

October 25, 2010 • Board Meeting Minutes
Tucker Dining Hall (WWU) - Fulton, Missouri

I. Call to order - by President Sarah Booker at 6:00 p.m.

Members present: Robyn Armer, Jennifer Bechtel, Sarah Booker, Christy DeMauro, Rosy Erganian, Lynn Frazee, Jane Gaines, Lisa Holderle, Kelly Hulse, Jean Kraus, Karen Pautz, Laurel Robinson, Linda Roos, Michele Smith, Janet Thompson, Gina Vehige, Sue Webster, Jacqueline Wessel, Ken Wheelen and Stacy Wright.

Excused absences: Holly Dometrorch, Linda Faerber, Colleen Harper-Hertzog, Deborah Alexander, Stephanie Petersen, Jennie Petterson and Kate Younker.

Connie Mechlin and Kent Swalla have resigned from their positions on the board, effective as of the 10.25.10 meeting. Lynn Frazee will now take on the duties as the MHSA's Newsletter Editor. Tami Johnson has been relieved of her position on the Board of Directors as she now resides permanently in Tampa Florida.

II. Minutes - Linda Roos – August 23, 2010 meeting minutes were accepted/approved as written.

III. Officer Reports

- a. Treasurer - Linda Faerber sent report to show the current assets as of October 25, 2010, were: Checking Account \$23,880.42, Savings Account (Scholarship Account) \$9062.94, CD \$7,777.98 Total Assets \$40,721.34.
- b. Membership - Sue Webster- As of 10-25-10: Total Members: Renewals 253, New Members 50, Life Members 8, Family 55, Individual 157, Junior 83, College 17. Dressage: Members 50, Horses 51, Riders 17. Eventing: Members 40, Horses 33. Hunter/Jumper: Members 125, Horses 169, Equitation 76, Show Horses/ Ponies: Members 172, Horses 164, Equitation 48. Income since last meeting: \$402.00, Expenditures since last meeting: \$60.05.
- c. Show Membership - Sue Webster- As of 10-25-2010: Dressage 16, Eventing 9, Hunter/Jumper 70 for 2010, 1 for 2011, Show Horses/ Ponies 39. Income since last meeting: \$150.00, Expenditures since last meeting: \$3.76.
- d. Point Secretaries
 - I. Dressage - Lisa Holderle - All shows are in and points counted.
 - II. Eventing – Rosy Erganian - All shows are in, with the exception of Cedarlane.
 - III. Hunter/Jumper - Jean Kraus – We have 70 shows, they soon will be completed.
 - IV. Show Horses/Ponies - Sue Webster stated that mid- year points are included in the July Newsletter.
- e. Newsletter Editor – Lynn Frazee will take over as the Newsletter Editor effective immediately. Discussion was held on the question of whether to omit printing mid-year points in the newsletter. Reporters are needed from each discipline for articles, photos, fun events, etc. Stacy Wright will do Hunter/Jumper, Gina Vehige-Walking Horses, Lisa Holderle-Dressage, and Robyn Armer-Eventing. There was a question regarding the publishing of two newsletters a year instead of Lynn Frazee will be the new editor of the newsletter. Discussion was held on the question of no longer printing mid-year points in the newsletter. Mid-year points will still be posted on the web site. Reporters are needed from each discipline for articles, photos, fun events, etc. Stacy Wright will do Hunter/Jumper, Gina Vehige-Walking Horses, Lisa Holderle-Dressage, and Robyn Armer-Eventing. There was a question regarding the publishing of two newsletters a year instead of three, and whether to send it electronically rather than through the mail. Discussion was tabled until the March meeting for further information. A motion was made to charge \$5.00 to members wishing to have a paper printed newsletter sent via mail. Motion passed. This fee will be implemented in 2011.
- f. Medallion Secretary - Kelly Hulse-stated that the Junior Medallion Saddle Seat Finals at the St. Louis National Charity Horse Show had eight high quality riders compete. Fifteen riders had qualified in 2010. The St. Louis National Charity Horse Show wants to hold the Medallion Finals for MHSA again in 2011.

