

**Texas Hunter and Jumper Association  
Annual Board of Directors Meeting  
Meeting Minutes  
Saturday, January 9, 2016  
Hyatt Riverwalk, San Antonio TX**

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1. Call to order at 9:00am by Colleen Brombach, President.
  
2. Roll call taken by Claire Rock, Secretary.  
Present: Steve Lang, Jerry Converse, Linda Moore, Robert Yaffe, Doug Brombach, Katja Kallenberger, Jessica Harries, Matt Cyphert, Kim Cox, Vicki Hunton, Suzanne Warmack, Ellen Eakin, Colleen Brombach, Patty Roberts, Jane Thacker, Claire Rock, Lindsey Black Gayle O’Rear.  
  
Absent: Lynn Walsh, Kim Brunson, Katie Cox, Bill Chamblee, Ashley Hyten  
  
Resigned: Susie Baker.
  
3. Reading of the minutes from the September 2015, Special Meeting. Linda Moore motioned to waive the reading of the minutes. Patty Roberts seconded that motion. All were in favor.
  
4. Report of the Finance Committee.  
ABIP Accounting firm is currently in the process of auditing 2014. Linda Moore will be giving additional receipt information to ABIP in order to complete their audit.  
Linda Moore reviewed the finance spreadsheets with the Board. Lindsey Black requested that we break out the “miscellaneous” charges to show specifics.

Lindsey Black discussed potential CD rates for the monies currently in THJA savings. She noted that Prosperity Bank currently has jumbo rates at the \$50,000 deposit level. Lindsey will send an email to the executive committee following further research of the rates.

Lindsey Black motioned to have our accounting firm conduct an audit each year moving forward. Kim Cox seconded that motion. All were in favor.

Lindsey Black and Linda Moore are to review new categories etc for the Budget Review sheets.

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

Jerry noted that the current Rule Book is on the THJA Web Site.

Colleen Brombach noted that a change needed to be made to the THJA By-Laws regarding the Executive Committee and the Annual Meeting. Doug Brombach motioned that we remove the rule regarding the requirement of "15 days prior to the Annual Meeting the officers shall present to the Board of Directors, a slate of nominees for officers and non-officer members of the executive committee". Steve Lang seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Lindsey Black requested that everyone take the time to review the By-Laws and Rule book before the Rules meeting in April.

6. Report of the Nominating Committee by Katja Kallenberger.

Katja introduced our two new Board members; Jane Thacker of Denton, Texas and Ellen Eakin of Oak Point, Texas. Both are amateur riders and long time THJA members.

The discussion regarding conference calls for future Board meetings was revisited, especially for the Wednesday meetings. Claire Rock agreed to contact Amy Uniss at GSWEC to determine how she sets up conference calls at the show facility and try to do coordinate for the Spring Rules Meeting.

Doug Brombach motioned the April Rules Meeting to have conference call in capability for the Board Members. Claire Rock seconded the motion. All were in favor.

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

All prize lists have been reviewed through mid-April dates. Linda noted that there was no definite venue posted for the March or October Blue Ribbon Shows managed by Charles Throckmorton.

8. Report of the Show Standards Committee by Claire Rock.

No show complaints have been submitted to THJA at this time.

9. Report of the Sponsorship Committee by Patty Roberts.

Patty noted that only two organizations applied for sponsorships in 2015, North Texas Hunter Jumper Club for their annual benefit show (\$3500) and World Champion Hunter Rider (\$2000).

North Texas Hunter Jumper Club has once again applied for their 2016 benefit show (\$3500).

Lindsey Black initiated a discussion in regards to THJA having more visibility at horse shows. Promoting the organization through events, parties etc. may bring in new general members and potential Board members.

Doug Brombach proposed that THJA provide an additional \$6000 during 2016 to sponsor parties/events at major horse shows. This should be divided into four \$1500 sponsorships. Linda Moore seconded that motion. All in favor.

These sponsorships will be used to boost THJA visibility at shows. Show managers should utilize the sponsorship form found on our web site and submit to Patty Roberts as noted.

