

Minutes of the MHSA Board Meeting – Columbia, Missouri
June 16, 2008

Present: Liz Drew, Rosy Erganian, Linda Faerber, Linda Fielder, Lynn Frazee, Jane Gaines, Colleen Hertzog, Kelly Hulse, Jean Kraus, Connie Mechlin, Karen Pautz, Linda Roos, Andrew Shayotovich, Michele Smith, Diane Stephens, Sue Webster

Excused: Robyn Armer, Jennifer Bechtel, Rhonda Boles, Sarah Booker, Karen Craighead, Dean Hodge, Lisa Holderle, Jennie Petterson, Laurel Robinson, Laura Ward, Jacqueline Wessel.

I. Call to order – Lynn Frazee (standing in for President Sarah Booker) called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm.

II. Minutes- It was noted that the September 2008 meeting was on a holiday, and needed to be changed. Also Diane Stephens asked for a correct spelling of her last name. The minutes were approved with said notations.

III. Officer Reports

a. Treasurer – Linda Faerber gave the budget report. Total assets as of 3/31/08 \$65,471.26. See the budget statement given out for total details.

b. Membership – Sue Webster reported that numbers of members and horses were down from 2007. Total members 353 compared to 2007 with 582 members. There were several people who did not renew. Sue sent out letters to everyone who had not renewed this year with an application. Liz Drew made the suggestion to have a sheet in the packet at dressage show, or at her shows explaining what MHSA does and who to contact.

c. Show Membership – Sue Webster reported that Show membership was also down. Total shows this year 94, compared to last year of 107. Midwest Charity listing MHSA on their prize list, but has not paid. She will contact the show secretary.

d. Eventing – Rosy Erganian – Reported she had received results from Mill Creek and Queeny Mini.

e. Dressage – Lisa Holderle reported via email, all is going well.

f. Hunter/Jumper – Jean Kraus reported that things are proceeding right along, 2 shows from having all shows in for mid year. Send midyear points to Jean for newsletter.

g. Show Horses/Ponies – Sue Webster reported she still had a couple shows still to tabulate.

h. Newsletter Editor – Jean Kraus – 3rd week of June for points and articles by June 22nd. Need information on upcoming events. Mary Curl's husband died, worked with St. Louis National Charity Horse Show. Diane Stephens will get an article for the newsletter. Linda Fielder will write an article regarding Autograph (horse). Michele will send stable management tips. Lynn has interviewed Deborah McAlexander. Andrew will write article regarding taking pictures of horses. Shelby Nail, Anna Hein, will do Kids' Corner.

i. Medallion Secretary – Kelly Hulse reported she has sent out 22 medallions so far, more than last year, \$10.00 cost of medallion. Need to have someone take over the western scholarship. Provide \$500.00 for scholarship. Senior Huntseat trophy, in memory of Otis Brown, will be provided by Tom Mullen.

IV. Old Business Committee Updates

a. 2008 Banquet Report – Lynn Frazee- Banquet will be in Hilton Banquet Center. Inspirational speaker for the banquet. Lynn reported that Master concert pianist Deborah McAlexander would be a good choice. Need people to stuff bags for banquet, make banquet more fun. Need art for the art show competition and participants must be members of MHSA. All artistic mediums are eligible.

b. 2008 Horse Person of the Year – Jacqueline Wessel – no report

c. 2008 School Horse of the Year – Lynn Frazee – run ballot in December, Jean will run a reminder in the newsletter ahead of time.

d. 2008 Silent Auction Report – Laura Ward, Colleen Hertzog-Get Laura to make certificates for those who won them. They will do the follow up on the auction. Lynn asked if the stud fee was being pursued for next year. Colleen stated she was not sure that would be forth coming, but everyone would be working for a good auction for next year. Colleen suggested that an MHSA letter for donations, identifying MHSA and the person asking for donations for the Auction.

e. Medallion Finals Committee – Laurel Robinson, Kelly Hulse, Jane Gaines- switching the schedule to adult western to evening and adult saddle seat to morning. Horse show said not a problem. Not many people at Forum to discuss saddle seat medallions. Need to have people at the Forums, a reminder in the newsletter

will go out. Kelly to write a reminder. 17 and & under Junior Saddle Seat and Stock Seat will be at the Calvary Show in October.

- f. Nominations Committee – Jean Kraus – Sarah Mechlin is leaving the board as she has moved out of state. Jean taking nominations.
- g. Hunter/Jumper Council – Sarah Booker via telephone call, reported that the Council is good to go.
- h. Youth Council – Kelly Hulse reported that they held a pizza party and music at Chapter 5. We need someone on the youth council for hunter jumper area. Colleen and Connie will help for H/J.
- i. Western Committee – Karen Craighead, Jenny Petterson – no report
- j. Marketing Committee - Liz Drew - Suggested we get mailing list from other organization, but since MHSA does not give their list out, board did not feel that would work, but Liz suggested we put in show packet a letter on why you should join MHSA More explanation regarding medallion classes and other pertinent information.
- k. Sportswear Committee – Laura Ward – no report
- l. Web Site – Karen Pautz – up to date - need the posting of nominations.
- m. Distinguished Service Award – need to think about who we want to nominate during the year. It was suggested that a life time membership be given to all recipients of the award. Diane Stephens made a motion, Linda Ferber seconded. Motion carried by board.

V. New Business

- a. Committee formulation for 2008 – Jean Kraus – President Booker needs to formulate the committees. This will be referred to her. Send committees to everyone to mark committees they want to serve on.
- b. Horse show fees- \$50.00 for show, it was suggested that one day shows pay only \$25.00 for show, Karen suggested that we have a count of one day shows. Need to have a committee to check on number of single shows. Sue will look into the prospect of doing different fees for different shows. One day \$25.00, two day \$50, 3-5 \$75.00 . Karen will serve on the committee.
- c. Move Kickoff to Boone County – Lynn stated that she had had conversations with Leonard on the possibility of moving the show to the Boone County show grounds. The estimated cost will be about \$2000 more. Linda Faerber stated that Lenard was contracted to do the Kick Off Show. Last year was the biggest Kick Off show. The board will look at this issue but no plans are being made at this time to move the show.
- d. Medallion clarification – Jane Gaines, Kelly Hulse – In order to facilitate the patterns for this year for 13 and under and 14-17 to go to pattern A.
- e. September Meeting date. – The September meeting date scheduled was Labor Day; it was voted we move the meeting to **September 3rd, Wednesday**
- F. Historian – An article on Marvin Harwood was submitted to the newsletter.
- g. Academy – problem with judges not giving riders in these classes enough time in the ring. What can be done to give more bang for the buck? It was suggested that we rewrite the specs on the class and add this to the rule book.

Future Meetings: September 3, 2008, November 3, 2008, February 6 & 7, 2009

VI. Adjourn - Meeting adjourned. 7:48p.m. Respectfully submitted: Michele Smith