

September 3, 2008

MHSA Board Meeting • Hilton Garden Inn Columbia, Missouri

Minutes

Present: Robyn Armer, Jennifer Bechtel, Sarah Booker, Liz Drew, Rosy Erganian, Jane Gaines, Dean Hodge, Jean Kraus, Karen Pautz, Linda Roos, Andrew Shayotovich, Michele Smith, Sue Webster
Absent excused: Rhonda Boles, Linda Faerber, Linda Fielder, Lynn Frazee, Colleen Hertzog, Lisa Holderle, Kelly Hulse, Connie Mechlin, Jennie Petterson, Laura Ward
Absent unexcused: Karen Craighead, Laurel Robinson, Diane Stephens

- I. Call to order – President Sarah Booker called the meeting to order at 6:25 pm.
- II. Minutes – minutes accepted as corrected.
- III. Officer Reports
 - a. Treasurer – Linda Faerber – Report given by Sarah Booker. All the prizes have been paid for year-end awards. Sarah will get hold of Linda to see what we have spent so far.
 - b. Membership – Sue Webster passed a page out listing the membership in comparison to last year. Membership is down compared to last year. It was stated that people can't afford to show with the current economy. Karen Pautz stated that people who join and go to a lot of shows get the points people who can't afford to go to shows don't join because they have no points for year end. Rosy stated that in eventing only a small number are MHSA members. Liz stated that people have no idea who MHSA is, and flyers need to be in programs. Sue passed out a flyer to present at shows. It was suggested that the flyer should be seat specific. Karen said it needs to be stated that we represent all disciplines. Liz said SLADS would do a full page ad for MHSA. Jean suggested we create a multi page brochure, and Liz stated that we have one in the mix. She will email to everyone. Liz to create text, Jean to make into brochure using MHSA banner Sue will send brochure and stand to show secretaries. There was a question to Sarah through email addressing point secretaries. "How do we know points are there? Could show secretaries respond with points received?" Jean stated that the points are posted.
 - c. Show Membership – Sue Webster passed out a sheet showing the shows this year and last year. The shows are 10 in dressage 2 down from 2007, 7 in Eventing compared to 6 in 2007, 58 in H/J, same as last year and 34 in Show Horses and Ponies compared to 31 last year.
 - d. Eventing – Rosy Erganian – Results in Roth's shows and Kirkwood, Queenie and Longview
 - e. Dressage – Lisa Holderle – no report
 - f. Hunter/Jumper – Jean Kraus – results are in newsletter and website. Can't get Boo Wright to send results for the March and May shows. Showplace sent results but they aren't readable. Sarah will talk with computer tech at Showplace. Ledges have sent nothing. Sue mentioned that there was no insurance form from Ledges. Sarah said she would get the form from them. Karen suggested that we put next to shows on web as to whether points have been received. Lake St. Louis Shows are only paid as members through the April show, Sarah will check with Linda Jackson regarding shows from May on.
 - g. Show Horses/Ponies – Sue Webster – Midwest charity never nominated, advertised as nominated, but too late now. All up to date
 - h. Newsletter Editor – Jean Kraus – Delayed in St. Louis mailing. Good response to newsletter, points in the newsletter. Need articles; next newsletter due out in December.
 - i. Medallion Secretary – Kelly Hulse sent out letters for medallion qualification. Report was given by Jane Gaines. Kelly will be hosting breakfast for riders. There will be gift bags for riders. Kent Swalla has added \$500.00 will talk with William Woods University and Stephens College regarding scholarships. Will try to do a pamphlet again as they did last year. Specifications are ready for judges and competitors. Jean asked if Jane would be there to hand the specs to the right people. There needs to be more riders and more stock seat riders. Beth Korenak raised the questions; if she has medallions left from prior shows does she have to pay again in order to have Medallion classes at upcoming shows? As long as you own medallions for your classes, you do not have to pay for the more according to Kelly.

