

MHSA Board Meeting August 25, 2014

Meeting called to order by President, Janet Thompson.

Quorum reached with 18 members present and one guest, Ted Webber, future Banquet Coordinator

There were no minutes from the May meeting, as there was no quorum for that meeting. Minutes from the March meeting were approved as written.

There was discussion regarding minutes, and was decided that meeting minutes as posted would be a brief summary of meeting activities, and details would be available upon request.

Office Reports:

Treasurer: Margie Torkelson

Current assets

Checking/Savings:

CD	\$7853.93
Checking	\$13,076.86
Savings	<u>\$12,169.08</u>
Total Current Assets	\$33,099.87

A detailed report was emailed to board members

Membership and Show Membership: Sue Webster

Reports were distributed via email. No questions or comments from board members

Point Secretaries:

General discussion about what appears to be more and more exhibitors who 'forgot' to nominate a horse, or their nominations 'got lost' or other reasons made for counting points for shows already past.

Reminder: if applications/payments are received up to two weeks following a show, points from that show will count.

Members are encouraged to check the list of nominated horses & riders online and to notify Membership Secretary, Sue Webster if there is an error or question.

Also, there seems to be a problem with shows not reporting results. Point secretaries are making every effort to retrieve results, but ultimately it is up to horse show management to see to it the results get to the appropriate point secretary.

Dressage: Lisa Holderle

Discussion as above. Points are up to date at this time

Eventing: Christy DeMauro

Discussion as above. Points are up to date at this time

Hunter/Jumper: Stacy Wright

Discussion as above. Points are up to date at this time

Show Horses & Ponies: Sue Webster

Discussion as above. Points are up to date at this time

Medallion: Sarah Thomas

No report

Financial Steering: Jane Gaines

In general, income is dropping, as are memberships and participation in general. As this appears to be an ongoing trend, we need to plan now for future financial stability.

Website: Tracy Feller

Report and discussion outlining an analysis of the financial value of the website.

Operations Manual: Janet Thompson

In progress

Banquet: Ken Wheelen

Report of finances related to the banquet.

Ken has indicated that the 2015 banquet will be his last, as he will resign his position on the Board as Banquet Coordinator. Ted Webber has agreed to step into that role.

MHSA Medallion Finals

Plans and funding for the 2014 Finals and awards discussed. After several years of not having a Stock Seat Finals, MHSA has partnered with 4H to provide a Stock Seat Finals. This will be the first year of this format. Saddle Seat Finals will be held at the St. Louis National Charity show, and Hunt Seat does not hold a Finals, but is a High Point award.

Year-End Awards: Stacy Wright

Discussion regarding cost and options for year end awards

Rulebook: Sue Webster

Revision of current rulebook on track.

Horseperson of the Year: Gina Vehige

One nomination so far. Nomination forms have been distributed via email. More nominations welcome.

Clarification: This award can be won by the same recipient more than once.

Shikles Distinguished Service Award: Janet Thompson

We have two nominees so far. More nominees welcome

Sportswear: Janet Thompson

A budget has been created for our sportswear to make this a revenue-builder. Sportswear sales are historically very successful for MHSA with positive returns on investments.

Council Reports

Dressage/Eventing: Lisa Holderle & Christy DeMauro

Reviewing rulebook and sending changes to Sue for the rulebook revision

Hunter/Jumper: Stacy Wright

Reported general participation in shows in down. Discussion regarding types of shows (schooling vs USEF rated) related to participation. Rated shows seem to have higher levels of participation at this time.

Show Horses & Ponies: Lynn Frazee & Gina Vehige

End of year 'Most Versatile Morgan' award will be dropped beginning 2015. This was a donated award, and the donation ceased, so 2014 will be the last year this award will be presented.

Added classes counting for points: classes added to a schedule at a show will not count for points. Horse Show

Membership Secretary must have a two week notice of an added class in order for those points to count.

TWH entries went well at MO State Fair. MHSA played a big part in getting Flat Shod TWH division included in State Fair program. The plan in to continue building participation at State Fair.

Marketing: Stacy Wright

Ready to start printing membership cards as soon as marketplace is ready

Historical Society: Janet Thompson

New director, Chris Campbell, of the Boone County Historical Society is anxious to partner with MSHA to do outreach activities.

School Horse Hall of Fame: Beth Riggert

Plan to initiate website nomination and voting, through FaceBook (Stacy)

Nominations: Stacy Wright

Committee needs volunteers to contact prospective board members.

Budget: Janet Thompson

Request made to all board members that any money spent or brought in be recorded. Any board member making donations or expenditures of any kind, either covered by MHSA or by the individual, needs to write it down. We need to know actual costs, even if the member is paying or donating.