

Friday, January 27, 2012 □ Board of Directors Dinner and Meeting Minutes
 Peachtree Banquet Center - Columbia, Missouri

I. Call to Order- President Sarah Booker called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Members present: Robyn Armer, Jennifer Bechtel, Sarah Booker, Christy DeMauro, Holly Dometrorch, Rosy Erganian, Linda Faerber, Lynn Frazee, Jane Gaines, Lisa Holderle, Erica Jobe, Karen Pautz, Laurel Robinson, Linda Roos, Michele Smith, Sarah Thomas, Janet Thompson, Gina Vehige, Anne Barry Weber, Sue Webster, Jacqueline Wessel, Ken Wheelen, and Stacy Wright. Guest-Donna DeMauro.

Excused absences: Carol Clasby, Kate Coup, Kelly Hulse, Stephanie Petersen, and Kari Felton.

Unexcused absences: Colleen Harper-Hertzog, Jean Kraus.

II. Minutes -The minutes of the October 24, 2011 meeting were accepted and approved as distributed and read.

III. Officer Reports

- A. Treasurer-Linda Faerber reported the current assets as of December 30, 2011. The checking account: \$29,933.70. Savings Account (Scholarship Account): \$10,299.03; CD-\$7,817.68. Total Assets: \$48,050.41. MHSA's USEF affiliate membership was renewed for 2012. The cost of the membership was \$150.00.
- B. Membership-Sue Webster reported that, since memberships would be received en masse the following day, any report given at this time would be materially inaccurate in 24 hours.
- C. Show Secretary-Sue Webster reported that letters have been sent to show managers to assure that they send their show points in to MHSA. Sue reported on voting for Horse Show of the Year. Out of 300 ballots sent to members, only 17 were returned. The question was raised as to whether this award should be discontinued. The discussion was tabled until the March meeting. \$2,008 was collected this year (2011,) for award sponsorships at the banquet.
- D. Point Secretaries
 1. Dressage-Lisa Holderle reported that dressage shows have not started for 2012.
 2. Eventing-Rosy Erganian reported that events have not started for 2012.
 3. Hunter/Jumper-Stacy Wright reported that she has begun a Membership drive again, handing out applications at hunter/jumper shows. She also reported that Dublin Farms did not send in their MHSA show points for two years in a row. They had paid to nominate four shows, and called them MHSA point shows on their prize lists. Following discussion, a motion was made that Dublin Farms shows not be recognized in 2012 as MHSA shows. The motion carried. A disclaimer will be posted on the website so that exhibitors will be warned that participation in those shows will not result in their earning MHSA points, and the incoming President will send Boo Gonzalez a letter of explanation.
 4. Show Horses/Ponies-Sue Webster reported that shows have not started for 2012.
- E. Medallion Secretary-Sarah Thomas reported that new medallions for the MHSA Medallion classes need to be ordered. She reported that she has sufficient academy medallions for the year. Scholarship funds are in good order, but donations are always needed. The Ashley Fund has \$5,000. If funds are available, under the terms of the Fund, the winner receives a \$1,000.00 scholarship, and the reserve winner receives a \$500.00 scholarship.
- F. Financial Steering Committee-Jane Gaines reported MHSA operated in the black in 2011. The expenses reported for 2011 do not, however, include the award expenses, which are substantial. Belts need to be tightened to get through these tough economic times.

IV. Old Business-2011 Banquet Preparation

- A. Banquet Report-Ken Wheelen reported that 148 tickets have been ordered. Vendors will be attending—including Janet Rohrman, Denise McElroy and a therapeutic riding center in the St. Louis area. A new trivia quiz will be held asking participants to identify the riders and drivers of horses and ponies identified on the quiz. Banquet assignments have been given out.

