



August 29, 2016

Phone conference call meeting held at 6:00p.m.

Hattie Francis, Christy DeMauro, Debbie Erickson, Margie Torkelson, Lisa Holderle, Lucy Rangel, Nancy Ehlen, Nancy Roth, Kris Wallace, Amy Nelson, Judy Wood, Missy Hughes, Kari Felton, Sarah Booker, Janet Thompson, Sue Webster, Debbie Thomas and Stacy Wright.

The treasures report was given by Margie Torkelson.

Debbie Erickson reported there are 20 shows complete with 7 shows to go. With only 11 horse shows that have reported to date.

E. Medallion Secretary Missy Smith reported the finals are coming up in Sept, discussion followed Missy wanted to know if Ribbons and coolers were ordered.

Hattie will pursue tax relief for MHSA becoming a 'foundation' and the scholarship being a 501C3.

Amy Nelson has agreed to be marketing coordinator and Social Media correspondent. Amy feels that consolidating Facebook pages would be beneficial. Sue Webster stated the stable directory needs to be updated.

#### Old Business

Banquet – Stacy Wright reported she has reserved a room with Peach Tree for Jan 28<sup>th</sup> for the annual banquet. Sue Webster moved the date be accepted and Sara Booker 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion carried. Stacy would like a committee to choose the Food. Lucy Rangel volunteered to work on the auction.

Awards – Stacy Wright ask for any ideas for what awards could be. Sue Webster reported that the association would get the ribbons for half price from out vendor to help make up for their error in last year's order.

School horse of the year- Stacy reported that she had purchased the plaques for the prior winners of the award.

Horse person of the year award was discussed. It was noted that the person must be a MHSA member.

Shikles Award - Sue stated she had given a name to Stacy and the person who nominated this person is willing to do the write-up and presentation.

Dressage - reported there was no new information. Janet Thompson suggested adding Western Dressage. Lucy motioned to add the class, discussion followed. The USEF rules will be reviewed the motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kari Felton and was carried by a vote.

#### Show Horses and Ponies

A discussion about the USDA proposed rules was discussed. MHSA will send a letter with regard to the wording of the 'related breeds segment of the rules. Nancy Ehlen motion that the letter be drafted and sent to USDA, the motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marjorie Torkleson, motion carried. A discussion followed about the Kick off show. Stacey stated that the show had paid \$500.00 to MHSA for this year's show. Nancy Ehlen will try to find the original agreement for the Kick off show in our records.

Proposed: that MHSA change the MHSA Scholarship to move it from being an Equitation-based scholarship to a Merit-based scholarship. This would

- a) open the scholarship opportunity in MHSA to all our disciplines instead of just Hunter/Jumper and Show Horse & Pony, and
- b) would overall, save on the amount of money we pay out for scholarships.

Applicants would apply in writing to MHSA, and it would be based on participation in MHSA, demonstration of leadership and scholastic achievement.

The proposal was accepted by the Board, and details will be worked out by Sue, with input from interested Board members, and will be shared by email to Board for final approval

Rule Book – Sue Webster ask that any changes be to her by October. We also discussed the inclusion of 'Half Saddlebred' horses as a division in MHSA. This is being proposed, and if approved by ASHA, will take effect in December of 2017, so it's something we need to be aware is coming. This will give horse shows the ability to combine full and half-bred Saddlebreds if they choose to fill classes.

Show Management is the final authority in deciding whether or not they will offer these classes, not MHSA. The rulebook will be updated once this becomes effective in ASHA.

Stables tour and outreach – Janet Thompson ask for volunteers for the Stables tour that benefits the Boone County Historical Society.

Lucy motioned the meeting adjournment 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hattie Francis, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Debbie Thomas

