

**August 24, 2009 • MHSA BOARD MEETING Minutes**

Arris' Restaurant, Fulton, MO

**Members Present** – Sarah Booker, Christy DeMauro, Liz Drew, Rosy Erganian, Linda Faerber, Jane Gaines, Colleen Harper-Hertzog, Lisa Holderle, Kelly Hulse, Laurel Robinson, Linda Roos, Michele Smith, Sue Webster, Ken Wheelen, Jacqueline Wessel

**Excused Absences** – Robyn Armer, Rhonda Boles, Tami Johnson, Jean Kraus

**Unexcused Absences** – Jennifer Bechtel, Karen Craighead, Ellen Guss, Connie Mechlin, Karen Pautz, Jennie Petterson, Andrew Shayatovich, Kent Swalla, Janet Thompson

**Call to order** - The meeting was called to order by President Sarah Booker at 6:35pm.

I. **Minutes**-The minutes as distributed were approved with no changes.

II. **Officer Reports**

A. **Treasurer** – Linda Faerber distributed a financial statement. We have a total gain for the year to date ended July 31, 2009 of \$1319.18

B. **Membership** – Sue Webster – All categories are down. When people are contacted they tell us that they are not showing as much this year or are going to fun shows due to the economy. Allowing people to renew memberships at shows needs to be reconsidered – many forms & checks have been lost. Sarah will try to help track them down.

	<b>MEMBERS</b>	<b>HORSE NOM</b>	<b>RIDER NOM</b>	<b>HORSE SHOWS</b>
<b>DRESSAGE</b>	<b>56 – 6 NEW</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>15 – up 4</b>
<b>EVENTING</b>	<b>39 – 4 NEW</b>	<b>32</b>		<b>8 – up 1</b>
<b>H/J</b>	<b>135 – 33 NEW</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>83 – up 19</b>
<b>SH/P</b>	<b>183 – <u>34 NEW</u></b>	<b>189</b>	<b>68 (Equitation)</b>	<b>39 – up 8</b>

**NEW MEMBERSHIPS: 77**

C. **Show Membership** – Sue Webster – We still have had no response from the Lake St. Louis H/J series who have failed to pay their 2009 horse show memberships fully. Discussion followed as to how we needed to proceed in collection of fees since this set of shows are advertising on all their prize lists that they are MHSA recognized horse shows. Our members will be upset if they find out their points haven't been counting. We are still having trouble collecting insurance forms from shows.

#### D. **Point Secretaries**

1. Eventing – Rosy Erganian – will get caught up & mail to Karen Pautz for inclusion on the website.
  2. Hunter/Jumper – Jean Kraus – points are on the website.
  3. Show Horses/ Ponies – Sue Webster – up to date.
  4. Dressage – Lisa Holderle – mid-year points did get onto website.
- E. **Newsletter Editor** – Tami Johnson – First newsletter of the year is out now. Please forward any items to Tami. We need to get the Banquet forms out in the October newsletter & again in November.
- F. **Medallion Secretary** – Kelly Hulse - The Central States Medallion Class was huge. We have 14 nominated Junior Riders, 7 of whom are new. 5 Seniors, 3 new, 3 Junior Stockseat, 1 New, 5 Senior Stockseat, 3 New. It needs to be clear that riders have to be members & nominate.
- G. **Financial Steering Committee** – Jane Gaines – We contacted an attorney to find out if we could legally hold a raffle & the answer was no. We are not a religious or a charitable organization. We need to follow through on the new fees & get the new forms out soon.
- H. **Website** – Karen Pautz – the website is not current. Sarah Booker will contact Karen to see if it's possible to post updates.

### III. **Old Business**

- A. **Banquet venue decision** – Ken Wheelen – Peachtree Banquet Center is the best value. They are \$1000 cheaper than the Hilton & the more people we have, the cheaper it gets from a starting cost of \$27.15. We need to do away with free tickets, except for 2 for the Shikles award winner & one for a guest speaker. There was more discussion about whether the association would pay for the Friday night Board meeting dinner & the consensus was to leave it as an option for board members to make donations toward the dinner individually.
- B. **Horse Person of the Year** – Jacqueline Wessel – Nothing new – reiterated that if we have no nominations, we should not present the award.
- C. **Medallion Matters** – Jane Gaines – We disbursed \$3500 in scholarships. We should put some quotes from the “Thank You” notes on the website.
- D. **Youth Council** – Kelly Hulse will approach Kimmy German as possible Youth Leader.
- E. **Western Committee** – Karen Craighead – No report
- F. **Marketing Committee** – Liz Drew – Will forward the brochure to Sarah Booker for proofing.
- G. **Show Horses/Ponies Council** – Kent Swalla – No report

- H. **Sportswear Committee** – We aren't ordering more sportswear until we sell stock on hand.
- I. **Silent Auction** – Christy DeMauro – Sarah Booker will get Christy the silent auction preparation book on how to get started.
- IV. **New Business**
- A. **Year End Awards** – Tami Johnson – absent – Lisa Holderle will forward a catalog to Jacqueline Wessel that contains many less expensive items of nice quality. We have to find items to fit our budget of \$25. We may use the extra coolers for high point awards if possible for an entire division.
- B. **Membership Forms** – Sarah Booker – Should be ready for inclusion in the next Newsletter.
- C. **Electronic Newsletter** – We need to get going on this – it will be listed as an option on all 2010 membership forms.
- D. **Rule Book Committee** – Point Secretaries need to submit rule changes need for The new rule book. Rule Book will be available online.
- E. **MHSA List Serve for members** – Sue was put on a Yahoo discussion group as mediator without notification. We would rather have a chat line or something on the website. This discussion was tabled until November.
- F. **Additional Issues**
1. PayPal Account for MHSA- costs too much. Sue Webster & Linda Faerber are not comfortable using it.
  2. Lisa Holderle brought to attention that none of the Extraordinary Dressage Rule Changes had been written in the Newsletter or been posted on the Website. The dressage forum made some significant changes, but no one knows about them, so how do we proceed? She will look at her sent e-mail file & try to find the changes as we voted on them.
- V. **Adjourned at 8:50 PM**

Respectfully submitted,  
Liz Drew  
Executive Secretary

**Reminder: Future MHSA Board Meetings**

- Monday, November 2, 2009 - Arris' Restaurant- Fulton, MO
- Friday, February 5, 2010 - Peachtree Banquet Center- Columbia, MO
- Saturday, February 6, 2010 Awards Banquet & Annual Business Meeting Peachtree Banquet Center- Columbia, MO