10. Report on the Web Site and information systems by Robert Yaffe. Robert noted that we are in need of a new printer for letters and membership cards etc. Claire Rock made a motion for the purchase of a new printer. Lindsey Black seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Robert also noted that we are still in need of horse show photos for the web site. Lindsey Black offered to contact the two main show photographers. Should they be willing to provide us with photos, we would offer them a link on the THJA home page.

11. Report on USEF and USHJA News by Colleen Brombach and Patty Roberts.

The Zones are being revised for committees; Hunters and jumpers will be combined as one committee. Child/Adult Jumper finals will become a Zone event rather than regional. Child/Adult Hunter finals will also have a final event.

New USEF drug rules are in effect as of December 1, 2015. All individuals in contact with a participating horse are now liable. This includes, rider, trainer, owner and even groom.

12. Report on the Annual Awards Banquet by Colleen Brombach. Attendance for this year's banquet is down from last year. Gift baskets will be given to all attendees. Table centerpieces will be given away. Lots of great raffle items and auction items

Vicki Hunton volunteered to chair the 2017 Banquet in Houston. The annual weekend events will be held January 6 and 7.

13. Other Agenda items:

a.) Update on the bronze thank you gift for owners of GSWEC.

Suzanne Warmack noted that the bronze is complete and ready to be presented. Patty Roberts will contact the family to find out if it may be presented prior to the Grand Prix at Pin Oak or during the Spring Gathering Horse Show..

b.) Recognition of the Take 2 Thoroughbred program by THJA per Suzanne Warmack. Suzanne noted that many TB owners have contacted her in regards to recognition by THJA at the banquet etc. After discussion, it was determined that Suzanne would contact Adele (the head of the Take 2 program) regarding this matter since Take 2 already has its own awards etc. We also do not wish to dilute the THJA awards ceremony with awards from outside organizations.

c.) Colleen Brombach made a motion to make Mike McCormick a THJA Director Emeritus. Matt Cyphert seconded that motion. All were in favor.

d.) Claire Rock asked to revisit the vote from September's special meeting regarding a THJA sponsored Handy Hunter Challenge and a THJA sponsored Child / Adult Jumper classic. No action has been taken on this vote since the last meeting.

Claire Rock will send out an email to all show managers making them aware of the two proposed sponsorships at \$5000 each. The email will also cover the available event sponsorships as voted upon in item #9. It will be first come first served. Sponsorship forms are available on the THJA web site.

e.) Matt Cyphert noted that THJA had not presented a Lifetime Achievement award in several years. Lindsey Black proposed that each year at the annual meeting, when we determine the following year's banquet location and date, that we also vote upon a Lifetime Achievement award to be presented. Matt Cyphert made a motion that George and Claudine Pletcher be the recipients of the award at the 2017 THJA banquet. Lindsey Black seconded that motion. All were in favor. Lindsey will inform Peter Pletcher of our decision.

f.) Colleen Brombach made a motion that we develop a perpetual trophy or plaque to be displayed at all future annual banquets with the names of all Lifetime Achievement Award recipients engraved on it. Also, that bios for these award recipients be on the THJA web site

g.) Doug Brombach motioned to allow AJ Designs to make and sell THJA logo apparel. This would include Ball caps, jackets, Polo shirts and sweatshirts. Steve Lang seconded that motion. All were in favor.

h.) Colleen handed out copies of a proposal by Susan Schindler of Horsemans News. This proposal concerned the publication of a magazine covering the Texas horse

industry – all disciplines. The proposal requested that THJA participate through providing editorial information, news etc as well as mailing to membership. Suzanne Warmack volunteered to contact Susan Schindler for further details and report back at the April meeting.

14. Election of the Executive Committee Slate and passing of President position.

Steve Lang nominated Jessica Harries to assume the role of second vice-president for THJA. Claire Rock seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Lindsey Black moves from the position of first vice-president to that of President. Colleen Brombach will become a member of the

Executive Committee. Steve Lang's tenure on the Executive Committee has ended.

The new Executive Committee slate is as follows:

President – Lindsey Black

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Suzanne Warmack

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Jessica Harries

Treasurer – Linda Moore

Secretary – Claire Rock

Colleen Brombach

Kim Cox

Robert Yaffe

15. The next THJA Board Meeting will be Wednesday, April 6

at the Great Southwest Equestrian Center, Katy Texas.  
The meeting will begin at 6:00pm.

16. The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 am.