- g. Financial Steering Committee - Jane Gaines stated that MHSA is still in the black. Insurance payments and year end awards are all paid for. High point awards will be taken care of soon.
- h. Website-Karen Pautz –reregistered the organizations name-Missouri Horse Shows Association. Names of nominated riders and horses will be printed on the website. The Yahoo Discussion Group has been removed from the website.

IV. Old Business – Banquet Related

- a. Banquet Report – Ken Wheelen - All is in line for the upcoming banquet. There was discussion on having award high point winners photos projected onto a large screen during the banquet, but not during the awards. The cost will be investigated and voted on via email.
- b. Silent Auction - Christy DeMauro- It was decided that numbers be given out to bidders rather than writing their names when bidding on items. There is a need to have a list of names, addresses, and phone numbers from bidders. We also need more cashiers, and each should have a runner to retrieve the items being purchased.
- c. Year End Awards - Jacqueline Wessel - Picture frames are being assembled. High point awards will be “striking” MHSA afghans (throws).
- d. School Horse of the year – Because of the resignation of Connie Mechlin, Sarah Booker asked for a new volunteer to run the SHOTY. Jennifer Bechtel agreed to take over as the chair for SHOTY committee.
- e. Horse Person of the Year – This honor will be pursued again this year. The nominees must be MHSA members.
- f. Art Show - Jennie Petterson- No report given.
- g. Distinguished Service/Lifetime Achievement Award - Janet Thompson. Quite a few names have been suggested for the award. A list of nominees and their biographies should be sent to the board, who then vote and via e-mail.
- h. Sportswear Committee – Robyn Armer – announced the opportunity to purchase more new MHSA t-shirts at a good price and will place a minimum order. MHSA will donate remaining t-shirts to local handicapped riding academies.
- i. Collection of Perpetual Trophies will be done by Sarah Booker, Lynn Frazee and Jane Gaines.

V. New Business

- a. Nominations Committee – Michelle Smith –Nominees have to have been an MHSA member for two years prior to board membership. Ten nominees have been received so far. November 5th is the final date for nominations. The ballots will be reviewed by the Executive Board prior to the banquet. There are seven positions to be filled. Board Members finishing their terms in 2010 are: Jacqueline Wessel, Robyn Armer, Deborah McAlexander and Gina Vehige.
- b. Dressage/ Eventing Council- No report given.
- c. Hunter/Jumper Council-Stacy Wright – spoke about her trip to the World Equestrian Games at the Kentucky Horse Park. She related that it was an unbelievable experience.
- d. Show Horses/ Ponies Council-Lynn Frazee reported that there was discussion of adding open gaited horses into our organization, and of starting a “natural” American Saddlebred pleasure horse class.
- e. Marketing Committee-Stacy Wright Four new shows are being encouraged to join MHSA.
- f. Youth Advisory Group- Kate Younker conducted a pumpkin Decorating contest at the Discovery Horse Show that was a big success. She is working on ideas for the American Royal, such as a judging clinic, and perhaps a junior judging contest in conjunction with it. She is also considering a signature scavenger hunt.
- h. Additions-
 - I. MHSA Kickoff Show Contract –Jane Gaines-Lenard Davenport will be giving up the last year of his contract for the 2012 Kick-Off Show. We will need a new horse show manager. There was discussion as to having the Kick Off show closer to St. Louis, rather than in Sedalia.
 - II. Janet Thompson spoke on the proposal to implement a program entitled “Partners in Equitation,” whereby saddle seat equitation riders, throughout the levels, including academy, will partner with riders throughout the levels, enrolled in therapeutic riding programs.
 - III. Proposition B was discussed.

VII. Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda C. Roos
Executive Secretary