.

1st VC: This was brought up due to ultimatums given a couple years ago.

Nominations: No Report

Scholarship: Covered

Tracker Program: Covered

District Reports:

- 1.
- 2.
3. Everything is good. The fightin' hasn't started yet.
4. We have a new fair manager. They are trying to make changes like preventing showing from trailers due to damage to the grounds. He is not sure how that will affect us.
5. Good
6. Had a coaching/parent issue on one of their teams. They given a little coaching to the coaches on interpersonal skills and diplomacy.
- Chair: Has had a lot of issues lately with parent/coach issues. One issue was addressed after the annual meeting.
- 7.
- 8.
9. Nothing new. Planning two junior meets again.
10. Nothing new.
- 11.
- 12.
13. Dates set for junior and senior meets pending availability of the grounds.
14. Looking at some growth this year. Mentoring new coaches
15. Nothing new

16. Team rules go to membership committee? They are upping a 3 show speed series to 4. They are using it as a fundraiser. Has one coaching issue. He sat in on one team conflict between coaches. Like the fact all assistant coaches have to be approved by the head coach. It's a hard spot for a DC to be in dealing with conflicts.

17. Judges are all hired. Grounds are changing from Alma to Mt. Pleasant

18. They are in the process of moving their shows from the fairgrounds to Flint fields facility. They are doing it for senior. She is in need of stall rentals. American Stall Rental is the name of the company the state uses. The grounds rental there is donated.

Chair: Make sure to let Dennis the 1st VC know the change for insurance purposes.

Lesley D18: She hasn't been able to get a hold of D20 who the coop with. They need to find a venue for the junior meet.

19. No Report

20.

Chair: Please go to the website and verify your contact information is correct. Let Brian know if the change.

Candice D5: Check junior too. That is a separate list.

Correspondence:

Call To The Public:

Motion To Adjourn:

Motion D5

Second D9

Pass/Fail

11:48 am

20140308-001 Motion to accept the proposal to allot a \$4000 budget to pay the state meet workers

Motion:D9

Second: D13

Passed

20140308-002 – Motion to take over assumption of the cost of the district reserve trophy purchases from the districts.

Motion: D5

Second: D13

Passed

20140308-003 Motion for the state to pick up the costs for patches, pins and bars for registered coaches, assistant coaches, and riders.

Motion: D13

Second : D17

Passed w/1 Abstain

20140308-004 Motion to release Jeff from his duties developing our MIHA application and hire Bill to complete development.

Motion: D9

Second: D5

Passed 15, 6, 13 Abstain

20140308-005 Motion for advertisement assessment be assumed by the state organization

Motion: D16

Second: D2

Passed

Michigan Interscholastic Horsemanship Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Agenda

May 14, 2014 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

6:15pm

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: Sarah Permoda D13 Asst, Tiffany Harvey D11 Asst, Alyssa Walter

Call to the Public:

Agenda

Changes No
Motion To Approve D17
Second D11
Pass/ Fail

Minutes

Changes No
Motion to Approve D9
Second D5
Pass/Fail

Treasurer's Report

Discussion: Treasurer's report reviewed.
State meet needs a new photographer.
2nd VC: There are two listed in saddle up.
Motion To Approve D9
Second D4
Pass/Fail

Old Business:

New Business:

- A. Junior Enrollment
Treasurer taking registration
- B. Thanksgiving Parade

D1: Received a request from South Lyon East coach with information regarding a good showing of an equestrian organization in the Detroit Thanksgiving parade. D1 chair has the information.

1st VC: Our liability goes by district. Each district would have to have liability if they decide to participate, even if it's one kid. He will check in to the policy for it.

D1: Will send out the information to all DCs.

C. Port Hope/North Huron

D14: Port Hope HS is closing. The school district is not closing. They are paying North Huron for their kids to attend that school next year. The problem: Two high schools in one building. Port Hope pays for their kids to ride on their equestrian team.

2nd VC: For 2015 the seniors will have two different diplomas?

D14: Yes

2nd VC: Under those circumstances for this coming year they should be two separate teams.

D13: The kids shouldn't be penalized for the school's building closing.

D4: To him they are two separate schools.

1st VC: Relays the approval for two teams.

Committee Reports:

State Show: Need a new photographer and a local ferrier.

D9: Going back in time to some of the other shows, we relied on someone to be there. They got their money from their work. In Detroit we paid a stipend for them to be there on top of their fee.

D13: Agrees we should pay some kind of stipend.

2nd VC: The state show judges have been hired. All contracts are back but two.

Rules: We have approached Kim Rutledge. There are three possibilities. Stacey Bode, Laura Koenig, Kim Rutledge It is not official yet.

Junior Division: Registration

Regional: 2nd VC: Staying the same as last year. Thanks the regional chairs for their efforts. Regional patterns have been sent to the pattern committee

Membership: NP

Historian: NR

Judges: Covered

Pattern: 1st VC is happy these are going on the web. It makes it easier to access.

2nd VC: Had some coaches who had their kids practice the patterns on the web to find they weren't used at the meet. DCs need to filter that information down to their coaches. There will be a disclaimer on the web stating they may not be used in their district.

D4: The junior pattern for trail on pattern one has a lope in it.

2nd VC: Yes he is aware. Change the lope to a trot for juniors.

D4: If it says a lope, do kids who can lope perform it?

2nd VC: Makes it a trot across the board.

Awards: 1st VC: Junior trophies are here. Junior pins were estimated. There may not be enough. Try not to go through too many to start with. He would like to get rid of them all. He has already had the trophy company order the parts for the high school trophies.

D6: Asks if they can be ordered earlier.

1st VC: Action said they didn't mind shipping some of them.

It is extremely difficult to get all DCs to respond when their meets are.

1st VC: If you have trophies you will not use give them back to be replated and used.

Finance: Covered

Nominations: 1st VC, Secretary and Treasurer are up this year. If anyone is interested send the names on to the 2nd VC.

Scholarship: NR

Logo: Due June 30th.

Tracker Program: D19: Has been working with the developer on it. There are some bugs being worked through. Reports are not working yet.

The developer is working on scoring.

D19: The developer has been very responsive and active making changes and sending updates.

Promotional: D5: If anyone has ideas for the saddle up ad please get them to her. We've missed the deadline for June but can hit July. This a full page ad this time.

D19: If we can get any really nice pictures and put them in there.

D5: We don't have a media release. She hasn't used any of her pictures due to that.

National Competition: NR

District Reports:

1. NP
2. Junior meet is this weekend. HS Cranbrook is interested in forming a team. Junior is up 2 riders from last year.
3. All good. Meet is this weekend. Juniors are down slightly.
4. Junior meets are this weekend. We are down 20 riders this year. There is ruling on Ingham's fairgrounds, no horses in the camping areas. You must have a stall.
District IV has it's own email: MIHAD4@yahoo.com
5. Junior Meet is June 14th. Bit of a scheduling problem but surprisingly she is up 2 riders.
6. meet was last Saturday. They had 64 riders. The weather was nice. Patterns from the internet were sifted through and some used.
7. NP
8. June 7th is the show. 37 riders down from last year.
9. Junior riders are about the same. May 31 and June 1 meets
10. June 11th meet.
11. Show is the 29th of June. They put in a fun show to get them acclimated to the grounds. They had 32 riders last year to 59 this year.
12. Playing referee for team drama. Hoping it is resolved soon. Meet is this weekend. Down one rider.

