

March 21, 2011 • Board Meeting Minutes (corrected 8.29.11)

Tucker Dining Hall (WWU) - Fulton, Missouri

- I. **Call to order** - by President Sarah Booker at 6:11 p.m. – Sarah introduced the new board members: Carol Clasby, Kate Coup, Kari Felton, Erica Jobe, Sarah Thomas, and Anne Barry Weber.

Members present: Robyn Armer, Jennifer Bechtel, Sarah Booker, Carol Clasby, Kate Coup, Christy DeMauro, Holly Dometrorch, Rosy Erganian, Linda Faerber, Jane Gaines, Colleen Harper-Hertzog, Kelly Hulse, Jean Kraus, Karen Pautz, Laurel Robinson, Michele Smith, Sarah Thomas, Janet Thompson, Gina Vehige, Anne Weber, Sue Webster, Jacqueline Wessel, Ken Wheelen, and Stacy Wright.

Excused absences: Lynn Frazee, Lisa Holderle, Erica Jobe, Stephanie Petersen, and Linda Roos.

- II. **Minutes** - February 18, 2011 meeting minutes were accepted/approved as written.

III. Officer Reports

- a. Treasurer - Linda Faerber sent report to show the current assets as of January 31, 2011, were: Checking Account \$25,237.23 Savings Account (Scholarship Account) \$8,899.55, CD \$7,801.21 Total Assets \$41,937.99. Linda explained the problems with collecting on bounced checks and discussion ensued over putting a bounced check notice on the membership form. Motion made/passed to raise the printed newsletter annual fee to \$10 for the 2012 membership year.
- b. Membership - Sue Webster- As of 3-21-11: Total Members: Renewals 219, New Members 32, Life Members 17, Dressage: Members 30, Horses 28, Riders 13. Eventing: Members 34, Horses 18. Hunter/Jumper: Members 98, Horses 153, Equitation 58, Show Horses/ Ponies: Members 89, Horses 87, Equitation 18. **Income to date: \$1,808.00**, Expenditures since last meeting: \$24.88. There was discussion concerning our practice of keeping non-renewed members from past two years on membership list in case they rejoined. Motion made/passed to remove 2009 non renewing members off of membership list Motion made & passed to take non-renewing 2010 members off of list by May 1. An announcement will be put in the next newsletter. Note was made that Stacy Wright and Kari Felton had promoted 23 new Hunter/Jumper members. To make sure that nominated members know that they are nominated; it would be good if lists for each discipline area were posted on the website. Janet Thompson stated that members had to give permission for this to happen – this should go on the membership form.
- c. Show Membership - Sue Webster- As of 3-21-2011: Dressage 7, Eventing 4, Hunter/Jumper 56, Show Horses/ Ponies 30. Income to date: \$1860.00, Expenditures year to date \$90.19. Discussion took place concerning shows that do not send in for membership and yet advertise as MHSA shows, shows that are member shows but who do not send in results. A committee (Christy DeMauro, Sue Webster, Sarah Booker) was formed to look at the definition of what a 'series' is. Problems with getting the proof of insurance form from member shows and an explanation was given to the new members of why MHSA requires insurance.
- d. Point Secretaries
- I. Dressage - Lisa Holderle – No report given.
 - II. Eventing – Rosy Erganian – No events have taken place.
 - III. Hunter/Jumper – Stacy Wright – announcement was made that Jean Kraus will step down as point secretary and Stacy Wright will take this on.
 - IV. Show Horses/Ponies - Sue Webster stated that there were two shows that would not count for points.
- e. Newsletter Editor – Lynn Frazee – Sarah Booker is assisting Lynn Frazee – items for the newsletter can be sent to Sarah - A suggestion was made to put the Banquet photos up on the MHSA Facebook page.
- f. Medallion Secretary - Kelly Hulse—announced that she will step down for a year in 2012. Put out a call for an interim Medallion Secretary and stated she will help them. 14 Medallions have been sent out – we have enough for 2 yrs. – Kelly reordered the

Academy Medals and found the price had escalated. Expects the medal price to rise also.

