



MHSA General Membership Meeting – February 2, 2008

- I. The meeting was called to order by President Jean Kraus at 12:50 p.m.
- II. The Invocation was delivered by Dean Hodge. A moment of silence was called for those MHSA members who have left us during the past year.
- III. Jean Kraus introduced the Board members asking them to stand and be recognized. Jean thanked the retiring members: Jacqueline Wessel, Jacque Kerwood, Kent Swalla, Cheryl Holekamp and Rocky Brannon.
- IV. Minutes – Michele Smith, Executive Secretary, made a motion to approve the minutes from the last General Meeting as printed. Janet Thompson seconded.
- V. Treasurer's Report – Linda Faerber reported that the balance of the account was \$68,172.56.
- VI. Membership and Show Membership Reports – Sue Webster reported that there were 200 renewed members and 13 new members. So far this year there are 43 shows.
- VII. Jean Kraus presented the Slate of 2008 Officers and New Board Members with a request for a motion to accept the slate. Motion was passed by the general meeting.
Sarah Booker, President
Michele Smith, Second Vice President
Board Members: Tracy Feller, Connie Mechlin, Jacqueline Wessel, Andrew Shayatovich,
Liz Drew to Marketing Committee
- VIII. Presentation of Star How and Horse Show of the Year Awards was made by Sue Webster.
Dressage Show of the Year: Missouri Dressage Classic
Dressage Schooling Show of the Year – CDCTA Fall Classic
Star Shows: Slads Festival Series, Slads Dressage & Combined Test, Cedar Lane Farms Fall Schooling Show
Eventing Shows of the Year – Cedar Lane, Wine Country Sport, CDCTA Combined Training, Hill & Hound, Queeny Park Horse Trials, Queeny Park Mini Event
Eventing Star Shows: Millcreek Pony Club Horse Trials
Hunter/Jumper Competitions of the Year: William Woods Jumping Derby, Irish Fox,

St. Louis Series, Mechlin Farm Schooling Show Series.
H/J Star Shows: William Woods Winter Fun Show, Stephens College Prince of Wales Club, St. Louis Charity
Show Horses and Ponies: Competitions of the Year: Janian Series, MHSA Kickoff Show, Calvary Episcopal Show
Star Shows: Longview Park Benefit, Huntsville Horse Show, Missouri State Fair, UPHA American Royal

- IX. Presentation of the Junior and Adult Medallion Finalists: Kelly Hulse
Saddleseat – Anna Bergman – Scott Haines Trophy
Hunter – Emily Korenak – Scott Haines Trophy
Stockseat – Jennifer Keefe – Sir Love Alot Trophy
Sponsored by Kent and Stacy Swalla, Ashley's Fund, WWU, Steve McGau, Team Ventures, Brenda Benner Stables
Adult Medallion Finalists:
Saddleseat – Janelle O'Bannon – Ashley Re Curl Memorial Trophy
Stockseat – Morgan Elliot – Janian's Midsummer Night Memorial Trophy
Hunter – Rachel Davis
- A Senior Medallion Trophy has been donated in the memory of Otis Brown by Tom and Mary Mullen
- X. Presentation of Horse Person of the Year – Jean Kraus – Janet Thompson was given this award. Janet has played an immense role in MHSA for many years, as past president, and member. Janet is the driving force and manager of the Janian Series of horse shows and Calgary Episcopal Horse Show.
- XI. Presentation of School Horse of the Year. – Lynn Frazee – School Horse of the Year for 2007 was Snickers, Wild Venture Farms
2006 – Fred, Gayle Lampe and Bubba, Donna Sapp
2005 – Incomparable (Inky), Brenda Benner Stables, Stephens College
- XII. Presentation of the President's Award. – Jean Kraus award Janes Gaines the 2007 award for years of service to MHSA, at least 20 years.
- XIII. Art Contest Awards – Jean Kraus presented the placings for the First Annual Art Contest.
Junior under 14 – Merrisa Wessell and McCalla Wessell
14-18 - Colleen Wiles and Shelby Lax
Adult – Robyn Armer 1st
2nd – Allison Boudron and Jane Gaines
- XIV. Presentation of the Jeff Shikles Distinguished Service Award was awarded by Dean Hodge to Fern Bittner. Fern is the daughter of Howard and Hazel Palmer, went to

Stephens College and managed the first PWC show. She trained with Tony D. Palmer and Murry Cassin. She taught at Lindenwood, college in PE, archery, volley ball and bowling. She also directed the Horsemanship program for 23 years until 1981. She changed Lindenwood and brought it forward. One hundred students, new barn of 40 stall from the 8 she started with. In 1959 she married Groff Bittner and got him to play at shows after getting her American Horse Show Association Judges card. Lindenwood closed and Fern has gone on to manage well known and very large shows, among them Missouri State Fair, Oklahoma Centennial, American Royal, St. Louis Charity Horse Show, and Scottsdale horse show.

- XV. Jean Kraus asked for a motion to ratify the actions of the board for 2007. Janet Thompson made a motion and it was seconded by Michele Smith.
- XVI. The general meeting adjourned at 1:40
- XVII. Presentation of awards followed.

Respectfully Submitted

Michele Smith, Executive Secretary