

**February 5, 2010 Pre Banquet Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Peachtree Banquet Center - Columbia, Missouri**

**I. Call to order** – by President Sarah Booker, 6:30 pm

15 Members were present: Robyn Armer, Jennifer Bechtel, Rhonda Boles, Sarah Booker, Christy DeMauro, Rosy Erganian, Linda Faerber, Jane Gaines, Lisa Holderle, Jean Kraus, Connie Mechlin, Karen Pautz, Jennie Petterson, Sue Webster and Ken Wheelen.

Excused absences: Liz Drew, Ellen Guss, Colleen Harper-Hertzog, Kelly Hulse, Tami Johnson, Laurel Robinson, Linda Roos, Michele Smith, Kent Swalla, Janet Thompson and Jacqueline Wessel.

Unexcused absences: Karen Craighead and Andrew Shayatovich.

**II. Minutes** – 4 corrections from prior minutes requested as follows:

- a. Jennie Petterson was an excused absence for 8-24-09 meeting, not unexcused.
- b. Lisa Holderle should have been listed as an excused absence for the 11-24-09 meeting.
- c. 11-24-09 Under Point Secretaries report Hunter/Jumper – Jean Kraus discussed the Ground Pole and Cross Rails division specifications. The correction was to take the possible rule changes to the upcoming H/J Forum at the Banquet for voting and 2010 Rule Book inclusion.
- d. Under New Business 11-24-09, Rule Book Committee – “Points only to count from MHSA show for dressage.” is incorrect and should be stricken from the 11-24-09 minutes.

Minutes were accepted as amended.

**III. Officer Reports**

- a. Treasurer – Linda Faerber – reported assets of \$14,339.65 in Checking account, \$11,996.75 in Savings account, \$13,731.33 in CD. Total assets \$40,067.73.  
All banquet related receipts need to be submitted to Linda for reimbursement as soon as possible.
- b. Membership – Sue Webster – 145 Renewing Members as of 1-31-10, 17 New Members.  
Membership Income \$12,543.00, Expenditures \$68.98. New Membership form was discussed.
- c. Show Membership – Sue Webster – As of 1-31-10 number of renewing shows include: Dressage 4, Eventing 3, Hunter/Jumper 51, and Show Horses/Ponies 18. Show Membership Income \$3515.00, Expenditures \$176.46.
- d. Point Secretaries
  - i. Dressage – Lisa Holderle reported no problems with her year end points. Rule change proposal discussed for Banquet Forum. Question came up whether Dressage was included in the contiguous states rules. It was agreed that it was.
  - ii. Eventing – Rosy Erganian – Points are done without problems. Asked if in Eventing the contiguous states rules also apply? It was agreed that it does.
  - iii. Hunter/Jumper – Jean Kraus reported that there had not been any problems regarding H/J points. Discussion was had over whether High Point Hunter Awards should be consolidated. The decision was made to let the Member’s attending the H/J Forum choose.
  - iv. Show Horses/Ponies – Sue Webster – All is ready for the Awards tomorrow.
- e. Newsletter Editor – Tami Johnson, reported via e-mail that the newsletter was progressing nicely. She would like to remind all Board Members to “Be the eyes and ears reporting in to her, because she is now living in Florida and she cannot pick up current news/ events as quickly as we all see them happening in Missouri”.

- f. Medallion Secretary – Kelly Hulse sent report to state 17 medallions had been sent out in 2009. No medallions have been sent so far for 2010.
- g. Financial Steering Committee – Jane Gaines reported nothing new.
- h. Website – Karen Pautz reported that the web site now has increased security in place.