- g. Financial Steering Committee - Jane Gaines stated that MHSA is still in the black. Assets have risen. Would like to see MHSA have a \$40,000 asset buffer. Funding for the scholarships is not there for this year. This is still needed. Discussion by Sarah Booker of soliciting scholarship funds from major companies such as Smart Pak, Tractor Supply, Ariat, etc.
- h. Website-Karen Pautz – this is up to date – keeping it up to date must be group effort and all members let Karen know when something is not as it should be. Discussion ensued of having each committee send information into the website.

IV. Old Business – Banquet Related

- a. Banquet Report – Ken Wheelen – Banquet attendance was down this year from 185 in 2010 to 120 in 2011. A change of date was suggested. Ken Wheelen, Michele Smith, and Sarah Booker will explore alternate dates for 2012.
- b. Silent Auction - Christy DeMauro- Many comments that the auction was more manageable this year. 104 items passed through the auction this year for a total of \$1971.50.
- c. Year-End Awards - Jacqueline Wessel - High point awards (MHSA afghans) were very popular and well received. The picture frames were not as thoroughly enjoyed by some of the winners who were children. There was active discussion of suitable year end trophies and all members were asked to find items and propose them to the committee. Saddle pads were suggested as possible choice.
- d. School Horse of the year – Jennifer Bechtel - went well at the banquet – it is good to have it right there for immediate voting – a suggestion of getting up sooner was made and accepted.
- e. Horse Person of the Year – Gina Vehige- a new form was created for this. Discussion took place over whether this award nominee had to be a MHSA member. This was not viewed favorably by board. This topic was tabled to the next meeting as there are several concerns that were expressed and more time is needed to work on these.
- f. Art Show – Jacqueline Wessel- went well with a good display of art work – people voting on their favorites brought in \$75.32 with the People's Choice award being very well received
- g. Jeff Shikles Distinguished Service/Lifetime Achievement Award – Sarah Booker – recipients were thrilled with the award.
- h. Forum Reports:
 - Dressage** – discussion of new helmet rule and Intro test that has canter. In **Eventing**, discussion of Green as Grass (18") as a possible MHSA division and Intro at 2'-2'3".
 - Hunter Jumper** – Pam Bishop has proposed a high point award for any division for a Fresh Start Farm foal. Will give \$150 to each High Pt. horse & owner and a free breeding to one of her stallions- this would necessitate MHSA tracking the horses and the points-this opens up the possibility of an Incentive breeding program for MHSA. There was some discussion of the Hunter Derby division and this will be explored. Interest was expressed in producing more hunter jumper oriented items for the newsletter – Pony Tails was suggested as a possible name. Need to relook at the titles/names of our divisions and the fence heights for the jumper divisions.
 - Show Horses/Pony** – the Medallion workout patterns for 2011 were selected; new wording on Medallion eligibility will be worked on, proposal to add Fox Trotters, Spotted Saddlebreds, Natural Pleasure class and a Saddle Type Model class to our possible classes.
 - Youth Forum** – Brenda Benner spoke to the group about Partners in Equitation and efforts to get this class up and running at the American Royal. Janet Thompson is the MHSA contact for this. Future thoughts to expand this program which is currently ASB to every seat. Discussion took place about what could attract more youth in an active role in the MHSA? Youth council, Youth board members and field trips were all thrown out as possibilities. After the Forum has ended, a question was raised concerning the current method of pinning the Medallion classes. The desire to change back to 1-10 placing's was expressed, the group reconvened and this was agreed upon.
- i. Sportswear Committee – Robyn Armer – \$725 deposited on the sale of the T-Shirts – we still have some remaining to sell. Has good ideas for a new shirt design and a shirt manufacturer.

V. New Business

- a. Nominations Committee – Michelle Smith – nothing to report until a future time
- b. Dressage/ Eventing Council- See forum report.

- c. Hunter/Jumper Council – see forum report.
- d. Show Horses/Ponies Council – see Forum report.
- e. Youth Advisory Group – Laurel Robinson-see Forum report.
- f. Marketing Committee – the MHSA Facebook page has 458 friends – Stacy Wright is monitoring this page – this page has the possibility of expansion into learning modules, classes, clinics, etc.
- g. No additions or corrections were made.

VII. Meeting was adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Dates for future meetings: Monday-May 2, August 29, October 24, 2011, and Friday-January 27, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Kraus
Secretary Stand-in