13. Up 3 riders from last year. Meet is on June 8th. Had some conflicts with graduation.
D13: In the fall we talked about putting a grade on the registration form.
14. ****D5**** Will work to make the forms a Word doc and interactive.
15. Junior meet is May 18. 13 teams with 42 riders. Anticipating a few less for high school but some new teams and new coaches.
16. Meet is May 18. 52 riders this year, 15 teams up one rider
17. 35 riders, down 10 from last year. Meet is this weekend.
18. Meet is next Sunday. Up 1 rider.
19. Meet is Saturday. Have about 42 riders with both 18 and 20. She wasn't sure if anyone had ideas on promoting to the schools.
1st VC: Suggests to all his coaches to contact the schools and put it in their announcements.
D13: Suggests sending information to 4H extension offices. She recommends not going through the athletic directors. Go to the school secretaries.
Meet was last weekend. Went well. Had a bit over 20 riders next year. Hopefully next year they will be about as big as high school.
20. NP

Correspondence:

Call to the Public:

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion D9

Second D5

Pass/Fail

7:30pm

Michigan Interscholastic Horsemanship Association
Board of Directors Meeting

Agenda

June 11, 2014 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Phone Bridge

Conference dial-in number will be: (862) 902-0250

PIN code(s): 2340228

6:03pm

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:

Call to the Public:

Agenda

Changes No

Motion To Approve District 13

Second District 17

Pass/ Fail

Minutes

Changes Yes

Motion to Approve District 14

Second District 13

Pass/Fail

Treasurer's Report **No Report**

Discussion

Motion To Approve

Second

Pass/Fail

Old Business:

New Business:

A. Junior Saddleseat Patterns – Diagrams do not match wording

2nd Vice Chair: Was it junior or senior saddleseat.

D11: Junior Saddleseat .

2nd Vice Chair: Reads what it should say and explains the pattern.

If there are questions, have the judge contact him.

B. Equipment Replacement

D14: Asking if there is a time frame equipment gets replaced.
Chair: Larry Flanary supplied the equipment due to consistency.
D14: She will go about finding replacements unless there is a policy for it.
Chair: His feeling it is the districts' responsibility to keep up the equipment.
2nd VC: This is something the board needs to talk about.
Eventually we will be back to different items again.
Chair: He will have to get in touch with Larry to find where he purchased the items.

Committee Reports:

State Show: Still looking for a photographer
Rules: D5: Has Kim been given the position?
Chair: Yes. We also would like Laura to continue to work with Kim.
Junior Division: Districts covered their meets.
Regional: If 2nd VC could have budgets from regional chairs. He would like to look them over to visit registration fees and such.
Membership: NR
Historian: NR
Judges: D9: Lorelee Carrington was a no show at the second day of their meet. Date was June 1st.
Pattern: Regional people who have selections of patterns send those selections to 2nd VC.
Awards: NR
Finance: NR
Nominations: NR
Scholarship: NR
Tracker Program: Making good progress, many kinks worked out. Anything given to Bill is changed within a few hours. Reports are being worked on.
2nd VC: On the scoring, can we figure out how to do half points?
D19: Yes, it's already figured in.
D5: If it is a division D does it cut the number of slots overall?
D19: That is in the plan but needs to be tested.
D13: Bill asked if once you put in the scores will there be a need to go back in and change it?
She stated it would be a necessary feature.
D19: Yes we will need to be able to edit most of the properties in the application.
D19: Hoping to have a beta in the next month.
Promotional: D5: Working on the ad for July for Saddleup. Amy has left Saddleup but hope to have something out there for July.
National Competition: NR

District Reports:

2. Junior show went very well. Couple senior coaches with no junior team ran the meets for him.
4. Junior meet went very well. Had a facebook issue which was dealt with. This had nothing to do with any team. It was a trainer causing the issues. Bill Pitylak is stepping down after the senior season.
5. Junior meet is this Saturday. Judge cancelled, but Marc volunteered to judge. There has been a strangles outbreak in their area. Horse changes are being made. One parent is making an issue of the change.
9. Doing fine. Junior meet went well.
11. Junior meet is June 29th. Had growth. Coaches got together to have a fun meet the day before. Low fee classes to raise money.
13. Junior meet was Sunday. All went well. The judge, Gayle Ledgwick, did a little clinic with the kids.
14. Had 42 riders and weather was great.
17. May 18th junior meet. All went very well.
19. Everything was good. Up on riders. Meet was just before last meeting.

Correspondence: None

Call to the Public:

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion District 13
Second District 17
Pass/Fail

6:32pm

Michigan Interscholastic Horsemanship Association
Board of Directors Meeting

Agenda

August 12, 2014 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

6:20pm

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: Sarah Promoda, d13

Call to the Public: None

Agenda

Changes Yes

Motion To Approve D13

Second D11

Pass/ Fail

Minutes

Changes No

Motion to Approve D1

Second D13

Pass/Fail

Treasurer's Report

Discussion: \$107,000 in all checking accounts. Deposits and Expenses Covered.

1st VC: Those having fundraising shows, include the extra \$50 per show for them.

Treasurer: next months registration, she needs two copies of every teams roster and 2 of district roster, 1 copy volunteer form. \$60 per rider \$2 for insurance. If you need additional rulebooks it's \$2 per book. One per team is provided.

Motion To Approve D1

Second D7

Pass/Fail

Old Business:

A. Concussion Certs

2nd VC: Several have asked about the concussion training for the coaches. Going forward new volunteers and coaches need it.

D7: The law states the cert is good for 3 years.

D13: Asks for the link to it again.

2nd VC: Will send that out later.

1st VC: All coaches should be going through the 20 minute training. Print the certificate when done.

D7: There is a parent information form the rider and parent are to sign. It only has to be signed once.

2nd VC: Last year we didn't require the parents to sign. Only the schools having it as a varsity sport did.

D7: This is a Michigan law. It has nothing to do with schools. Each team should be keeping a file on each rider with the responsible team party.

2nd VC: In your team book that is given to the rider, there should be a form to comply with the concussion rule. If a student is in multiple sports and already has one, they can copy that signed form and provide that.

1st VC: Doesn't think the DCs are taking care of this for their coaches. They need to assist with the collection of the forms needed.

D14: So we are requiring every coach to do this?

1st VC: Yes, this is now a requirement.

New Business:

A. Stream Live via Internet Both Arenas at the State Meet

D19: It might be possible to setup a couple cameras to stream the video back to their office and stream live to the internet. It would be a couple thousand dollars worth of equipment. He is checking with the grounds to see if they offer wifi to vendors. The other possibility is a 4G connection, but we would have data.