- B. Silent Auction-Christy DeMauro reported that items donated by large associations such as SLADS have been discontinued because MHSA does not reciprocate with donations to their associations' functions. Discussion was had about supporting other organizations through such donations. It was suggested that, especially as to SLADS, which has supported the MHSA for many years, a donation be made to SLADS for a MHSA show nomination, fee, or a MHSA membership, and that, as to other organizations, requests be considered on a case-by-case basis. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.
 - C. Year-end Awards-Jacqueline Wessel reported on the awards, which are beautiful throws bearing the MHSA logo.
 - D. School Horse of the Year-Jennifer Bechtel reported that some nominations have been received and more are expected during the banquet.
 - E. Horse person of the year-Sarah Booker reported that Paul and Sally Jo Briney are expected at the awards banquet and will be honored as Horse Persons of the Year.
 - F. Member Forums.-Leaders should be ready with discussion topics for these forums. Everyone who attends the forums needs to sign up, even as guests. We need to know who, and how many are there, and get their contact information.
 - G. Art Show-Jacqueline Wessel reported that participation has been very light.
 - H. Distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award-Janet Thompson reported that the award will be given to Jack and Betty Swanson., whose children wrote the presentation speech. Sarah Booker will read the speech, as if from Emily, Beth and Greg.
 - I. Sportswear Committee (banquet apparel store)-Robyn Armer reported that has placed an order for more MHSA t-shirts and has adequate supplies for the banquet. She will set up a store during the day.
 - J. Collection of Perpetual Trophies-Erica Jobe reported that all trophies have been returned. A suggestion was made that the perpetual trophies not be taken home by winners, as there is too much wear and tear on them, and that a smaller memorial trophy be given to them to keep. The perpetual trophies could be displayed in a public place in Columbia-perhaps the Boone County Historical Society. If some divisions wish to take their perpetual trophies home, and all agree, this would be called a traveling trophy. The decision will be made by those who donate the trophy, if possible.
- V. Old Business-not specifically Banquet related:
- A. Dressage/Eventing Council – Karen Pautz reported that all is in good shape. National winners who are members of MHSA will be highlighted at the banquet.
 - B. Hunter/Jumper Council – Holly Dometrorch-no report at this time.
 - C. Saddle Horse/Pony Council-Lynn Frazee reported that the Council will look over the rules in our division for the new rule book.
 - D. Marketing Committee-Stacy Wright reported that MHSA brochures for horse show offices were given out.
 - E. Rulebook Committee-Sue Webster reminded the Board that 2013 is the new Rulebook year. Each council should turn in rule changes for their respective divisions. Bylaws committee should look at general bylaws by July of 2012. New rulebooks will be ready to distribute at the banquet next year. We will discuss rule changes at this year's banquet.
 - F. Website – Karen Pautz reported that all is up to date.
 - G. Youth Advisory Committee – Laurel Robinson reported that proceeds from the sale of MHSA bracelets go towards scholarships. \$300.00 has already been deposited from the sale of the bracelets. Perhaps this should become a youth project. It was also suggested that the school horse of the year award be considered as a youth project.
- VI. New Business
- A. Nominations Committee-Michele Smith Michele presented:
 - 1. 2012 slate of officers: President-Janet Thompson, President Elect-Michele Smith, First Vice President-Jacqueline Wessel, Second Vice President-Gina Vehige, Executive Secretary-Linda Roos, and Executive Treasurer-Linda Faerber.
 - 2. Michele presented the 2012 new board members: The new board members are Brenda Benner, Pam Bishop, Lisa Keefe, and Christy De Mauro (re-elected.) Retiring board members are: Jennifer Bechtel, Kelly Hulse, and Stephanie Petersen.
 - 3. 2012 Board Meeting dates are as follows: Monday, March 19, - Monday, May 7, - Monday, August 27, Monday, and October 22. Meetings will continue to be held at Tucker Dining Hall (WWU) at 6:00pm, in Fulton, Missouri.

VII. Adjourn-9:05 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda C. Roos, Executive Secretary