

**August 29, 2011 • Board Meeting Minutes**  
Tucker Dining Hall (WWU) - Fulton, Missouri

**I. Call to order** - by President Sarah Booker at 6:15 p.m.

Members Present: Robyn Armer, Sarah Booker, Christy DeMauro, Holly Dometrorch, Linda Faerber, Lynn Frazee, Jane Gaines, Lisa Holderle, Kelly Hulse, Erica Jobe, Jean Kraus, Karen Pautz, Linda Roos, Sarah Thomas, Gina Vehige, Anne Barry Weber, Sue Webster, Jacqueline Wessel, Ken Wheelen, and Stacy Wright.

Excused Absences: Carol Clasby, Kate Coup, Rosy Erganian, Kari Felton, Stephanie Petersen, Laurel Robinson, Michele Smith, and Janet Thompson.

Unexcused Absences: Jennifer Bechtel, and Colleen Harper-Hertzog.

**II. Minutes** - May 2, 2011 meeting minutes were accepted/approved as read.

**III. Officer Reports**

- a. Treasurer – Linda Faerber reported the current assets as of June 30, 2011 were: Checking Account \$32,121.51, Savings Account (Scholarship Account) \$8,978.05, CD \$7,806.97. Total Assets \$48,906.53.
- b. Membership – Sue Webster – As of August 29,2011; New Members - 53, Renewals - 282, Memberships – 335. Dressage Membership - 40, Renewals - 35, New - 5. Eventing Membership - 33, Renewals - 30, New - 3. Hunter/Jumpers: Horses- 180, Riders – 67. Show Horses/Ponies: Horses – 129, Riders – 33. Membership income to date: \$15,483. Membership Expenditures to date: \$135.72.
- c. Show Membership – Sue Webster. As of August 29, 2011: Nominated shows: Dressage - 20, Eventing-10, Hunter/Jumper- 72, and Show Horses/Ponies - 43. Income year to date \$4,985.00. Expenditures to date \$510.64.

Horse show membership has a late fee of \$75.00, to be paid within 30 days of the horse show. There was discussion that perhaps this fee was too high. A motion was made to eliminate this fee, and instead, double the horse show nomination fee. The motion carried. The question was brought up as to whether, when a horse show cannot be held, for whatever reason, may they hold the \$25.00 show fee, and use it for their show the following year? A motion was made that the shows be evaluated, on a case by case basis, to decide if the show fee would be held over until the next show season. The motion did not pass.

d. Point Secretaries

- I. Dressage - Lisa Holderle-USDF shows have to hire a large "L" judge or better, as is stated in the rulebook.
- II. Eventing - Rosy Erganian-no report.
- III. Hunter/Jumper - Stacy Wright-most monthly show points are up to date. Those not in are: the PWC horse show, and the Dublin Farms horse show.
- IV. Show Horses/Ponies - Sue Webster-Points up to the Illinois State Fair are up to date.

- e. Newsletter - Sarah Booker. Question: Do we wish to do a working add online, on our website, instead of the newsletter? It would be more current on the website. It will be decided at the October board meeting if a printed newsletter is still wanted. The newsletter is not cost effective to the MHSA organization. MHSA will need a new editor, if we decide to keep the newsletter. Sarah Booker will continue to edit it until the end of her term. A committee was formed to study this situation.
- f. Medallion Secretary - Kelly Hulse. MHSA has 37 medallions left. The price of medallions has gone up this year. The finals will be held at the St. Louis Charity Horse Show.

- g. Financial Steering Committee - Jane Gaines. Concerning the 2012 Kick off show, Tracy Mulligan has declined to put the show on. Lenard Davenport will have his show proposal in by September 10, 2011. Bridlespur Hunt Club has also proposed to run the Kick Off show. These proposals will be voted on by the board. The show will be held at the National Equestrian Center in St. Louis. Hunter/Jumper scholarships are being worked on by Sarah Booker.
- h. Website - Karen Pautz. All committees chairs are asked to review their portion of the website. Then e-mail Karen with any needed corrections, updates, and additions needed.

#### **IV. Old Business – Banquet Related**

- a. Banquet Report - Ken Wheelen. The 2012 banquet will be held January 27- 28, 2012 at the Peachtree Center in Columbia, Missouri. Vendors should contact Ken Wheelen if they wish to participate. More tables are needed for the art show.
- b. Silent Auction - Christy De Mauro. The auction will be held in the same location. More volunteers and more tables are needed.
- c. Year End Awards -Jacqueline Wessel. High Point trophy decision was announced.
- d. School Horse of the Year - Jennifer Bechtel. Voting will be held at the banquet.
- e. Horse Person of the Year - Gina Vehige. Persons can be nominated on the website must be a member of MHSA.
- f. Art Show - Kelly Hulse and Jacqueline Wessel. The art show will be a "horseshoe" theme, and each vote for the winner will be \$1.00.
- g. Distinguished Service/Lifetime Achievement Award - Janet Thompson. 2011 Recipient(s) have been decided upon.
- h. Sportswear Committee-Banquet Apparel Store - Robyn Armer. The t-shirt supplier is willing to sell shirts, etc. by order form with examples available.

#### **V. Old Business – Not Banquet Related**

- a. Nominations Committee – Michelle Smith – begin thinking of 2012 board nominees.
- b. Dressage/ Eventing Council - Karen Pautz - No report given.
- c. Hunter/Jumper Council – Holly Dometorch - No report given.
- d. Show Horses/Ponies Council – Lynn Frazee reported that the 2012 Kick Off show management proposals are coming in. Leonard Davenport has contacted Sarah Booker to request an extension on the proposal deadline, she granted it for him to be received by MHSA no later than September 9, 2011. A proposal from Bridlespur Hunt has been received already. The SH/P Council will review and discuss the proposals and then bring them to an e-mail vote; the decision will be announced to the board at the October meeting.
- e. Youth Advisory Group – Laurel Robinson - No report given.
- f. Marketing Committee – Stacy Wright – reported that we now have more than 500 members now on Facebook. Sarah Booker suggested that a link to MHSA 2012 membership form could be posted to promote more membership.
- g. Rulebook Committee - Sue Webster. No report at this time.

#### **VI. New Business**

- a. 2011 Committees - Sarah Booker suggested that all committee members should contact their committee chairman to discuss what their committee should be doing to make all committees become more productive for the association.
- b. No additions or further comments were made.

#### **VII. Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.**

Dates for future meetings: October 24, 2011, and Friday-January 27, 2012. 2011 Annual Awards Banquet Saturday-January 28, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Roos  
Executive Secretary