His office would buy the equipment and rent it to us.

A couple issues with it is the potential of some of not so good video being streamed to the internet, such as rider injury.

D13: What about release waiver to put their image out on the web.

D19: It will be a feed of the entire arena, so faces may be less visible.

Maybe get some sponsors we could put their logos up as advertisement to offset the cost.

1st VC: We would put a release in the state show packet.

State Show Chair: He's not sure if we can pull it off this year.

D5: She was going to pull the 4H media release and revamp it for us.

D1: It could be as simple as one sheet with the wording at the top and lines for the rider and parents to sign. It would be one per team.

1st VC: Anyone have any objections to exploring this further?

All agree to have Brian continue to investigate.

State Show Chair: Will check on the wifi at the grounds when he goes to judge there tomorrow.

D19: It's completely compatible with smart phones.

B. Lowell Equestrian Team

D5: A few weeks ago she received a text from a coach to look at facebook. She then received a call that Lowell was trying to limit their team.

She found no intention of limiting the team in any way.

She's talked with the school and they are taking an active role.

Lowell is asking for a \$30 rental fee to use the "equipment" such as suits. The fee is to cover the cleaning of the clothing.

Asking if this is OK?

It's a one-time per season fee.

Lowell is starting to funnel their funds through the schools athletic boosters.

A non team member can also rent the equipment for other events.

The fee for Lowell is \$600 but this covers, regional and state meet.

They have done a lot of fundraising to offset some of that cost. If that team does not make it to regional or states, any money paid by the rider/parent gets refunded.

D19: Suggested making the \$30 a refundable deposit.

C. Insurance

1st VC: Make sure you have your insurance for your district and regional show. Each district has to have their insurance with them for the regional show. The insurance company requires it.

Region C has to be adjusted for Friday night along with Saturday and Sunday.

The cost did go up. Next year the fee will go up for those extra fundraising shows.

D. Logo

1. 0

2. 0

3. 7

4. 0

5. 9

3. 3 (Regional Logo)

5. 11 (State Meet Logo) Suggested burnt orange or dark orange

The shirt vendor will be Lighthouse.

E. Trail

D10: Under C. he reads 0 score #5 under that. Under D. #4 shows disqualification.

State Show Chair: Evading is the rider attempted and the horse went around it. Not attempting is by-passed it without trying the obstacle.

D10: As he looked over his proposed rule changes he didn't find it.

2nd VC: It was put in for clarification not a change.

1st VC: D-4 is listed under C in 2013 rulebook.

D10: Reads off what he had down for being voted on in February.

State Show Chair: The new way in the 4H rulebook is 0-70.

Every judge is being forced in 4H to use that system.

D5: Shows in her notes that it was removed.

D10: He just wants to be on the same page.

1st VC: We will research how and why it got changed.

D10: When brought up to the chair, a rider who skipped an obstacle cannot place higher than someone who attempted it.

State Show Chair: With the new scoring system someone could place higher with a missed obstacle. 4H uses measures to avoid this.

State Show Chair: It would be most simplistic stating no rider missing an obstacle will place higher than one who missed none.

D10: Would like an SOP stating the approved scoring for trail.

20140813-001 Proposed SOP:

No rider that deviates from the posted pattern in any way or that receives a zero score for a particular obstacle shall place above any rider that completes the pattern as written.

Motion D10

Second D19

Passed

F. Clio

D14: Request to form a team for senior high in her district. She is asking if there is any Clio team in another district.

D11: Had a junior team for Clio.

D14: Will refer them to district 11's DC.

D11: The junior coach had a rough year and probably will not coach again.

D14: If they cannot be in D14 they most likely will not form the team.

1st VC: We typically cannot have a junior team in one district and a high school team in another. If the junior team no longer exists then they might be able to be in another district.

D11: Would like to see them be in District 14 rather than not show at all. She had one rider who wanted to form a senior team. She was suggesting the father could be the coach.

D14: They have a registered coach. It will be a determination of which district they are in.

1st VC: The rulebook states team coaches may request a move. There are timelines for that.

D14: She should tell them there was a junior team and a potential high school rider they have to show in D11.

2nd VC: They can petition to move after the season.

D14: Will forward the potential coach to D11 to see if that person still would like to move forward.

D14: Update on Port Hope. They dissolved the district. The coach is going to coach Harbor Beach as the kids were split between school districts.

Committee Reports:

State Show: Found a photographer from Monroe area. He won't come if we are going to charge him a vendor fee.

D1: Marcelle Santees was sent to state show chair. D17 might know of someone.

State Show Chair: Needs to know pretty quick. Looking for someone professional that can sell via computer.

D19: Think we could negotiate a lower fee?

State Show Chair: He wants his camping paid and no vendor fee. Caterer is secured. We don't have a ferrier yet. We talked about paying one but don't know if we can.

Christie stated she would do the program. We need to transfer all correspondence.

Patterns will be posted online this year after regionals. We will have some for sale for those who can't print them.

Rules: Trail rule

Junior Division: No Report

Regional: 2nd VC: Patterns are in.

1st VC: Hopes DCs are talking about their regions.

Membership: No report

Historian: No Report

Judges: 1st VC: Had a judge apologize for not showing up to a junior meet she believed she wasn't hired for. After verification she discovered she was.

Pattern: 2nd VC: Regional patterns will go on the website the Monday prior to regionals, September 22nd. State show will go up the Monday after regionals, September 29th.

Awards: 1st VC: September meeting will have all the district and regional trophies will be here.

Finance: 2nd VC: The state show fees will be the same and last year. Regional fees will be the same this year, but maybe next year will be removed.

Nominations: 1st VC, Secretary & Treasurer are up this year.

Scholarship: Checks are out to the kids. 3 \$500 were given. The checks are made out to the kid and the college.

Tracker Program: D19: No updates really in this last month. Both Bill and Brian were busy. This year you will use the old tracker program.

Working on finalizing the scoring program and handling ties. They are about 80-85% ready.

Maybe we will put out a forum for bugs and fixes.

Promotional: D5: Not a lot going on. Working a September ad for Saddle-up.

Logo: Selected. He will send it out in case you want to use it for your district.

National Competition: State Show Chair: Going to judge WIHA in October. He will talk about it more.

2nd VC: We would love to have a national show, but want a full show not just an exhibition. We would like a neutral spot where everyone drives about the same distance.

D13: Went to Wisconsin state fair, and was talking to some 4H participants about their programs.

State Show Chair: May talk with Dan about asking for a loan from us to help promote their organization.

D10: He has a copy of Ohio's rules. They are based off ours and are still fairly close. It would be good to include them.

District Reports:

D1: Going well. Junior meet was good. Senior rosters are due this weekend. Has a few new schools.

D2: Going well. He will miss his first two meets due to personal festivities.

D3: Not present

D4: Registration meeting on August 27th.

