

**MISSOURI HORSE SHOWS ASSOCIATION**  
**Meeting of the Board of Directors**  
**March 19, 2012**  
**WWU—Fulton, MO**

I. Call to Order-President Janet Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members present: Pam Bishop, Sarah Booker, Kate Coup, Linda Faerber, Jane Gaines, Erica Jobe, Lisa Keefe, Jean Kraus, Karen Pautz, Linda Roos, Michele Smith, Janet Thompson, Gina Vehige, Sue Webster, Jacqueline Wessel, and Ken Wheelen.

Excused absences: Robyn Armer, Christy DeMauro, Holly Dometrorch, Rosy Erganian, Lynn Frazee, Lisa Holderle, Laurel Robinson, Sarah Thomas, Anne Barry Weber, Stacy Wright.

Unexcused absences: Brenda Benner, Carol Clasby, Kari Felton, Colleen Harper-Hertzog.

II. Minutes-The minutes of the March 19, 2012 meeting were accepted and approved as distributed and read.

III. Officer Reports:

A. Treasurer-Linda Faerber reported the current assets as of January 31, 2012. The checking account: \$27,113.96; Savings Account-(Scholarship Account)-\$10,364.91; CD-\$7,822.60. Total Assets-\$45,301.47.

All bills from the January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012 banquet have been paid. It is important that bills be paid promptly. Some stores will accept charges from MHSA. If that is the case, Board members are to give the store Linda Faerber's name and address. The banquet checking account is down for this time of year because of an early deposit to the Peach Tree Center, and the yearend awards which were paid early. All bills should be sent to Linda. She will send a copy of the bill and the check to the Board member who incurred the charge to ensure that it is accurate.

B. Membership-Sue Webster. Members: Renewals to date-142, Dressage-23, Eventing-21, Hunter/Jumper-62, Show Horses/Ponies-71. New Memberships-23: Dressage-1, Eventing-1, H/J-14, SH/P-10. Life Memberships-5. Dressage-1, Eventing-1, H/J-2, SH/P-1. Total memberships-155, Dressage-27, Eventing-23, H/J-78, SH/P-85. Horse Nominations: Dressage-24, Eventing-17, H/J-106, SH/P-94. Rider nominations:

Dressage-11, H/J-39, SH/P-19. Income to date-\$14370.00. Expenditures to date-\$163.93.

C. Show Membership-Sue Webster. Income to date-\$6150.00. Show expenditures to date-\$140.50.

Shows-Dressage-12, Eventing-8, H/J-68, SH/P-21.

D. Point Secretaries:

1. Lisa Holderle-Dressage-no shows as yet.

2. Eventing-Rosy Erganian-no report given.

3. H/J-Stacy Wright-no report given.

4. SH/P-Sue Webster. Results were received from the William Woods Winter Fun Show. Patterns are on the website. Sue will send the patterns to SH/P horse show managers. Stock seat patterns for 2012 will be the same as they were for 2011. Saddle seat patterns were developed based on suggestions given from the membership at the SH/P forum at the annual meeting.

E. Medallion Secretary-Sarah Thomas-no report given.

F. Financial Steering Committee-Jane Gaines. Jean Mutrux has reported that Wells Fargo is donating \$2,500.00 for scholarships. A member of MHSA, along with a representative from Wells Fargo will present the award at the Finals, using the over-sized check. A photo will be taken and put on the website and it will be offered to Wells Fargo for any advertising they choose to do. Jean Mutrux has seating available for representatives of Wells Fargo at the upcoming Kick-Off Show.

IV. Old Business-2012 Banquet Related.

A. Banquet report-Ken Wheelen made his report on the 2012 annual meeting and awards banquet:

Ticket sales-\$4,750.00. Donations for Friday night meal-\$309.00. Total income-\$5,059.

Peachtree Banquet Center bills: Friday evening rooms and meal (including microphone, podium, coffee and iced tea-\$4,013.00. Total Peachtree expenses-\$4712.25. Total profit-\$346.75. Numbers in attendance-150. This number is critical because the room

charges remain constant. If there is low attendance at the annual meeting, the cost per person increases. Contracts have been entered into for next year's banquet at Peachtree Center, which will be held on January 25-26, 2013. The meal may cost one or two dollars more than last year.

B. Silent Auction-Christy DeMauro. The silent auction was a great success. New volunteers will be needed for next year.

C. Yearend awards-Jacqueline Wessel. Divisional awards for 2012 were revealed. They were ordered from Janet Rohrman, who was at the annual meeting. They have already been delivered to Columbia. Janet Rohrman was also the source for the high point awards for SH/P for 2012. The awards committee still needs to obtain high point awards for Dressage, Eventing, and H/J.

D. School Horse of the year-Katie Coup. Discussion was had about involving the youth members to help make this their project.

