

March 1, 2010 Board Meeting Minutes
Tucker Dining Hall (WWU) Fulton, Missouri

I. Call to order by President Sarah Booker, 6:15 pm

23 Members were present: Robyn Armer, Jennifer Bechtel, Sarah Booker, Christy DeMauro, Linda Faerber, Lynn Frazee, Jane Gaines, Colleen Harper-Hertzog, Lisa Holderle, Kelly Hulse, Jean Kraus, Deborah McAlexander, Connie Mechlin, Karen Pautz, Laurel Robinson, Linda Roos, Michele Smith, Janet Thompson, Gina Vehige, Sue Webster, Jacqueline Wessel, Ken Wheelen and Kate Younker.

Excused Absences: Holly Dometorch, Rosy Erganian, Tami Johnson, Stephanie Petersen, Jennie Petterson and Stacy Wright.

Unexcused Absence: Kent Swalla

II. Minutes – Jane Gaines corrected the 2-5-2010 minutes regarding which officers were eligible to vote. It should read: All officers, except the President, and all directors and appointed positions are eligible to vote. Minutes were accepted as amended.

III. Officer Reports

- a. Treasurer – Linda Faerber reported, as of 1-31-10 assets of \$14,393.70 in Checking account, \$12,077.56 in Savings (Scholarship) account, \$13,757.21 in CD. Total assets \$40,228.47.
All banquet related receipts need to be submitted to Linda for reimbursement as soon as possible.
- b. Membership – Sue Webster reported as of 3-1-10, Dressage riders 8, horses 27. Eventing horses 22. Hunter/Jumper Equitation riders 59, horses 133. Show Horses/Ponies Equitation riders 24, horses 22.
Updating new membership form was discussed. Sarah Booker will form a committee to do so.
- c. Show Membership – Sue Webster was thrilled to report that the Lake St. Louis H/J shows have paid their show membership fees, in full, for 2010. As of 3-1-10 number of shows include: Dressage 8, Eventing 3, Hunter/Jumper 63, and Show Horses/Ponies 22.
- d. Point Secretaries
 - i. Dressage – Lisa Holderle reported no shows to do yet.
 - ii. Eventing – Christy DeMauro will be working with Secretary Rosy Erganian in 2010.
 - iii. Hunter/Jumper – Jean Kraus reported that show results were coming in.
 - iv. Show Horses/Ponies – Sue Webster – All awards have been delivered to those members who could not attend the Banquet.
- e. Newsletter – Sarah Booker reported that the newsletter deadline for the next issue is March 10. Please send any articles or information to Editor, Tami Johnson right away. It was brought up that the Newsletter needed to be directed toward personalized MHSA Members and not so many generalized topics/ articles. The topic of announcing the most current Newsletter to all members, via blind copy e-mail link was suggested and will be implemented as soon as possible. Discussion was also held regarding voting via e-mail next year for Horse Show of the Year, and for nominations for year end awards.
- f. Medallion Secretary – Kelly Hulse reported that Junior Stock Seat, Senior Stock Seat and Senior Saddle Seat Medallion will all be run as year end high point divisions in 2010. There will not be Finals for those classes. All qualifying Medallion classes will remain the same. Patterns for Medallion classes will be posted on the website. Kelly addressed needing to revise the 2 Saddle Seat patterns, the format was not correct for Saddle Seat. Sarah Booker volunteered to redo the patterns. The Junior Saddle Seat Finals will be held at the St. Louis National Charity Horse Show in Lake St. Louis - September 2010.
- g. Financial Steering Committee – Jane Gaines presented an analysis of the 2009 income and expenses, which had a loss of \$8,843.00. She also projected expenses through year end 2010. Cost savings measures implemented in 2009 will not be fully realized until 2010. Jane will continue to monitor the financial situation as we cannot have a loss for 2010.

- h. Website – Karen Pautz discussed posting the Newsletter and Rule Book for member access.