D5: First meet is Sept 6.

D6: Not Present

D7: Left prior to report.

D8: Registration is up 4 riders and first show is next weekend.

D9: Not present

D10: Everything is good.

D11: Everything is good. Up riders to 92 and first meet August 23 & 24.

D12: Not Present

D13: Up riders and a team. First show is the 7th and then 13th & 14th

D14: Everything is good. Rider count is steady.

D15: Down about 15 riders from last year to 70 kids.

D16: Not Present

D17: Fine. Registration meeting is the 27th.

D18: Rider registration is the 18th. Moving to Flint fields this year from Traverse City fairgrounds. About the same number of riders, low 50s.

D19: Down 22 riders. Had a lot of graduates. Problem coach and rider from last year have stepped down and not showing.

D20: Not Present

Correspondence: None

Call to the Public:None

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion: D5

Second: D11

Pass/Fail

8:32pm

Michigan Interscholastic Horsemanship Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Agenda
September 3, 2014 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

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:

Call to the Public:

Agenda

Changes Yes
Motion To Approve D2
Second D19
Pass/ Fail

Minutes

Changes
Motion to Approve
Second
Pass/Fail

Treasurer's Report

Discussion
Motion To Approve D19
Second D6
Pass/Fail

Old Business:

A. Trail

See new rule

B. Streaming Video

D19: Setup costs for next year would be less than this year due to already having some of the requirements from this year.

2nd Vice Chair: If we put a line in from Charter it is about \$70 per month. If we partner with the fairgrounds it could be mutually beneficial.

D19: We are getting pretty close to the wire to make it happen for this year.

D5: Joel Neyhues would be interested in assisting with advertising.

2nd VC: Can we have a redundant feed?

D19: There is a DVR feature we could turn on. We can set it up to a 2 or 4 hour cache. Problem would be if there were an accident in the arena it couldn't be edited out.

Chair: There is still the issue of the money.

2nd VC: Any thoughts on cost?

D5: Thinks it's too close for advertising for this year, but definitely and possibility for next year.

2nd VC: This would definitely put the state budget in the red. We would need to put in to thought

20140903-001 Motion to investigate and put together an advertising budget for 2015.

Amended: Begin reaching out to advertisers to put the live streaming in for 2015.

Motion: D5

Second: D4

Passed, 1 oppose, 1 abstain

20140903-002: Motion to find the money whether by MIHA funding or advertising to put in the live streaming this year.

Motion: D8

Second: D9

Passed

D14: What are we looking for sponsors this year?

Chair: What are we looking at for the page?

D8: Suggests \$100 minimum sponsor to be on the web page.

D19: We could potentially set a price for say \$1000 the arena and everything else would be say \$100.

D8: What about a price per day?

D19: Likes the idea. It would be a little more work, but doable.

We will need someone who is responsible for taking in the money.

D3: We will need to have something written to show exactly what we are offering.

D19: Will draw something up for it and submit to the executive board.

New Business:

A. Senior Registration

Chair: Asks if everyone is happy with their numbers.

Mixed response.

B. Western Shirt with Advertising Logo and no team name

D14: Has a team which put a sponsor name on the back of the western shirt. Is it legal for them to wear?

D9: That came up some years ago and it was deemed it was not team apparel.

D14: From the front it is just a plain western shirt.

D3: What if they go to states with it?

Chair: He doesn't see the difference between that and wearing one that has the Wrangler logo on it.

Chair: how many people are opposed to the team wearing those shirts?

Results: Opposed: 5, Approve: 10, Abstain: 1

D14: Her thoughts on this is if the judge doesn't like it they may suffer for that in the ring.

Committee Reports:

State Show: NP

Rules: Aftin Ruhle is the proposed but not fully confirmed rules chair. She is a judge and trainer.

2nd VC: We will send out an email for who to send questions to.

Junior Division: No Report

Regional: Trophies are in.

D19: Can we set a 2015 date for next year? Labor Day is later than planned.

Chair: How is D19's grounds handling it?

D19: Tried to get last weekend in August but it's taken.

D9: They are just pushing it back one week.

October 3-4 will be regionals in 2015. October 15-18 for states in 2015.

D19: Has two region packets for Regions B &

C. If D & E want to get their information to him he will post it.

Region A will be posting theirs.

1st VC: Regional pins are not here and will have to be mailed out.

Regional shirts were ordered late so we will have to meet with some of the regional chairs to deliver.

If for some reason this happens next year, does anyone have any issues with the exec board picking the logo?

D8: You could put them online and then vote from there.

2nd VC: We only had 3 kids submit logos this year. Please have them submit even if they are hand drawn.

For the state shirts does anyone have a preference on color? Last year was purple.

D19: Votes for a dark orange or burnt orange

D5: Likes the dark orange

Membership: No Report

Historian: No Report

Judges: 2nd VC: Do we know how many judges need rulebooks?

Pattern: 2nd VC: Reminder after the last district show the regional patterns will be posted. State patterns will be posted the Monday following the regional meets.

Chair: Pattern 2 this year.

Chair: Please make sure your coaches know.

Awards: Treasurer: If you don't need your reserve trophies please leave them with Candice. If you have a team moving on do not give back the rider registrations.

1st VC: Regional chairs take your regional trophies.

Finance: No Report

Nominations: No nominations yet this year.

Scholarship: 1st VC: One person has requested information on how to apply.

D6: Has three sent to her.

Tracker Program: D19: Talked to Bill. He has made some significant improvements on the scoring.

There are 3 scripts which will archive your data and empty the database. MIHA.ORG/Software

Promotional: No Report

Logo: Covered

National Competition: No Report

District Reports:

1. Left
2. First show is this weekend. Second show the next weekend and third the following after that.
3. 1 show down
4. Down 12 riders. First meet is this Saturday.
5. Down 7 riders. Update on Lowell: The two families making the fuss decided not to ride this year.
6. Already had 2 meets. 91 riders.
7. Nothing abnormal going on. Numbers are down. Teams have shifted districts.
8. First meet two weeks ago and last two meets are this weekend.
9. Great. They are up 12% in riders. Two more teams committed for next year.
10. Down one team from last year and 3 riders.
11. Not Present
12. It's going.
13. Added 3 riders since the last meeting. They are at 30 riders. First meet is this weekend and the next two the following.
14. Down 4 riders but up 4 teams. Most were reinstated teams. Up to a total of 20 teams.
15. First show went well. Down at least 15 riders from last year.
16. First show is this coming weekend. Down to 75 riders.
17. First show is this weekend. Down by 6 riders.
18. Has 48 riders. Will be at a new facility this year.
19. First meet was the 23rd of August and first ever district protest. Only down 11 from last year.
20. Doing good. About the same size as last year. May be close to 40 by Saturday. She has some new ones so they are taking late registrations.

Correspondence:

Chair: We received a FOIA request for district financials. We are handling that now.

Call to the Public:

None

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion D19

Second D12

Pass/Fail

1,484 riders this year down almost 100 from last year.

