

**Texas Hunter and Jumper Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
2016 Rules Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, April 6, 2016  
GSEC, Katy TX**

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1. Call to order at 6:06pm by Lindsey Black, President.
2. Roll call taken by Lindsey Black, President.  
Present: Jerry Converse, Linda Moore, Robert Yaffe, Doug Brombach, Katja Kallenberger, Jessica Harries, Kim Cox, Vicki Hunton, Suzanne Warmack, Ellen Eakin, Colleen Brombach, Patty Roberts, Jane Thacker, Lindsey Black Gayle O'Rear. Lynn Walsh, Kim Brunson, and Katie Cox.  
  
Absent: Claire Rock and Steve Lang both excused. Matt Cyphert, out of town.
3. Reading of the minutes from the January 2016, Annual Meeting. Suzanne Warmack moved to waive the reading of the minutes. Vicki Hunton seconded the motion. All were in favor.
4. Report of the Finance Committee.(Linda Moore, Kim Cox, Doug Brombach). An update on the 2014 audit by ABIP was given. Linda reviewed the financial spreadsheets. There was discussion of CD Rates. Lindsey Black suggested that the THJA get a credit card and to put it in Linda Moore's possession.

Lindsey moved that the THJA get a credit card and suggested that a second signature should be allowed on the checking account. That second signature would be Claire Rock, Secretary. Kim Brunson seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Lindsey Black requested that we break out the “miscellaneous” charges to show specifics.

5. Report of the Rule Book Committee by Jerry Converse.

Jerry noted that the current Rule Book is on the THJA Web Site. There was discussion regarding current by-laws including discussion about membership requirements for show secretaries. Jerry will look into the wording of this requirement and report back.

There was additional discussion about A and AA designations. It was suggested that we re-visit how we designate these ratings and refer back to the USEF/ and USHJA Guidelines so we match their specifications more closely.

6. Report of the Nominating Committee by Katja Kallenberger.

Katja. There was discussion about Ashley Hyten and Bill Chamblee with respect to their board positions and their attendance. It was also noted that the following positions would be expiring at the end of 2016: 2C Jerry Converse, 5S Lynn Walsh, 8N Susie Backer (already resigned), 11AL Kim Cox, 14 AL Katie Cox, 17 AL Colleen Brombach, 20A: Claire Rock. Those present suggested they would remain on the Board. Bob Brawly and Brittany Hildebrand were suggested as potential future nominees.

Doug Brombach and Jerry Converse discussed the nomination process as described in the by-laws with regard to notification.

7. Report of the Prize List Committee by Linda Moore.

There was discussion about the possibility of adding a THJA recording fee to prize lists in lieu of the non-member fees we collected in the past. We agreed to get sample entry forms from CPHC to see how they work around the new USHJA rule. Lindsey suggested we do a three year comparison on membership and the

collection of nonmember fees. Income is down a bit without the nonmember fees.

There was discussion about fines levied against two show managers for tardiness. One paid his fine. The other had not paid as of the date of the meeting. There was discussion about whether to revoke the A rating. Lindsey moved to pull the rating for the upcoming show if there was a failure to pay the current fine. Colleen seconded the motion. All in favor except Kim Brunson who suggested the rating be pulled for the show in question. Lindsey offered to call the show manager in question and give him a chance to pay the fine before pulling the rating on his upcoming show.

8. Report of the Show Standards Committee was included with item 7.

9. Report of the Sponsorship Committee by Patty Roberts. There was discussion about the THJA Handy Hunter and Child/Adult Jumper classes. There was discussion of sponsorship requests and amounts granted.

Katja asked if we might consider sponsoring some classes at B or C rated shows suggesting it would raise our visibility a bit.

Jessica suggested we look into supplying caps or shirts to give out at THJA sponsored parties. Lindsey seconded the motion. There was discussion about door prizes and using AJ Designs for embroidery services. Colleen moved that we look into getting pricing. Katja seconded the motion. All in favor.

10. Report on the Web Site and information systems by Robert

Yaffe. Robert noted that there was a security breach about six months ago. The problem was cleaned up and new encryption put in place. He also discussed some additional PayPal security measures that are now in place.

11. Report on USEF and USHJA News by Lynn Walsh, Patty Roberts and Colleen Brombach.  
There was discussion about the new USEF drug rules that took place on December 1, 2015. The new Pre-Green split was discussed along with high performance divisions. The allowance of black stirrup irons in Equitation was discussed. Also noteworthy was the 12 show qualifying period for medals.
12. Report on the Annual Awards Banquet by Vicki Hunton.  
The location for the 2016 Banquet will be at Marriott Town Center in Sugarland. There was discussion about possible prizes and a suggestion of offering a Trainer's Trip being awarded.
13. Other Agenda items:
  - a.) The bronze thank you gift for the Hildebrand's was well received during the presentation at the Pin Oak Grand Prix.
  - b.) Recognition of the Take 2 Thoroughbred program by THJA per Suzanne Warmack. Suzanne reported on her recent conversation with the Take 2 organizer. Texas has by far the largest number of shows offering the Take 2 divisions. Organizers would like to discuss, further, how to recognize those TB's in Zone 7 at the THJA Banquet. There was some discussion on logistics and responsibilities.

c.) Suzanne Warmack reported on discussions with Texas Horseman Magazine regarding article contributions and other partnering opportunities. Reception was lukewarm Suzanne agreed to research other media opportunities.

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e.) Linda Moore discussed awarding Medium Junior/Amateur Owner Jumpers as a recognized division with year end points in following with USEF. It was proposed that THJA award year end awards for Medium Junior and Medium Amateur Owner jumpers beginning in year 2017 All in favor.

f.) Lindsey Black lead the discussion regarding THJA presence at major shows with hospitality/carrots and apples. Etc. There was also discussion regarding the Lifetime Achievement award. The board agreed to present Mr. & Mrs. George Pletcher with the Lifetime Achievement Award at the 2016 Banquet. Suzanne Warmack agreed to contact Clare Christie about providing the Bronze Sculpture for the award.

14. The next meeting will be a conference call and scheduled for noon on August 29.

15. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM.