E. Horse Person of the Year-Gina Vehige. Gina has some good candidates in mind, and ideas for nominations will be welcome. She will circulate a request for nominations as she did in 2011.

F. Forum Reports-(the following are reports received by Linda Roos from the scribes at the meeting forums).

1. Dressage/Eventing-Moderators: Karen Pautz, Rosy Erganian.-nothing to report as yet.

2. Hunter/Jumper-Michele Smith-We need to make rule changes so that decisions are closer to national rules.

3. a.) Show Horses/Ponies-Moderator: Lynn Frazee. MHSA Kickoff show will be hosted by Bridlespur Hunt Club and held at the National Equestrian Center in Lake St. Louis, April 12-14, 2012. For more information on classes and tentative show bills, please contact Jean Mutrux.

b.) MHSA Medallion News: -Sarah Thomas announced that there was a nice medallion class at the St. Louis Charity Horse Show. The money available for scholarships is year to year-depending on what is available in the budget. This year, in addition to the 2k William Woods scholarship, MHSA was able to give \$1,000 to the champion, and \$500.00 to the reserve champion. Saddleseat medallion participation is strong, while stock seat has less participation. A lot of the shows do not offer the medallion classes, so attendees were asked to encourage show managers to add these classes and to offer to sponsor them to show interest.

c.) Saddleseat Workouts: Three patterns were considered for 2012 and were shared with those in attendance at the meeting. Discussion was held on the difficulty of the patterns and the pros and cons of difficult versus easier patterns. Everyone was asked to vote on at least 2 patterns. At the end of the meeting, the patterns getting the most votes were "B" (similar to those submitted by Jeff Vogel and Annalisa Hall) and pattern "BB" submitted by Brenda Benner. Lynn Frazee will clean up the submissions and post them on the MHSA website.

d.) Stock seat Workouts-The workouts chosen last year will be re-posted to the website again in 2012. A motion was made, seconded and approved without opposition that the Junior Stock seat will be changed to finals vs. a "highpoint" program. No changes will be made to the Senior Stock seat program.

e.) Reminder was made that participants in the medallion program must be in 2 qualifiers to be eligible for the medallion finals. Since some show managers are not a good about sending in results as others, a motion was made, seconded and approved that a form will be placed on the website to have participants get the show manager to sign that they attended, participated and placed in the class to serve as a record of their participation.

f.) A new rule book will be printed before January, 2013 – A reminder that a new rule book would be made available in 2013. The following individuals will review their respective section, consult with their peers, and send ONE act of recommendations for changes to Sue Webster. Gina Vehige-TWH, SSH,-MFT-OGB. Laurel Robinson-Morgans, Sarah Thomas-Arabians, NSH, and Academy, Cathy Harris DVM-Ponies, Janet Thompson-English/Western Open, Natalie Stezovsky-ASB, Lynn Frazee-roadster. A suggestion was made that a 5 gaited park pleasure and open park pleasure driving be added to the park pleasure division.

g.) Medallion Division-The wording for saddleseat medallion finals changed to read "There must be at least 3 people who meet the requirements by year's end to award MHSA medallion year end trophy.

h.) Janet Thompson – ASB Sport Horse Committee-Janet reported that the ASHA Sport Horse Committee is trying to identify those professionals in the sport horse disciplines who are interested and willing to be listed a resources for those who want to market their horses to the sport horse disciplines. They will help to evaluate horses for those disciplines, be available to train, instruct and coach in those disciplines. The initiative is intended for pure and one half bred ASBs.

Interested parties are asked to contact Janet Thompson and Paula Briney.

4.) Youth Forum-Laurel Robinson. Twelve young members of MHSA were in attendance. There was good participation and enthusiasm.

Discussions: Volunteer opportunities at therapeutic riding centers. A guest speaker from the Kansas City area gave details. Partners in Education and the UPHA finals were discussed and promoted. Holly Dometrorch spoke about the MHSA bracelets and fundraising for Medallion finals scholarships. The possibility of a finals extra scholarship to be picked at random was brought up. Discussion on how difficult it is to get the whole youth group together, and how the potential of all the youth could do isn't being reached. The group is going to try to communicate via the MHSA Facebook page as a way to address the problem of lack of proximity to each other. Kara German will be in charge of this. They are also going to try to have someone write an article for each newsletter issue. The first author will be Anna Ehlen who will be writing about her experience at Morgan Grand Nationals competing in the youth contest. She also told the group about her experience. The youth will be taking over the School Horse of the Year at next year's MHSA banquet. Melissa Williamson will be chairing this with Gwyneth Hamrah being co-chair. Other possible activities were mentioned such as having judging seminars, membership drives, photo contests and other educational opportunities.

G. Art Show-Jacqueline Wessel-New idea for the next banquet. Have each participant create a table centerpiece for the banquet. The centerpieces will be judged to find the winner.