37 A

79 B

98 C

92 D

7:33pm

Michigan Interscholastic Horsemanship Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Agenda
November 8, 2014 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

10:10am

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: Jared Stilwell District 3

Call to the Public:

Agenda

Changes Yes

Motion To Approve D17

Second D19

Pass/ Fail

Minutes

Changes No

Motion to Approve D5

Second D17

Pass/Fail

Treasurer's Report (No Report)

Discussion

Motion To Approve

Second

Pass/Fail

Old Business:

A. National Competition

D16: Talked about national competition for three or four years. He would like to get a committee formed and wouldn't mind heading it up.

2nd VC: Part of the national competition was including Wisconsin. They wanted us to come to Milwaukee during their fair event. It was more of an exhibition rather than an actual meet. We are trying to find a venue both near them and us. We would like to include Ohio and Indiana.

Chair: Talked with Dan about it. The thought was Barrien Springs was supposed to be putting in an indoor facility. They would like to see how that was. Dan would like us to still come

and do a few classes. Chair stated if we are sinking the money in to it we wanted it to be an actual even.

Ohio is still not really stable at this point.

It's been the whole venue and time of year.

2nd VC: Berrien Springs is still about two years out on the indoor facility.

D16: He wasn't around when the organization was formed but it started in corner of the state. We need to set a date and get something accomplished. It may be small the first year or two, but it will grow interest. He hasn't had any communications from anyone from the other states.

2nd VC: Do you know of any other venues in Indiana or Illinois?

D16: He can start looking.

Kathy: She agrees with Chair in not hauling horses to another state for just two classes.

Chair: He is supposed to be meeting with Dan at the multi-State judge's conference about this.

D16: Would like to have another person involved in discussions with other states on this subject.

2nd VC: We need covered facilities for the time of year.

Chair: We need enclosed facilities more than just covered. The facilities get booked and are booked for years in advance. That is why he was hoping on Berrien Springs.

D3: She has been talking with Berrien Springs already. They were hoping to break ground this year, but it didn't happen.

That is why she stated more two or three years. Once they get to the point of scheduling they are definitely looking to us. She will keep us posted.

2nd VC: If D16 wants to start looking at venues.

D16: Doesn't want to step on the chair's toes in what he's already accomplished. He wants to move things forward.

2nd VC: If we can get a venue then we can start planning. We need some targets

Rules Chair: How many horses are we talking?

Chair: We have to make it enough to attract attention.

2nd VC: We would have 4 of each division teams in attendance the first year.

Chair: Let's have D16 look for venues and bring it to the next meeting.

D3: Will check to see if there are any updated plans on Berrien Springs.

D19: We should really set a target date as a goal.

Chair: Wisconsin does have their meets around the same time frame as Michigan. State Show Chair judged Wisconsin's state meet and was going to see how they run and what classes they run.

1st VC: Chair will work to gather the committee as he's already made initial contact.

New Business:

A. Video Streaming

D19: Updated stats: 41,500 page loads for the site. 2,900 original loads. Outside the US we had over 100 views. 500 unique users from facebook. Online scores took 37,000 hits. We've been talking internally about improvements. One was some form of audio in the streaming. Downside of audio is inclusion of information some may not want streamed. We could have a second line to the audio stream or have a commentator.

D3: Even something which showed what class is in and what is coming.

D19: We could have someone manning the camera that can pan the arena and focus on the riders. Are there any other suggestions?

Rules Chair: Did we get anyone interested in funding the project.

D19: One company stated they knew someone who would be interested in sponsoring. If we get more sponsorships we could add money to the state budget. We could also add sponsorships to the scores page.

B. Rule Book Changes

Rules Chair: She has not received any rule changes from any individuals or teams. She presented a list of rules clarification brought to her by others.

D14: The intent was for the coat and pants have to be the same color but maybe not the same texture.

D3: What is the rule?

Rules Chair: Any other color top is considered a day coat.

D19: There were different definitions of what a day coat is at the rules meeting. Some thought anything other than matching was a day coat. Others thought different colors were a day coat but not necessarily pattern if the color was same.

D5: It should be written to include same color but not pattern.

1st VC: The pants were not in the proposed rule.

D19: We will have to specifically state what is allowed.

Rules Chair: Will put together a clarification.

Timed Events: You cannot make a hackamore work over a cavesson.

D3: Is there such a thing as an English hackamore?

D5: Yes, but it looks basically like a western hackamore.

D5: When she looks up English hackamore there is no cavesson.

D5: If you can use a hackamore in timed events can you use it in your flat classes?

1st VC: That exception is listed under the timed events only.

Stopping by hitting the gate: State show chair would like to have stopping by hitting the gate as a disqualification.

D4: If you took it to hitting the gate, you would have someone complaining the horse touched the gate.

Header: We will leave that alone.

Keyhole: Should the 25' marker be used or not?

D16: At the state level we set up the pattern wrong. We should've started the class over with the pattern correct.

Rules Chair: There were no horses DQ'd for those arms on the pattern.

D16: The pattern was setup wrong. So

1st VC: The disagreement is a moot point at this time. The question is on the cones.

D14: They don't use cones and doesn't know any organization that does.

D5: Look at the picture of cloverleaf. There are two barrels at the entrance. If you're looking at just the picture, we are setting up wrong.

Rules Chair: Markers will be at the fence.

D19: Speed and Action doesn't show any markers.

D3: She would like to show the markers at the fence exception for the obvious two-man and speed and action.

Trail: There is nothing stating the judge has the final say on the obstacles.

D14: You're stating if the judge doesn't like the obstacles we have to change the pattern?

2nd VC: If there is a safety reason it is the consensus of the coaches to make the change.

Why do we have individual tests listed if we have patterns?

D5: Not all districts use the patterns offered on the web.

D19: If we are going to keep a list of individual tests the judges can ask for our patterns should contain the same list.

Rules Chair: We just need to look at the selected patterns making sure they are within the rulebook.

D5: There are no individual tests in showmanship.

Can we use polo wraps for any classes?

The answer is NO! It's in the rulebook twice on page 19 & 42.

Rules Chair: Came up with a form for a rule change proposal.

She would like it on one page only if possible and in a fill-able format and would eventually like it electronically submitted.

D6: The ruling for page 13 on A team splits was omitted for the last two years. It needs to be put back in.

C5: Three refusals is not cause for a DQ.

D4: If you don't attempt it you are DQ'd.

We need to put the SOP in for the rule changes. We believe it was D4 getting dropped.

D19: Would like a trail score sheet made.

Rules Chair: Will create a score sheet.

D3: Saddleseat pattern is setup so walking horses cannot compete in that. There is no diagonal change in that.

D5: Most judges will judge them as the breed standard.

D19: Thinks our format of the winter meeting should change.

1st VC: Come up with your suggestions for annual meeting procedures and bring to the next meeting.

C. State Meet Survey Results

2nd VC: He compiled the surveys from the state meet. The number one complaint was about the judges.

