

## November 24, 2009 • MHSA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tucker Dining Hall WWU, Fulton, Mo

**Members Present** – Robyn Armer, Rhonda Boles, Sarah Booker, Karen Craighead, Rosy Erganian, Jane Gaines, Colleen Harper-Hertzog, Kelly Hulse, Jean Kraus, Connie Mechlin, Karen Pautz, Jennie Petterson, Laurel Robinson, Linda Roos, Michele Smith, Sue Webster, Jacqueline Wessel

**Excused Absences** – Jennifer Bechtel, Christy DeMauro, Liz Drew, Linda Faerber, Ellen Guss, Tami Johnson, Kent Swalla, Janet Thompson, Ken Wheelen

**Unexcused Absences** – Andrew Shayatovich

**Call to order** - The meeting was called to order by President Sarah Booker at 6:15 pm.

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

II. **Officer Reports**

A. **Treasurer** – Report given by Sarah Booker for Linda Faerber- \$15,356.79 in checking, \$13,731.33 in CD, totaling \$29,088.12.

B. **Membership** – Sue Webster – All categories are down. When people are contacted they report 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</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>EVENTING</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>32</b>		<b>8</b>
<b>H/J</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>84</b>
<b>SH/P</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>70 (Equitation)</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>Family memberships</b>		<b>44</b>		
<b>Individual</b>		<b>182</b>		
<b>Junior</b>		<b>100</b>		
<b>College</b>		<b>9</b>		

**Total New Memberships for 2009: 78**

Question brought up as to what constitutes Family memberships, how many members/generations does it cover? When do these memberships end? Jean Kraus suggested that it be clarified in the rule book. Parent, guardian and junior rider clarified. Family memberships would constitute 2 adults and children living in one household. Also, Sue brought up the problem of people joining at horse shows. Show secretaries can provide the form, but ask the person to take it home and mail it in. Membership forms should no longer be given to show secretaries.

- C. **Show Membership** – Sue Webster – There will be some problems arising with the closing of Midway Expo. Dates may change due to change of venue. The show membership report is reported under memberships above.
- D. **Point Secretaries**
  - 1. Eventing – Rosy Erganian reported all points are in and forwarded to Karen Pautz for inclusion on the website.
  - 2. Hunter/Jumper – Jean Kraus – points entered for received shows. Jean will post those shows who have not sent results. In the future Sue Webster will put the barn and trainer name with the horse nominations name in order to simplify point determination. Jean also stated cross rail hunter 18” and under will encompass everything under 18” including ground poles for the upcoming year. The question was brought up about giving year end certificates for this division. Question to be discussed further at the upcoming H/J Forum at Banquet.
  - 3. Show Horses/Ponies – Sue Webster – Doing OK. Janet Thompson voted UPHA Horseperson of the Year at the American Royal. Will recognize that award at the banquet.
  - 4. Dressage – Lisa Holderle – no report
- E. **Newsletter Editor** – Sarah Booker reported for Tami Johnson who has moved to Tampa Florida, and has agreed to continue doing the newsletter.
- F. **Medallion Secretary** – Kelly Hulse – It was decided not to give equitation cards in the future.
- G. **Financial Steering Committee** – Jane Gaines presented the results of Executive Board vote on MHSA salary reductions. It was agreed upon a 30% reduction and that these salaries will be revisited in the future. Newsletter will be cut to 3 a year. Those members receiving salaries will be given free memberships.
- H. **Website** – Karen Pautz – year end results will be posted on the web once she receives the points.

### III. **Banquet Business**

- A. **2009 Banquet** – Ken Wheelen – Will be at the Peachtree Banquet Center in Columbia, MO and all is on track. There will be a late fee charged after January 29, 2010 on banquet tickets.
- B. **2009 Horse Person of the Year** – Jacqueline Wessel – There are no nominations and it was decided to drop this award in 2009.
- C. **2009 Year End Awards** – Jacqueline Wessel – There is not a final decision on year end awards as yet. Jacqueline will check on garment bags for under \$25.00. There are 11 or 12 left over coolers, which will be put on hold for another year. Chairs again for High Point. Sarah Booker will get final count for High points. 3 plaques are needed. Need sponsorships for ribbons and trophies. It was decided to use the same ribbon company as last year. Dye problems were worked out. Sue Webster will do a final count on the ribbons. Perpetual Trophy Collection – Jane Gaines will collect all the trophies.
- D. **2009 Silent Auction** – Christy DeMauro – the auction will be run as last year. There will be a donation form in the newsletter.
- E. **2009 School Horse of the Year** – Connie Mechlin – There will be posters of past years – School Horse hall of fame.
- F. **2009 “Jeff Shikles” Life time Achievement Award** – Jennifer Bechtel – Descision was made on this years recipient.

### IV. **New Business**

- A. **Nomination Committee** – Michele Smith – suggested we enforce the 2 times unexcused absence rule. Nominations are in order. Would like to have more people willing to serve on the Board.
- B. **Medallion finals** – Kelly Hulse – Need to readdress Stock Seat Medallion Format and Adult Saddle seat format for 2010, as per discussion at 2009 Banquet SH/P forum discussion/decisions. Jane Gaines did a wonderful job on the Medallion Book. Medallion finals had 16 qualified, 10 showed. Out of that 10, 7 were 13 and under. Senior Saddleseat did not have enough numbers to fill class. Drop senior Saddleseat and Stockseat finals and just have high point award. Rule book needs to say that a rider must show in 2 classes throughout the year to qualify for junior medallion finals. Kelly Hulse will get the specific wording to Rhonda Boles. Rule passed unanimously. Unless a rider pays the equitation fee, they can not show in finals. Sarah Booker has purchased, and will also donate the Huntseat tack trunks, still looking for a new sponsor for the H/J medallion.
- C. **Hunter/Jumper Council** – Sarah Booker reported that Sarah Good has agreed to serve on the council next year.
- D. **Youth Council** – Karen Craighead – no report
- E. **Western Committee** – Karen Craighead – wants to incorporate into the show horses/ponies committee. There was discussion and it was decided to incorporate.
- F. **Show Horses/Ponies Council** – see Western Committee report above.
- G. **Marketing Committee** – Liz Drew – no report. Sarah reported the flyers are out.
- H. **Sportswear Committee** – Robyn Armer – no report
- I. **Rule Book Committee** – Rhonda Boles – Laura Ward will review the Morgan rules, Western OK. Karen Pautz will rework dressage classes. Points only to count from MHSA shows for dressage. Need to update plain shod walking horses. Jean Kraus will give Rhonda Boles the point changes to follow USEF point structure.
- J. **Additional Issues**
  - 1. E-mail Scam correspondence and discussion. Legal advice was to wait and let it run its course.
  - 2. Review bylaws on who is eligible to vote. Sarah Booker will run it by legal for possible bylaw changes before annual meeting.

V. **Adjourned at 8:30 pm**

Respectfully submitted,  
Michele Smith  
Acting Executive Secretary