#### IV. **Old Business – 2009 Banquet Preparation**

- a. Banquet Report – Ken Wheelen reported 173 pre registered tickets had been reserved; Banquet Sales should total \$5150.00. Everything is in order and looking promising for the Banquet. The Board then thanked Ken and Michele Smith for planning MHSA's 2009 celebration so well. Sue Webster added that "the Deal of the Century" had brought in \$2055.00 for member's Award Sponsorship this year.
- b. Silent Auction – Christy DeMauro reported that 110 items have been promised for the auction. One of the feature items was a one way horse shipment from Missouri to Lexington, KY with Creech Bros. Van Lines. Auction will be set up and ready for Banquet. Christy's mother Donna DeMauro has volunteered to be on hand Saturday to help run the auction. The Board thanked both Christy and Donna for all they have done to make the Silent Auction a success this year.
- c. Year End Awards – Jennie Petterson – Wants to decide on 2010 Awards at the May meeting for the upcoming year. Ordering Awards was too hectic around Christmas to have enough viable options. Voting on 2010 Awards at the May Board meeting was decided upon.
- d. School Horse of the Year – Connie Mechlin – New Hall of Fame will be ready for the Banquet.
- e. Horse Person of the Year – Jacqueline Wessel – award is here and ready to present.
- f. Forums – Leaders be ready with discussion topics for these
  - i. Dressage & Eventing – Karen Pautz will be discussing offering Opportunity classes at 2010 shows and adding Opportunity classes into the new Rule Book.
  - ii. Hunter/Jumper – Jean Kraus will discuss rule changes needed and the High Point Hunter consolidation.
  - iii. Show Horses/Ponies – Kelly Hulse is prepared to discuss and handout new Medallion patterns, the Medallion Finals possibilities and rule changes. Sue Webster added that she would like to reconsider how points are calculated for 2010 during the Forum.
  - iv. Youth Forum – Jennie Petterson will address inviting the MHSA youth to participate more as a group in the Association.
- g. Art Show – Jennie Petterson is prepared for the show at the Banquet. She is already making plans for next year's Banquet Art Show to include an award for the best use of Baling Twine and an award for the best use of the MHSA Logo. Team and individual awards will be given next year.
- h. Jeff Shikles Distinguished Service/Lifetime Achievement Award – Jennifer Bechtel reported that all is ready and she looks forward to awarding it at the Banquet.
- i. Sportswear Committee (Banquet Apparel Store) - Robyn Armer reported that everything is in order to sell t-shirts, duffle bags and embroidered book bags at the Banquet this year.

#### V. **Old Business – not specifically Banquet related**

- a. Medallion Matters – Sarah Booker
  - i. Medallion H/J Sponsors is still needed. Sarah asked the Board to continue to seek a new \$500 Scholarship Donor for the upcoming year.

- ii. MHSA will need to locate a new horse show to host the 2010 Saddle Seat and Stock Seat Medallion Finals. The Calvary Episcopal Horse Show in October has been canceled in 2010.
- b. Hunter/Jumper Council – Sarah Booker stated that the Lake St. Louis horse shows had paid for show membership for 2010, December – April was paid so far.
- c. Show Horse/Ponies Council – no report given
- d. Marketing Committee – no report given. Sarah Booker stated that a new Chairman was needed for 2010.
- e. Rulebook Committee - Rhonda Boles informed everyone that the Rule Book was on hold until after the Banquet Forums for the changes to be included for this year.
- f. Legal Question – Jane Gaines answered the 11-24-09 question regarding what Officers are eligible to vote. Having reviewed the Corporation bylaws, the determination was that all Officers except the President are eligible to vote. The President will only cast his/ or her vote in order to break any tie vote.

#### **VI. New Business**

- a. Nominations Committee – Sarah Booker reported
  - i. Incoming 2010 Board Members presented to include: Holly Dometrorch, Lynn Frazee, Deborah McAlexander, Stephanie Peterson, Gina Vehige, Stacy Wright, and Kate Younker. Re-Elected Board Member is Laurel Robinson. New Board Members were accepted as presented.
  - ii. 2010 Slate of Officers presented to include:  
Sarah Booker, President • Michele Smith, President Elect • Jennie Petterson, First Vice President  
Janet Thompson, Second Vice President • Linda Roos, Executive Secretary • Linda Faerber, Treasurer.  
Slate of Officers was accepted as presented.
  - iii. Sarah and MHSA thanked retiring Board Members for their service to the Association: Rhonda Boles, Karen Craighead, Liz Drew, Ellen Guss, and Andrew Shayatovich.
- b. 2010 Committee Formulation was tabled until the March 1, 2010 meeting.
- c. 2010 meeting dates; and meeting venue for 2010 meetings were discussed and voted upon:  
Board Meetings to convene March 1, May 10, August 23, and October 25, 2010 to meet at Tucker Dining Hall (located at William Woods University) Fulton, MO. The Pre-Banquet Board meeting to be held February 18, 2011 in Columbia at a location yet to be determined and the Annual Awards Banquet to be held February 19, 2011 in Columbia at a location yet to be determined.
- d. Additions or further comments were: Sarah Booker thanked Sue Webster, Connie Mechlin and McKenzie Booker for coming early in the afternoon to help with the awards set- up prior to the Board Meeting. She then presented all Board Members with a personal note of her appreciation along with a MHSA coffee mug.

#### **VII. Meeting adjourned 8:20 pm**