The sound system, showers, campground complaints will be forwarded to the Midland fairgrounds.

Three requested nightly security to drive around the facilities.

There were no troubles this year. Last year there was an issue with a saddle.

A security guard will run about \$20/hr and car about \$50 per day. We can look at that for upcoming years.

D5: They have a person from 11pm to 6am to check horses and walk the barns. He is paid \$100 per night. She doesn't feel we need an armed person.

2nd VC: He took the responses as a safety issue rather than horse care issue.

1st VC: Kidding suggests the Chair.

D19: Believes even just a person on a golf cart would be enough to deter.

2nd VC: There were a lot of positive comments on the state meet.

D5: The judge's comments on many surveys were contradictory on the same form.

D. Regional Patterns

1st VC: There were some complaints about the patterns.

2nd VC: The patterns were picked by a committee. There was less participation on the committee this year. If there is anyone else who wants to be on it get with the 2nd VC.

2nd VC: If anyone wants to move regions please get the to him by January.

E. Organizational Goals

D19: The main goal when he started was to get the state out of financial troubles. He feels we have stalled out on having an organizational goal. He would like to have a goal to accomplish this year. An example would be to increase our numbers. We are not actively trying to increase our numbers. S-Increase our numbers next by 5%, current 4,584 riders so by 100 riders.

M-By number of riders in both junior and seniors

A-State sponsored flyers, Talking with schools, marketing, social media.

R-MIHA tokens with phone numbers, D5 will research this.

T-September 2015

D19: Why are we losing members? The answer he receives is they don't want to deal with all the drama. We need to find a way to deter the attitude of drama.

D5: She stresses the team mentality. You are working with a team not just yourself. This is the life lesson she is trying to put forth.

D6: She dealt with a team drama. The riders are texting each other, but not talking to their coach. She also explained they are all representing their school.

D6: Community and school acknowledgement will do wonders for the organization.

D19: How do you join? We need a better way to funnel people. It's very hard to figure out how to sign up.

2nd VC: We were trying to do some of that with the redistricting.

D19: We also are not comparable to circuit riders. Many breed show riders don't feel MIHA is up to standard with breed organizations.

D19: Lack of cost consistency in joining MIHA.

D19: Continuing goal assessment on an ongoing basis, can we form a group?

He will add something to the page on how to join.

F. State Show Change Ideas

D19: Feels we need to make some changes to the state meet to make it more exclusive and exciting. It's the same every year. It needs to be something more exciting for the kids.

D3: You lose a lot of people at the closing ceremonies.

D19: Maybe take the whole Olympic idea and put a three tier podium for the teams to take a photo on it. Items to do to make it really unique experience.

D19: Revisit the idea of a dream team for the state meet. Even if their team didn't make it, they would be a all-state team.

D14: What about a D division kid who is the top rider in points and is already going to states? Can they opt not to be part of the dream team?

D19: Yes it would follow like the team advancement does.

Rules Chair: Would it fall like the national meet idea not wanting to come because they only have two classes?

D16: Has thought about the dream team idea for a long time but doesn't feel the state meet is the right place for it. The state meet already has a lot going on. If your district makes a dream team and have them show against all the other district's dream teams at a whole other competition.

1st VC: He is looking at it via insurance standpoint. There is a substantial added cost.

D19: Suggests maybe extending the state meet. This would help make it more exciting to be at. It may also get those circuit kids interested if it's more elite.

D3: Let's put something together and discuss it.

G. Dates for 2015

BOD Meeting Saturday, January 10

BOD Meeting Saturday, February 14

BOD Meeting Saturday, March 14

BOD Meeting Saturday, April 11

BOD Meeting Wednesday, May 13

BOD Meeting Wednesday, June 10

BOD Meeting Wednesday, July 8

BOD Meeting Wednesday, August 12

BOD Meeting Wednesday, September 9

Regional Meets October 3 & 4

State Meet October 15-18

BOD Meeting Saturday, November 14

BOD Meeting Saturday, December 12

BOD Meeting Saturday, January 9, 2016

Committee Reports:

State Show: No Report

Rules: Covered

Junior Division: No Report

Regional: Covered

Membership: Covered

Historian: No Report

Judges: No Report

Pattern: Covered

Awards: We have a number of bases due to replacing the horse.

Finance: No Report

Nominations: No new nominations, Dennis, Ginny and Pattie are accepting

Scholarship: We have over 50 applications. The committee will have recipients selected by the end of the month.

Tracker Program: D19: Bill has an update coming very shortly.

Promotional: D5: Video on facebook page, is that page one administrator or can anyone add to it? Anyone can post to it, but it setup so junk doesn't get set to the page.

D12: Maybe we could add D5 chair and D19 chair to it for adding updates for new forms and video.

D5: We don't have a lot of video or photos to promote our organization.

D19: The photographer has some really nice photos and thinks it would be beneficial. He believes we should buy those photos from the photographer.

D19: Will add the media release to the rider registration form.

D5: There are a lot of tack sales coming up. She is looking at promotional items and is looking in to cost.

D12: He is hitting 4H meetings to recruit through leaders. He has the hardest time getting to the kids. They have an alumni show that offered a scholarship. They are planning to do a contest for kids to recruit other kids. They are developing guidelines. It is planned to be a gift card and the amount goes up with the number of new registrations. They will announce it at their banquet to the kids. They are talking about giving out a district T-shirt with the MIHA info on it with rider registration.

D19: We could put it back to the district level from state and offer a prize for getting the most increase by percentage.

Logo: If we don't start getting more logos submitted we may be doing it ourselves.

1st VC: He is working with Lighthouse on how to submit a hand drawn logo.

National Competition: Covered

District Reports:

D3: All is good

D5: All is good

D6: All is good. Having the trophy is wonderful for their district.

D12: Banquet is tomorrow

D14: Banquet is tomorrow. May be dealing with a removal of a coach.

D15: Awards banquet was last weekend. Next year will have a Saturday Sunday meet in August.

D16: Banquet was had. Steve voted in as DC. They took home two trophies this year from states. Looking at possibly 3 new teams.

D19: Awards banquet is Tuesday. They will have a rules change meeting and

Correspondence: None

Call to the Public: None

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion D3

Second D4

Pass/Fail

1:30pm

Michigan Interscholastic Horsemanship Association
Board of Directors Meeting
December 13, 2014 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

10:13am

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: Sarah Permoda, D13

Call to the Public:

Agenda

Changes No
Motion To Approve D17
Second D134
Pass/ Fail

Minutes

Changes Yes
Motion to Approve D5
Second D17
Pass/Fail

Treasurer's Report

Discussion: Report covered. Cash \$147,000 last year was \$124,000 at this time. Vendor deposits is down from last year. Seven vendors are confirmed for next year. Only a \$50 deposit was collected at this time.

D14: Are all our bills paid up for this year?

Treasurer: Is missing region E information. Patches is the only bill she does not have.

Lighthouse sent a check for \$3700.

