

August 23, 2010 • Board Meeting Minutes
Tucker Dining Hall (WWU) - Fulton, Missouri

I. Call to order - by President Sarah Booker at 6:30 p.m.

Members present: Robyn Armer, Sarah Booker, Christy DeMauro, Holly Dometrorch, Linda Faerber, Lynn Frazee, Jane Gaines, Colleen Harper-Hertzog, Lisa Holderle, Karen Pautz, Stephanie Petersen, Linda Roos, Michele Smith, Sue Webster, Jacqueline Wessel, Ken Wheelen and Stacy Wright.

Excused absences: Rosy Erganian, Kelly Hulse, Tami Johnson, Deborah Alexander, Connie Mechlin, Jennie Petterson, Laurel Robinson, Kent Swalla, Janet Thompson, Gina Vehige and Kate Younker.

Unexcused absences: Jennifer Bechtel and Jean Kraus.

II. Minutes - Linda Roos – March 1, 2010 meeting minutes accepted and reapproved. May 10, 2010 meeting minutes accepted and approved.

III. Officer Reports

- a. Treasurer - Linda Faerber reported the current assets as of July 31, 2010, were: Checking Account \$30,741.24, Savings Account (Scholarship Account) \$9,079.21, CD \$7,777.98 Total Assets \$47,598.43.
- b. Membership - Sue Webster- As of 8-23-2010: Total Members; Renewals 253, New Members 47, Life Members 8. Family 55, Individual 154, Junior 82, College 17. Dressage: Members 50, Horses 51, Riders 17. Eventing: Members 40, Horses 33. Hunter/Jumper: Members 122, Horses 169, Equitation 76. Show Horses and Ponies: Members 170, Horses 164, Equitation 48. Expenditures since last meeting: \$310.03. Rule Book mailing (included) \$283.92.
- c. Show Membership - Sue Webster- As of 8-23-2010; Dressage Shows 15, Eventing Shows 9, Hunter/Jumper Shows 70, Show Horses and Ponies Shows 39. Income since last meeting \$900.00. Expenditures since last meeting \$253.88
- d. Point Secretaries
 - i. Dressage - Lisa Holderle -The August 14 Round To It Combined Test was rained out. Discussion was held concerning show dates wanted, taken from show that already holds that date. The show that already holds the date will be given first choice. If there is a rule question or problem, the MHSA President should be consulted. Dressage or Eventing issues can also go to the new Dressage Council, consisting of Karen Pautz, Christy DeMauro, Rosy Erganian, and Lisa Holderle.
 - ii. Eventing - Christy DeMauro suggested a possible addition to the rule at Events where all three phases are being run (Dressage, Cross Country, and Stadium) and no cross entries are allowed. Riders would be allowed to enter one of the two classes and be counted for MHSA year end points. The two classes must both have a maximum height of 2 feet during the cross country phase. One of the divisions will allow Stadium to 2 feet, 3 inches, and Dressage may be either walk and trot, or walk, trot, and canter. This change will only be allowed at mini events or horse trials where all three phases are being run. Riders can only get MHSA points for one division at these shows. At shows where combined tests are run (Dressage and Stadium), and riders are allowed to cross enter, the rules already set in the rule book will apply.
 - iii. Hunter/Jumper - Jean Kraus – No report given.
 - iv. Show Horses/Ponies - Sue Webster stated that mid- year points are included in the July Newsletter.
- e. Newsletter Editor – The newsletter was mailed August 21, 2010. President Sarah Booker suggested that a Newsletter Task Force is formed to plan future production goals, time frame, possible outsourcing of the Newsletter, job description of Editor, and review the Editor's salary. Lynn Frazee, Karen Pautz and Stacy Wright will study the future production of the Newsletter. Concern was noted that the association is spending more money and not producing the product as promised to members and advertisers.
- f. Medallion Secretary - Kelly Hulse stated that all Medallions have been delivered for 2010.

- g. Financial Steering Committee - Jane Gaines reported that MHSA is still in the black, the rule book is paid for, and we are doing well. Keep up the good work!
- h. Website-Karen Pautz – will be updating the web site. Please e-mail suggestions to her.

IV. Old Business – Banquet Related

- a. Banquet Report - Michele Smith will do the table decorations again this year. Ken Wheelen asked that all Board Members RSVP for the Friday night dinner by Feb. 10. The dinner will be donated by MHSA, but can be paid for by each member, if desired, to assist MHSA financially. The “trivia” quiz will be reinstated.
- b. Silent Auction - Christy DeMauro suggested that the auction be held in the Hunter/Jumper-Dressage room. More vendors would be welcome. Vendor fees will be waived if a Silent Auction item, valued over \$50.00 is donated. Christy needs two or three people to help set up Friday night. Articles donated from the Columbia or Kansas City area can be picked up. Contact Michele Smith or Sarah Booker.
- c. Year End Awards - Jacqueline Wessel /Jennie Petterson- Rosewood picture frames will be awarded to winners, and throws with MHSA logos and horse logos given for high point awards.
- d. School Horse of the year - Connie Mechlin asked that every Board Member think of a possible school horses to nominate this year.
- e. Horse Person of the Year – No report given.
- f. Art Show - Jennie Petterson- Along with the regular art contest there will be a bailing twine art contest. Votes will be cast by dollar bills the winner being the bailing twine artist with the most “votes.” Proceeds go to MHSA. There will also be a scavenger hunt.
- g. Distinguished Service/Lifetime Achievement Award - Janet Thompson. This is a very prestigious award to those who receive it. The recipient does not have to be a member of MHSA. Suggestions are appreciated.
- h. Sportswear Committee - Robyn Armer – Stacy Wright agreed to take the inventory to sell.

V. New Business

- a. Hunter/Jumper Council-Stacy Wright – For hunt seat medallion, classes require only two riders instead of three to compete.
- b. Show Horses and Ponies Council-Lynn Frazee is the new chairman of the Show Horses/Ponies Council. Assisting members are Colleen Harper-Hertzog, Linda Roos, Sue Webster, and Jacqueline Wessel.
- c. Marketing Committee-Stacy Wright is busy updating the MHSA Facebook fan page.
- d. Rulebook Committee-Sue Webster. Rulebooks were sent by regular mail rather than UPS, as it was a cheaper fee. We are trying to encourage members to have their rulebooks sent by computer as it saves on postage.
- e. Youth Advisory Group-no report.
- f. Additions-Yahoo Discussion Group-The Board discussed and then voted on the Yahoo Discussion Group. The unanimous vote passed to no longer use the MHSA Yahoo Discussion Group.

VII. Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda C. Roos
Executive Secretary