IV. Old Business Committee Updates

- a. 2008 Banquet Report – Lynn Frazee - has reserved the room in the banquet center, which hasn't been built yet. Sarah will call to check on banquet dates.

- b. 2008 Horse Person of the Year – Jacqueline Wessel – need nominees by next meeting, maybe a picture and bio. Jean will run the same ad. Needs to be MHSA member
- c. 2008 School Horse of the Year – Lynn Frazee – no report. Through email Lynn stated: she thought last year the way it was done was wonderful.
- d. 2008 Silent Auction Report – Laura Ward, Colleen Hertzog – no report
- e. Medallion Finals Committee – Jane Gaines, Laurel Robinson, Kelly Hulse, reported earlier.
- f. Nominations Committee – Jean Kraus – has several names and if you have a suggestion for people email Jean. The ballot goes in the November issue of the newsletter. Keep the distribution in the group as even as possible among the seats. Distance a problem.
- g. Hunter/Jumper Council – Sarah Booker – Eleanor Woodward has expressed interest to donate the trunks for the H/J medallion year end high point awards again this year. Proposed rule changes for 2009 rule, novice children’s hunter and low children’s hunter and the adult novice, have been low in attendance. Jean reminded us that the rule book comes out 2010, proposed changes can be added to the new rulebook prior to February 2010.
- h. Youth Council – Kelly Hulse reported earlier in the meeting.
- i. Western Committee – Karen Craighead, Jenny Petterson – no report
- j. Marketing Committee – Laurel Robinson, Liz Drew – Needs something in hand to take to people.
- k. Sportswear Committee – Laura Ward – no report
- l. Web Site – Karen Pautz – Karen will put on the web site the results received. She will also mark those shows that have not reported if point secretaries will get that information to her.

V. New Business

- a. Committee formulation for 2008 – Sarah Booker - Jean was asked to co-chair with Sarah for remainder of 2008 and 2009.
- b. Horse show fees – Sue – passed out a sheet showing the fee schedule showing the differences between the current and proposed fee schedule. Proposed: \$25.00 for a one day show, \$50.00 for a two day show, and \$75.00 for three day or more shows. This would be a gain of \$1195.00 over current fees. A motion was made to accept the proposed change. It was unanimously passed by the board.
- c. MHSA show management regulation and control – Sarah Booker brought up the fact that MHSA does not have much control over management for kickoff show for Show Horses and Ponies. The options are to hire show management; do we want to make regulations for our own kickoff show, what are the options for board to go to management, regarding staff at shows. Confusion as to structure of the show, it used to be volunteers, but no longer Kickoff shows were to give money for MHSA scholarships. Leonard Davenport has run the show and given \$1000 each year regardless of making money or not. This seems to work without MHSA being directly involved in the management.
- d. MHSA Saddle Seat Medallion Finals age split – Jane Gaines, Kelly Hulse reported there is no age split.
- e. Drug Testing at MHSA Show- Beth Korenak emailed Sarah with the following problem. She has an issue with people bringing horses to her show and drugging them. Beth is willing to put in the prize list that she will drug test. She wanted a proposal to come from the board. Problematic: who selects vets, what will censures be. What are the liabilities for MHSA. It was suggested that we agree with USEF, up to show management. Need to talk with Lawyer regarding legalities.
- f. Going Green – Michele Smith – It was suggested we send more prize lists via email, not only from an economic standpoint but from a environmental standpoint. Sue said she would send the email addresses to those who wanted them.
- g. Sarah to call Jody, the banquet representative for the Hilton regarding future meetings and whether food can be ordered off the menu. Several people wanted more choices than that given out.

VI. Adjourned - 8:26 p.m.
 Respectfully Submitted
 Michele Smith, Secretary

***Future MHSA Board Meetings: November 3, 2008, February 6,
 Open Board Meeting & Awards Banquet ~ February 7, 2008***