D5: Saddleup sent to invoices.

Treasurer: Did pay October and November

D5: No add in Saddleup until March but member drive will be in January's issue.

D5: West Michigan expo is supposed to be a flat \$50 fee.

Region financials covered. All were in the positive at the end except region D. The \$1400 startup fee is included in that money.

2nd VC: We need the regions to be on the plus side when turning money in.

D14: We need to look at some of the regions if we are needing to be in the positive.

2nd VC: Agrees. Where we got in to trouble before is at the state level. The state meet doesn't have enough riders to fund itself. When we started sending the reserve teams it helped to put the state meet back in the black. Can we cut back a bit, Yes.

If we get in to the national competition we need to consider the future costs of that.

Some of the things we imposed on even the districts we've taken back to reduce the district expenses.

We may be able to move more back to the state. We have not removed the insurance from the additional district shows.

We are looking at other things to promote the organization and may possibly be the extra cost. Hopefully this will bolster our member numbers.

We will look back at each region's expenses.

1st VC: We like the extra money coming in, but does see we need to look at each region.

D14: Is trying to figure what their fees should be in the future.

Treasurer: Sees what is being said and believes they should be consistent in costs. Region D bases fees off of distance driven to get to the grounds.

2nd VC: Thinks each region should bring back in about \$5000 to the state.

Treasurer: Last year we had a net income in excess of \$50000; this year was much less.

2nd VC: Rider fees were standardized for regions a couple years ago. He knows region D doesn't charge the standard fee.

Treasurer: This year the state meet had a loss of \$9100.

2nd VC: This year we had extra costs of the streamed video.

If you add back in the \$3700 from Lighthouse, we are pretty close to last year.

Treasurer: We don't charge Lighthouse vendor fees.

Miscellaneous is at a \$6900 loss were last year was about \$9000.

Notification: Financial Statements, Judge's Payments, W9 Forms

Treasurer: Judge payment forms, she has received a number of them.

District 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19. She has all regions but E.

District 6: Sometimes the judges tell us they filled one out and want to know why they are filling it out again.

Treasurer: You can tell them you are a standalone account and need to make sure your books are complete. The 1099's are due the beginning of February. She needs the information by January to have to send out the forms to the judges.

Financial statements need to be in by the first of January for all teams. Please send all teams together rather than one team at a time. Please send it as a complete package or an email with the number of teams.

D13: If they had a judge do a clinic do they need a 1099 also?

Treasurer: Yes, Please send her the information.

D6: What about an alumni show?

Treasurer: If we pay them yes.

Motion To Approve D13

Second D14

Pass/Fail

Old Business:

A. Registration Form

D13: There is no grade on it.

D14: Either we need to separate the junior and senior form or add the grade.

D13: You can't go by age for what grade they are in.

Rules Chair: Email Brian on adding that. She has a copy

1st VC: Brought up the new form. It does have grade, but states number of years participated in MIHA. We need a box for Junior or Senior. We can send a request for Brian to add it.

New Business:

A. Bars for Next Year

Treasurer: Our contact is retiring and would like to order next year's patches and bars now.

Approved

B. Give Away for Expo

2nd VC: This comes up from the last month and growing the organization. We would like to have something with the MIHA logo on it as a giveaway to potential members, whether it be a keychain or other small item. You can spend anywhere from \$.20 item to \$5.00.

D5: She emailed 8 different items to us choose from within our price range.

Chair: What lead time do we need?

Believes we should order something now to have it for the stallion expo. What is the setup fee?

D5: About \$40 and repeat setup is \$20.

Treasurer: Cost will be about \$3000.00.

D5: Color? Black and white or red and white

201212134-001 Motion to appropriate \$3500.00 for the purchase of promotional items to be given out at the expo booths.

Motion: D17

Second: D13

Pass

C. Webmaster Position

2nd VC: Discussed with the chair to make the webmaster position an Exec Board position. This would be an appointed position. With that he would like to nominate Brian Bode to the board in that position.

1st VC: Believes this has to be a constitutional change.

D14: It could be done as an SOP.

Chair: Believes we should look at getting the position rather than looking for the person at this time.

2nd VC: We would like add the webmaster as an appointed position in the constitution.

D14: Also the job duties will need to be added.

2nd VC: Will write up the job duties.

Rules Chair: If 2nd VC can email her the duties she will put it in for a rule change.

Committee Reports:

State Show: 2nd VC: State Show Chair looked over the evaluation forms and will be addressing 2015's judges covering those issues. Out of state judges generally don't know MIHAs rules well.

Chair: There is also the cost of getting out of state judges here.

Rules Chair: When you're not winning you generally don't like the judge.

Chair: Some of the complaints are that the judges are in a particular district. Every judge has to live in some district if they live in Michigan. We did have good luck with our out of state judges.

D5: Even if we use in state judges for gymkhana we could use out of state judges for the other class.

Chair: We do move the judges around so a mixture is set for every discipline.

Rules: Rules Chair: Covered proposed changes, adding back in the slot allotments. Saddleseat covers the matching color in coat and pants but can be different materials. Trail added missing or not attempted obstacle. Cavesson or drop nose band is required except in gymkhana. Hackamores are allowed in gymkhana even for huntseat attire.

A rule was requested by D16 to the Rules Chair. She referred the change back to him and his coaches to submit. Jumping pattern 3 was also questioned.

Junior Division: NR

Regional: 2nd VC: Need Region E financials.

Treasurer: Stated she received correspondence from the region E treasurer.

2nd VC: Received no requests to change regions. Regions will stay the same. He will get with all the regional chairs to go over the cost structure.

Membership: NR

Historian: NR

Judges: Get forms in to the Treasurer

Pattern: 2nd VC: There are a few more volunteers to get on the region pattern committee. Four patterns are picked for each discipline to the committee. They rank them 1-4 just like the logo contest. They are chosen based on votes. District patterns are chosen by 2nd VC. He will have them up on the website by the winter meeting. District

patterns are optional to use. Regional and state patterns are required to be used.

D13: Has issues finding an appropriate number of poles. Please keep that in mind when picking patterns.

D14: Is there an extra cost if there is an additional show? 3 patterns are chosen so she has to pick the 4th pattern. If you could pick a 4th pattern if it doesn't have an additional cost. Her coaches decide if they are going to use them or not.

Awards: Patches and bar order will be placed now as our contact is retiring. We will receive a new contact.

1st VC: Getting calls about broken legs on the district trophies.

D14: Gorilla glue worked very well. Make sure to wipe off the excess. Hers was broken right out of the box.

Chair: Do you feel it was broken based on the way it was packaged?

1st VC: This year we've had an excess of requests for replacements.

D5: Believes it was the way it was packed. They had to stack them, but no boxes were crushed. It possibly could've been the jarring during transit.

1st VC: He believes the horses are fine when we get them from the trophy shop. If they are picked up by the legs they will break, also dropping it will break them. He will be asking the trophy house to order more horses to replace those taken from good trophies. He will be taking a count of bases needing horses.

