

Minutes
March 10, 2008 Board Meeting

Present: Robyn Armer, Jennifer Bechtel, Rhonda Boles, Karen Craighead, Rosy Erganian, Linda Faerber, Tracy Feller, Lynn Frazee, Jane Gaines, Colleen Harper Hertzog, Dean Hodge, Kelly Hulse, Connie Mechlin, Karen Pautz, Jennie Petterson, Laurel Robinson, Linda Roos, Andrew Shayotovich, Michele Smith, Sue Webster, Jacqueline Wessel, Ken Wheelen

Excused: Linda Fielder, Lisa Holderle, Jean Kraus, Sarah Mechlin, Diane Stephens, Laura Ward

Unexcused: Margaret Cowgill, Liz Drew, Mary Jane Hinds

I. Call to order – Sarah Booker called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm followed by introductions of new members.

II. Minutes – The financial statement balance statement for December had an incorrect amount. The correct balance should have been \$68,120.00. Minutes accepted as amended,

III. Officer Reports

- a. Treasurer – Linda Faerber – Current balance as of January 31, 2008 is \$63,317.27. Figures for banquet are not current, please give Linda any outstanding bills. This will enable Linda to close the books on the banquet for 2007. MHSAs always received one or two returned checks, so far 7 returned checks for horse show membership, membership. People paying very slowly, and bank charges are \$55.00. So far every person except one has paid the bank charges. Need to say on forms that the check signer will be responsible for bank charges. The bank only charges for returned checks. Colleen Hertzog made a motion to collect the fees for returned check, whatever the bank fee is, Connie Mechlin seconded. Karen asked what the process is for when their points count, it will be when the check clears. Linda asks them to pay within 10 days, if they do not pay; Sue is notified to take them off the membership list. It will be on all forms. All returned checks will be charged the bank return fee. Dean so moved, Lynn seconded. Passed unanimously.
- b. Show Membership – Sue Webster – Horse show membership to date: 3530.00, expenditures \$325.74. There is 7 dressage, 4 eventing, 49 hunter jumper and 19 show horses & ponies nominated so far. The board extended a big thank you to Sue for coming back.
- c. Membership – Sue Webster- Reported that people are slow in nominating, Sue has sent out letters, they are now coming back. Membership income: \$15,130.00, membership expenditures, \$810.16. Members: Dressage members 47, horses 42, riders 13; Eventing 31 members, horses 21, Sh/P members 142, horses 129, equitation 45; H/J members 122, horses 174, equitation 76.
- c. Eventing – Rosy Erganian – Reported that she is getting nominated eventing people from Sue. No shows so far.
- e. Dressage – Lisa Holderle - There no shows as of yet.
- f. Hunter/Jumper – Jean Kraus – things are moving along splendidly.
- g. Show Horses/Ponies – Sue Webster – There are no results as of yet.

- h. Newsletter Editor – Jean Kraus – Please send anything for the newsletter now, deadline. Dean stated that Jean has done a fine job and all appreciate by all. Dean motioned, Ken seconded. All agreed.
- i. Medallion Secretary – Kelly Hulse – Has sent out 9 medallions so far this year. Sent out all the equitation cards as of this date. Rhonda delivered the ribbons, bridle bags and trunk to Emily Korenak she was very grateful.

Meeting Dates: Brought up to move meeting dates to Monday for this year. New dates would be: June 16, September 1, November 3, Pre banquet meeting Friday February 6, 2009 and Banquet meeting Saturday February 7, 2009. Lynn motioned we moved to Monday, seconded by Jennifer Bechtel, passed unanimously.

IV. Old Business Committee Updates

- a. 2008 Banquet Report – Lynn Frazee – Total income \$5,550.00, Peachtree bill (food and room rental) \$5024.67. Sold 220 tickets. Made \$525.33 on the banquet. Moving the banquet to Holiday Inn, rent for \$200.00, split with UPHA. It has 4 large rooms with large room in center, a separate room for the auction. All the rooms have dividers; will put up a stage and microphone, room for vendors. Plenty of parking. Possible cut on room rental.
Service instead of buffet, cash bar, coffee in the morning, and breakfast maybe. A little under \$25.00 per person, increase price of banquet to \$30.00.
Possible tote bags for next year.
- b. 2008 Horse Person of the Year – Jacqueline Wessel – Did not get any nominations, needed to pick one. Do we want to make it a board nominated thing? Should we put it at the banquet? Colleen Hertzog made a motion to have nomination ahead of time, and vote at the banquet. Robyn Armer seconded, passed it unanimously.
- c. 2008 School Horse of the Year – Lynn Frazee – Horses can be nominated more than one year.
- d. 2008 Silent Auction Report – Laura Ward, Colleen Hertzog Did about \$3300.00, Laura is making the certificates for the pictures. Colleen, requested a letter from MHSA for donations purposes, letter to explain who we are and what we do. Tracy Feller working on that right now. Someone mentioned there is a clear statement of that is at the beginning of the by-laws. Try to have other things besides horsey stuff. Top selling item, barbeque. Space an issue, for bidding. Need more huntseat items, and dressage. Need at least 10 minutes to have time to record the amount owed by each bidder before payment. There needs to be a time schedule. Sarah B has a goal of \$5000.00 for next year. Dean is trying to get a ½ ton of grain for next year. Need a larger space for art people. If vendors donated something for the auction, they should get vendor space free. Connie Mechlin made a motion: If vendor donates \$50.00 worth of inventory, the vendor fee is waived.
Ken Wheelen seconded, motion passed.
- e. Medallion Finals Committee – Jane Gaines Medallion coordinator. No need to send medallions to hunter jumper secretary as finals are on accumulated points. Question

was raised of where the scholarship money goes, to tuition only? Tracy Feller to investigate this.

- f. Nominations Committee – Jean Kraus – no report
- g. Hunter/Jumper Council – Sarah Booker – Medallion trunks hopefully donated by the same person again, with ad in newsletter in return.
- h. Youth Council – Kelly Hulse – Reported that the kids wanted a pizza party and music, at Chapter 5
- f. Western Committee – Karen Craighead, Jenny Petterson – Report there was a lot of enthusiasm at the banquet regarding the new patterns. Good response from banquet
- j. Marketing Committee – Laurel Robinson, Liz Drew no report – working on calendar Rosy Erganian volunteered to help.
- k. Sportswear Committee – Laura Ward – Lynn reported that the t shirt went well, and sold out of small and medium.
- l. Web Site – Karen Pautz and Tracy Feller Send everything in digital format and email Karen if you see something on the web that needs to be changed.

V. New Business

- a. Forum reports
 - 1. Any proposed rule changes for the 2010 rule book, rule changes for Hunters from novice to low/high hunters. also discussed was the one rider in a class situation and not earning points. It was proposed that if there is only one rider in a class that they receive ½ points for that class.
 - 2. Show horses/ponies, 13 and under known to be judged, workout pattern A instead of B. No one can take a rider out of academy to show in regular classes and then put them back.
 - 3. Dressage – no extraordinary changes, happy with everything. Had discussion regarding USEF and USDF possible changes.
 - 4. Evening - Rosy and Robyn – melted into dressage forum.
- b. Committee formulation for 2008 – Jean working on committees.
- c. Will discuss horse show fees at the June meeting.
- d. It was voted to hold the banquet at Holiday Inn Next year.
A vote was taken to raise the cost of the tickets for the banquet to\$30.00. Passed unanimously.

VI. Adjourn – 8:35 pm

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