

**Texas Hunter and Jumper Association
Board of Directors Meeting
2016 Special Meeting
Monday, August 29, 2016
Conference call**

1. Call to order by Lindsey Black at 12:05 p.m.
2. Roll call taken by Claire Rock. Present: Steve Lang, Jerry Converse, Linda Moore, Robert Yaffe, Katja Kallenberger, Jessica Harries, Kim Cox, Kim Brunson, Vicki Hunton, Katie Cox, Suzanne Warmack, Colleen Brombach, Patty Roberts, Claire Rock, Lindsey Black, Gayle O'Rear.

Excused absence: Doug Brombach, Matt Cyphert

Unexcused absence: Lynn Walsh, Ellen Eakin, Jane Thacker.

3. Reading of the minutes from April 6, 2016 Rules Meeting. Lindsey Black motioned to waive the reading of the minutes. Steve Lang seconded that motion. All were in favor.
4. Report of the Finance Committee by Linda Moore. Linda stated that she had closed the accounts at Chase and placed the proceeds into a money market account. It was also mentioned that we should be looking at placing our monies into a jumbo CD at Prosperity Bank in the future (once the current CD matures).

In reviewing the P&L Report, Linda noted that the 'Miscellaneous' line item consisted mostly of our expense incurred for the Bronze which is to be presented to the Pletchers in January. Since this is a Lifetime Achievement Award, it will be moved to a separate line item.

It was noted that \$11,000 has been distributed for sponsorships this year (North Texas Hunter Jumper Club Charity, WCHR, Zone Finals etc.) as well as additional monies for our THJA sponsored classes and hospitality at shows.

Linda noted that we are \$20,000 in arrears so far this year. This is mainly due to the decrease in membership. Robert Yaffe noted that we currently have about 800 members. In past years, our membership has been as high as 1200.

A lengthy discussion took place in regards to why the membership has decreased and what measures we could take to increase membership in the future. Lindsey asked that we make this a top priority on the agenda at the January annual meeting.

5. Report of the Rule Book Committee by Jerry Converse. Jerry noted that there were no updates to report.
6. Report of the Nominating Committee by Jessica Harries and Katja Kallenberger. It was noted that we have several open Board positions to fill as of January 2016. Jessica and Katja have spoken to the following candidates: Bob Brawley (trainer, Dallas), Trapp O'Neill (trainer, Houston), Donna Harris (amateur adult rider, Houston). Patty Roberts suggested that we speak to Brittney Hildebrand and Amy Uniss as well. Colleen Brombach also suggested speaking to Angeleah Cleek.

All candidates must be current THJA Members.

Per the By Laws, a slate of candidates needs to be presented to the membership. Jessica and Katja are to send Claire Rock the slate of candidates. Claire will then format and send to Ann Yaffe to be sent out via email. For those members who we do not have email contact information, it will be sent by regular mail.

7. Report of the Prize List Committee by Linda Moore. Linda noted that all prize lists were up to date.
8. Report of the Show Standards Committee by Claire Rock. Claire noted that there had been no horse show complaints in Texas to date this year.
9. Report of the Sponsorship Committee by Patty Roberts. Please note previous discussion of sponsorships with the Finance review in Section 4.
Linda noted that there are still two more THJA sponsored parties this year as well as the THJA Handy Hunter Challenge. All riders, horses and trainers must be THJA members to participate in the challenge.
10. Report of the Web Site and Information Systems by Robert Yaffe. Robert noted that registration and membership have been very quiet. Only three horses registered with THJA last month. It was also noted that a new UPS system was needed to support the THJA computer system.

11. Update on USEF and USHJA News. Patty Roberts noted that starting September 1st, there will be new qualifying rules for medal classes. It was also noted that all horses trying to qualify for year end national awards, will need to be microchipped as of December 1st 2016.
12. Report on the Year End Awards Banquet by Vicki Hunton. This year's awards banquet will be held on Saturday, January 7th at the Marriott Sugarland Town Center. Vicki noted that there are lots of things do do around the Town Center, all within walking distance.

Patty Roberts will contact the Pletcher family to obtain a bio on George and Claudine Pletcher. Steve Lang will read the bio at the presentation of the Lifetime Achievement Award Bronze.

Linda Moore reminded Vicki that ALL receipts must be turned in for reimbursement.

Vicki requested that if anyone has suggestions for Town Hall meetings on Saturday afternoon prior to the banquet, to please contact her. Colleen Brombach offered her contact information for the past two years.

13. Other agenda Items:

- a.) Discussion regarding the Take 2 Thoroughbred awards. Lindsey Black proposed that we recognized Take 2 Thoroughbred Champions at the 2017 Awards Banquet (Hunter and Jumper). All were in favor. Suzanne Warmack offered to conduct the 'do diligence' in confirming that the award recipients were Take 2 members as well as THJA members. Suzanne would also look into finding a sponsor for the Champion Award.
- b.) Discussion in regards to the offering of THJA logo items at events. It was decided that this discussion be tabled until the next meeting. Jerry Converse also noted that we need to trademark our logo. Robert Converse will provide Jerry with the logo files and list of its use (web site etc).
- c.) Discussion regarding the replacement of Claire Rock as Board Secretary. No volunteers arose at this time however, Colleen Brombach does have a suggested new member who may be interested. She will contact that individual.

14. Annual Meeting date and time. The THJA Annual meeting will be held at the Marriott Sugarland Hotel on Saturday, January 7. The start time will either be 8:30 or 9:00 depending on the length of the agenda. Details regarding a Friday night gathering prior to the meeting are yet to be determined.

15. Meeting was adjourned at 1:30pm by Lindsey Black