Finance: Covered under treasurer's report

Nominations: No nominations

Scholarship: 5 winners have been selected and sent to the Michigan Horse Council. They will be announced at the February meeting.

Districts 16, 14, 1, 15, and 6 are where the winners come from. The alternate is from D6.

D6: The scholarship letters keep getting better and better. There were around 50 applications this year.

1st VC: Stick to the topic and then support the topic. 350-400 words. Coach's recommendations need to be capped. Some of them have been 2 and 3 pages long. They sometimes are longer than the essay itself.

D6: Make sure to follow the rules and form submission.

Chair: Thank your 1st VC and D6 for going through all the essays.

Tracker Program: D13: The most recent update she has is where she took her district and entered information as she would for a meet.

When they reached a problem, he documented it and was going to fix the problem. He has been in correspondence with both D19 and D13.

Chair: We need to move on this.

D6: The last developer passed away recently.

D13: Hyphenated names cause issues in the program. She is emailing to find an update.

Promotional: D5: At the Horse Fest she didn't have a lot of new inquiries. She did have exiting members getting missing year bars. The video went over well. She received a lot of inquiries on attire and what is legal. It was a positive thing for those she talked to. She encourages if you have a booth at a tack sale to put out some MIHA flyers.

Chair: Do we need to have a new MIHA flyer, maybe something nice looking?

D5: Still has a copy of the old flyer with only the 18 districts.

Chair: Would like a copy of it.

She stole D12's flyer for the recruitment and changed the info for D5 and handed it out. It went over very well.

There are so many tack sales. She will be attending one most every weekend from now until March.

D13: Can we get a list of tack sales?

D5: There is a Michigan tack sale directory. You just have to keep pushing.

We didn't do Birch Run as it is the same weekend as the rules meeting.

Chair: Should we do some kind of sticker?

Chair: He would like to do a drawing for an item. It doesn't matter what it is.

Also we aren't doing any follow-up when we talk to these people.

D13: On the form for the drawing we should have their school district so we can provide it to the district and also follow-up with the person.

D17: Do you want more than one thing to give away?

D13: We need to have something that appeals to just horse people not necessarily just MIHA people. An item that doesn't have our logo on it.

Rules Chair: How about at the January meeting every district is responsible for donating a prize to be given out at the stallion expo.

D13: She is always drawn to the laser cut metal signs; something that is just general horse related.

Rules Chair: The items needs to be small horse related.

Chair: Give away two items per day.

Chair: Covers issues experienced with MHC currently.

2nd VC: Are some of the scholarships at risk?

1st VC: His contact says at this time no.

Chair: At this time that is not a concern.

Are there any other expos or major tack sales coming up?

D6: There is one at Birch Run.

D14: It's usually in February

D5: Can get a list together of what is in her area. She knows we don't want to make our Facebook page for advertising, but she does think it would be OK if they were for Equestrian Team Fundraisers.

Chair: Thought we were going to have two pages at one time, a general page and one for everyone to put their items on.

D13: What about an events page? Anyone with a tack sale or show could use it.

D5: If the page is stagnant people will stop looking because nothing is happening.

Chair: Our previous page became a sale page and nothing else.

Where do we draw the line?

D5: Your administrators have to be on top of it and remove those things.

Chair: Let's take Crestview for instance. They do a lot for MIHA in our area but doesn't want to put something out there which is not welcome.

D5: She will look to find if we can add an events page or set up something different.

Logo: 1st VC is working with Lighthouse on getting guidelines for free drawings for logos.

National Competition: Chair: Did not receive anything from D16 on it.

2nd VC: Has not received anything either. He sent D16 a couple of venues. There is one in Indiana and Illinois.

He did contact the MSU pavilion. Unless someone cancels their contract it will not be possible. Midland was a consideration, but there is a concern for available water because of the time of year.

Chair had a conversation with Wisconsin. There is a brand new facility which may be a very good possibility.

Wisconsin does not like the thought of doing it in another state. They still want to do the few classes at the major event in Wisconsin.

2nd VC: To Madison, WI the cost would be about \$189 one way for fuel, \$375 for lodging. Just to get there and stay you're looking at \$675. It would be an easy \$1000 to go per person or group depending on ride sharing and stay.

What rulebook do we use, WIHA or MIHA? There are a number of other issues to work out first.

Chair: WIHA is meeting with the new venue group in January and will have more information after that.

2nd VC: Berrien Springs is at least a year out.

Chair: We have to consider stalling and camping.

2nd VC: While talking to the pavilion, the arena here at the teaching facility can be leased. He believes there are 95 stalls available here at the teaching barn. We might be able to handle WIHA and MIHA here, but when we begin to expand.

Chair: However, there are no spectator locations here.

2nd VC: He would like to send an invitation to Ohio. Currently they only have district meets. They are only about 6 districts at this time.

Chair: Indiana keeps talking about starting a program there. Larry Flanary worked with Dan Grunewald extensively to start the WIHA.

District Reports:

D2: Had an interesting email from an alumni student. They are doing a documentary including MIHA. He has been asked to be interviewed about MIHA and their goals.

Chair: We should ask for a copy to show at our booths.

D4: Not much going on right now. New DC is Kelly Collison.

D5: Had the banquet. All went well. Horse Fest went well. There are two teams who want to move to D16 due to geography. She has no problem with that.

2nd VC: Petition has to be in before the annual meeting.

D6: All is going fine. She will not have any early shows this year. Last meet is the last weekend before regionals.

D10: Things are going well. He had a very difficult parent when dealing with slotting and where practices are held.

D13: Banquet went well. They are tossing around the idea of putting on some clinics.

D14: Things are going well. There is a new treasurer. They added a 2nd junior show on a 2nd weekend. They have almost as many juniors as seniors.

D15: Coaches voted to have a weekend show this year. They will have a Saturday-Sunday show for the first time. It will get the shows over two weeks earlier.

D17: All is well. Had the banquet and losing a few seniors.

D18: Everything is fine. Lesley was voted back in as DC for another year.

Correspondence: Only correspondence was the Lighthouse check and from AIL. He did receive a note from AIL. Our insurance is accident insurance. At the state show last year we had a girl come off and had abdominal pains. The information sent back from AIL contains personal information. The people keep submitting a claim though the problem is not caused from an accident.

He receives a claim pay stub on each claim. AIL is paying out more than we are paying in. The company is paying ambulance, ER, etc.

The company is paying the businesses not the individuals.

The form is on the website for AIL claims.

D5: Staples the accident report to the claim form for her people.

Call to the Public: None

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion D13

Second D17

Pass/Fail

12:55pm

Motions:

201212134-001 Motion to appropriate \$3500.00 for the purchase of promotional items to be given out at the expo booths.

Motion: D17

Second: D13

Pass

Tasks:

Each district is responsible for bringing an item to place in a drawing for the stallion expo. There will be two drawings per day of the expo. Any additional items will be used for other booths at expos or tack sales as give away items.