

**Texas Hunter and Jumper Association
2015 Annual Rules Meeting
April 29, 2015
Texas Rose Horse Park
Tyler Texas**

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1. Call to order by Colleen Brombach at 5:30 p.m.

2. Roll call taken by Claire Rock.

Present: Jerry Converse, Linda Moore, Robert Yaffe, Lynn Walsh, Katja Kallenberger, Susie Baker, Matt Cyphert, Kim Cox, Kim Brunson, Vicki Hunton, Katie Cox, Suzanne Warmack, Colleen Brombach, Patty Roberts, Claire Rock, Gayle O'Rear.

Absent/Excused: Steve Lang, Doug Brombach, Jessica Harries, Vickie McGovern, Pauline Cook, Bill Chamblee, Lindsey Black, Ashley Hyten

3. Reading of the minutes from the Annual Meeting (January 10 2015).
Patty Roberts motioned to waive the reading of the minutes. Susie Baker seconded the motion. All were in favor.

4. Report of the Finance Committee by Linda Moore. Current profit/loss statements and balance sheets were distributed. Linda noted that we are up in registration fees however our overall individual registration was down. Robert noted that there were a good number of new horse registrations at the Tyler shows not currently reflected in these numbers.

Colleen is still trying to reconcile some of the banquet expenses but as of this time, the 2014 awards banquet (January) cost \$37,460.

Linda noted that according to the bylaws, the first Vice President is to complete the budget and review all receipts. At this time, Lindsey has not done so. Linda has compiled the budget. Colleen will contact ABIP (accounting firm) to make sure that they are willing to review receipts or if a current Board member needs to do so.

5. Report of the Rule Book Committee by Jerry Converse. After extensive review and updates of the THJA Rule Book, Jerry has eight specific

questions of the Board that need to be resolved and voted upon. They are as follows:

1. Do Junior members have a vote in THJA issues? The Board voted all in favor to remove junior members from voting responsibilities.

2. Chapter 2, Section 3.A and C. Change to: Submission of Prize lists to THJA may be made by Priority Mail as well as Email. All references to registered mail will be removed. The Board voted all in favor of this Rule Book Change.

3. Chapter 2, Section 3.H through O. These definitions will be deleted and it will be noted that THJA follows USEF Rules for all items. The Board voted all in favor of this change.

4. Chapter 2, Section 4.A.1. The last sentence will be removed. The Board voted all in favor

5. Chapter 2, Section 4.A.2. This section will be removed. The Board voted all in favor.

6. Chapter 3, Section 3.E and G. Regarding cross entries between Modified childrens/adult and Childrens/Adult divisions. It was agreed that we would utilize the Pin Oak and current Tyler prize lists as examples of setting specifications and limitations for these divisions. The Board voted all in favor. Jerry is to follow up by reviewing both prize lists and developing specs and eligibility for publication.

7. Chapter 4, Section 2. THJA will continue to award annual awards for both the high and low divisions of childrens and adult jumpers. The Board voted all in favor .

8. Chapter 4, Section 2.A.3. This is in regards to how points would be awarded should a high child/adult jumper division be combined with a low child/adult jumper division. The Zone will be contacted in regards to their point distribution rules in this matter.

6. Report of the Nominating Committee by Katja Kallenberger. The following Board members will have terms expiring at the end of 2015.

Robert Yaffe

Steve Lang

Katja Kallenberger

Matt Cyphert

Vicki Hunton

Vickie McGovern

Pauline Cook

Lindsey Black

It was requested that these individuals report back to the nominating committee (Jessica Harries, Steve Lang and Katja Kallenberger) by June 1st with their decision.

Matt Cyphert noted that he would remain in his position for another term.

7. Report of the Prize List Review Committee by Linda Moore. Linda noted that there was no news or issues at this time.

8. Report of the Show Standards Committee by Claire Rock. It was noted that there have been no complaints or comments submitted to THJA regarding shows this calendar year. Also, in checking with USEF, they were not allowed to release and review information regarding Texas shows. All reviews go directly to the show managers.

Lynn Walsh noted that overall, the horse shows are getting better per the USEF Competition Standards Committee. The standards and requirements are getting more strict and show management is adhering to them.

9. Report of the Sponsorship Committee by Patty Roberts. To date, North Texas Hunter Jumper Club is the only sponsorship request in 2015. Their request of \$3500 for their annual charity horse show was granted. Vicki Hunton noted that she would be applying for a sponsorship.

10. Report regarding the Web Site and Information Systems by Robert Yaffe. First, Robert noted that the change in show result delivery requirements (one week, by priority mail), has worked very well.

Beginning this fall, new THJA membership cards will be sent out. They will be a new format with additional information included. They will be on a form much like USEF. The top of the form will contain horse ownership information (if the member owns a horse). The bottom will be the actual card. General membership rules will be noted.

New photos for the web site are still in need! Please send any show photos (horizontal and large format), to Robert.

11. No report on Zone 7 due to Cookie's absence.

12. Report of USEF / USHJA news by Lynn Walsh and Colleen Brombach. Lynn noted that a task force is working on the new mileage rules and they may be available later in the year. "Members Choice" has turned out to be very valuable for show managers. If you receive an email asking for reviews/comments on horse shows you have attended, please participate. The feedback to USEF/USHJA has been wonderful.

Colleen noted that the Child/Adult task force is trying to work on a Hunter National Championship. The goal is to have it take place at the same venue and date as the Child/Adult National Jumper Championships. More to come on this item.

13. Report on the Annual Banquet Committee by Colleen Brombach. Colleen noted that at this time, no one has volunteered their services to chair the 2016 Banquet. The venue has already been determined (Hyatt Hill Country San Antonio). Gayle noted that she would discuss the possibility of her assistance offline.

14. Other agenda items;

a. Discussion regarding THJA's potential 501c3 status. Jerry noted that the work was still in progress. He is still working on getting THJA in good status with the State Comptroller utilizing current contact information etc.. This should be finalized shortly. Jerry motioned that we change the organization's registered office to Claire Rock's address and Claire Rock act as agent. Xxx seconded that motion. All were in favor. Note that revised documents are attached in this email.

b. Review of the proposed new equitation medal classes for children and adults.

It was discussed and agreed that a conversation take place with the show managers prior to proceeding to make sure that there is room in the show schedule for more classes and if there is an appropriate venue for a year end final class.

c. Discussion regarding the Year End Zone Points/Awards versus the THJA Year End Awards. Linda motioned that all childrens / adult equitation rules match the zone 7 rules. Patty seconded that motion. All were in favor

Linda motioned that we continue to utilize the THJA year end awards as is and not, match the Zone 7 awards (they offer several additional divisions that we do not have significant entries for). Claire seconded the motion. All were in favor.

d. Discussion regarding the request sent to Ann Yaffe in regards to recognizing thoroughbred classes/division as part of our year end awards. It was noted by Patty that the "Take 2" thoroughbred group has very specific goals and rules. She motioned that at this time we do not add a new division and confuse the two. Claire seconded the motion. All were in favor.

e. Discussion regarding a specific pony that did not have the proper paperwork and membership registration at the time of the GSWEC shows in February. The owner / rider requested points be reinstated retroactive. The request was denied by the Board.

15. Next THJA Meeting will be held in Katy at GSWEC on Wednesday September 16 at 5:30. Jerry motioned to approve. Claire seconded the motion. All in favor

Meeting was adjourned at 7:05pm