IV. **Old Business – 2010 Banquet Preparation**

- a. Banquet Report – Ken Wheelen presented a financial report on the 2010 Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet. Ticket Sales of \$5,560.00, Board Member donations for Friday night's meal of \$150.00, Total Income \$5,710.00. Peachtree Banquet Center bills included: Friday evening rooms/ meal \$624.78, Saturday rooms and meal \$3,392.26. Total expenses: \$4,017.04. Total profit was \$1,692.96. Ken felt that the Banquet was a great success, and a good time was had by all. The 2010 Pre Banquet Board meeting will be held February 18, and the Banquet will be February 19, again at the Peachtree Banquet Center in Columbia, Missouri.
- b. Silent Auction – Christy DeMauro announced that she would serve again next year as the Chair for the Silent Auction. She passed out her Auction report to all, which included income totaling \$2,295.25. Christy feels that the Silent Auction is a big favorite at the Banquet, and it was decided to include it next year.
- c. Year End Awards – Jacqueline Wessel will serve again as Co-Chair of the awards along with Jennie Petterson.
- d. School Horse of the Year – Connie Mechlin is happy to run the SHOTY at next year's Banquet.
- e. Horse Person of the Year – Kelly Hulse was congratulated by the Board for receiving the HPOTY honor this year.
- f. Forums – overview
 - i. Dressage & Eventing – will be offering Opportunity classes at 2010 shows and adding Opportunity classes into the new Rule Book.
 - ii. Hunter/Jumper – High Point Hunter awards will be consolidated in 2010. New divisions will be listed in new Rule Book. H/J forum was well attended and quite positive.
 - iii. Show Horses/Ponies – Attendance was high with 24 members. New Medallion patterns were talked about and voted on. The decision was made to change Junior Stock Seat, Senior Stock Seat and Senior Saddle Seat Medallion into yearend high point award divisions. No Finals will be held for these divisions. The Scholarship will remain in place for the Junior Stock Seat Medallion year end champion. Junior Saddle Seat Medallion will remain as a Finals Competition. It was also agreed to that the SH/P points tabulation will be changed in the new Rule Book.
 - iv. Youth Forum – 13 youth members attended. Youth requests were: to bring back the WHEELLEN QUIZ for next year's Banquet and more fun activities at the Banquet. Having a Youth Representative(s) to attend MHSA Board Meeting was agreed upon. 3 Youth Members volunteered. Election of Youth Officers was discussed.
- g. Art Show – Suggestion was made to vote on "People's Choice Award" next year with donations rather than by votes.
- h. Jeff Shikles Distinguished Service/Lifetime Achievement Award – Sarah Booker reported that the response from Debbie Erickson was "Thank you MHSA, so much for honoring my mother in this way!" It was suggest that articles be sent to major equine publications.
- i. Sportswear Committee (Apparel Store) - Robyn Armer reported that T-shirts sold well. Income was \$420.00. Discussion was to table ordering addition inventory until the October meeting.

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

- a. Medallion Matters – (see Medallion Secretary report above)
- b. Hunter/Jumper Council – no report
- c. Show Horse/Ponies Council – no report
- d. Marketing Committee –Sarah Booker stated that a new Chairman was still needed for 2010.
- e. Rulebook Committee – Jean Kraus reported that the new Rule Book was getting finalized, if anyone had any additions please provide them soon. Proofreaders will be needed, Michele Smith and Lynn Frazee volunteered. Gina Vehige will review the Walking Horse rules.

VI. **New Business**

- a. 2010 Committee Involvement form was distributed. Sarah Booker asked everyone to sign up for any committees that they wished to serve on for 2010. She would e-mail the final Committees for 2010 within 10 days.

VII. **Guest Speaker** Karen Craighead, President of the Missouri Equine Council was welcomed to speak on the topic of current animal welfare legislation in Missouri.

VIII. **Meeting adjourned 8:30 pm**

Respectfully submitted: Linda C. Roos, Executive Secretary