H. Jeff Shikles Distinguished Service Award – Janet Thompson reported that Jack and Betty Swanson were thrilled with their award, and also with the presentation speech written by their daughter. Nominees for next year are welcome.

I. Sportswear Committee (Banquet Apparel Store) – Robyn Armer. MHSA shirt sales did not sell well this year. Not many members even came into the room where the shirts were being sold, so we need to find a better location. However, this means we won't have to order more for next year's banquet.

V. Old Business – Non Banquet Related

A. Hunter/Jumper Council – Holly Dometrorch. No report given.

## B. Show Horses/Ponies Council-Lynn Frazee by Sue Webster – Extraordinary Rule Change.

There have been questions raised about how SHP points are awarded. The final result of the ASB Council was taken to the board for approval. One of the issues was that one points should be awarded the more prestigious shows...St. Louis Charity, American Royal, and such. We do award more points for longer shows, but not necessarily USEF rated, or higher premium shows. Do you feel there should be a distinction? If so, what would determine a show earning a higher number of points? What would the point spread be? There needs to be a way of rewarding quality in our horses and riders, and not just quantity of classes/shows/rides/points.

1.) Currently, if a show is one to three days long, the winner gets 8 points, 2nds gets 7; 3<sup>rd</sup>;6, 4<sup>th</sup>;5, 5<sup>th</sup>;4, 6<sup>th</sup>;3,7<sup>th</sup>;2, and 8<sup>th</sup> place gets 1 point. A show that is four days or more gets the same points. So, a single entry in a class gets the same points as if the class was full.

New Idea – Award points according to the length of the show as before, but also according to the number of entries in that class. For instance, a class has one entry, that horse/rider gets 1 point, instead of 8 points (for a 3-day show or less). If there are two riders, the winner gets 2, the second place horse gets 1, and so on. In this way, a horse that is the only entry does not get the full number of points as the winner of that class if the class was full, but does get points. Do we want to make the longer shows double the points of the shorter shows? MHSA only gives awards 1<sup>st</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup>; should we award points for placing lower than 6?

### 2.) End of the year High Point Award

Similar to what we are doing for the Senior Saddleseat, and Senior Stock Seat medallion classes...there must be at least three riders who meet the basic qualifications in order for the year end award to be presented. (Must be a member, must be nominated in Equitation, and must compete in at least two classes). In this case, it would be the High Point awards...High Point Horse, High Point Arabian, Most Versatile Morgan, but, unless there are at least two entries in a class, the points from that class will not count toward a High Point Award. The points would count toward a year end class award, but not the High Point. Also, it will count for purposes of making a horse/rider eligible for receiving a High Point award..i.e., If one must show in at least two (or three?) classes to be eligible for a High Point Award, a class that only had one entry in it would count as one of those two (or three) classes, although the points received in it do not count toward

high point calculations.

This helps overuse and abuse of animals shown in too many classes, fairness to all exhibitors, and quality of performance.

C. Marketing Committee-Stacy Wright. Sarah Booker will look into the possibilities of MHSA decals and bumper stickers.

D. Rulebook Committee – Sue Webster. Any rule changes should be sent to Sue by the end of July. The rulebook will be sent out in November. One document only, for everything from each division. The Bylaws and Constitution cannot be changed. MHSA needs to return to the language utilized when Ed Holderle brought it back into compliance for the Secretary of State's Office. A question was raised as to whether Dressage and Eventing could become one group. A motion was made, seconded, voted on, and passed.

E. Permanent trophies/Boone County Historical Society – Lynn Frazee by Sue Webster. The trophies will be set up in March. MHSA should join the B.C.H.S. Trophies can be retrieved for engraving and for the banquet. A motion was made to join B.C.H.S, seconded, voted on, and passed.

F. Website and Webmaster – Karen Pautz and Sarah Booker. The website is obsolete. A strong committee has been formed to modernize it—the members of which are Sarah Booker (chair), Karen Pautz, Tracy Feller, Beth Riggert and Margaret Booker. Many opportunities for change were discussed. A budget is needed. The newsletter budget could be used (this is an annual budget of \$3,000.00.) Karen will update the home page, and will clean up the navigation, explore an online way to accept money, so that members can join and pay MHSA on line, as well as completing online polls and voting. A motion was made to adopt the finances used for the newsletter to improve the website. The motion was seconded, voted upon, and passed. The salary of the Webmaster must be figured into the cost of the website. It also must be user friendly.

## VI. New Business

A. 2012 Committee Formulation – Janet Thompson will send out the committee formulation. MHSA needs ambassadors throughout the state, and not just necessarily board members, to reach out to other organizations.

B. 2012 BOD meeting dates/place decision – dates for future MHSA board meetings are: May 7, August 27, October 22, January 25-26. The May 7 meeting will be by conference call.

VII. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Linda C. Roos  
Executive Secretary