

THJA Board Of Directors Meeting #2
Wednesday, September 18, 2013
GSWEC, Houston Texas

1. Call to order was made by Vickie McGovern at 5:15 pm.
2. Roll call was taken by Claire Rock. The following Board members were present: Robert (Jerry) Converse, Linda Moore, Robert Yaffe, Lynn Walsh, Paula Sparks, Susie Baker, Joan Waterman, Kim Cox, Kim Brunson, Vicki Hunton, Lori Mathews, Suzanne Warmack, Vickie McGovern, Colleen Brombach, Patty Roberts, Pauline Cook, Claire Rock, Carl Hansen, Ashley Hyten, Gayle O'Rear.

Excused Absence: Mike McCormick, Matt Cyphert, Steve Lang, Buckley Wallace

Unexcused Absence: Grace Petrucciani.

3. Reading of the Special Meeting Minutes, April 2013. A motion to waive reading of the meeting minutes was made and seconded. All in favor.

4. Report on End Of Year Awards Banquet by Kelly Cyphert. Due to the absence of Kelly, Colleen Brombach (member of banquet committee) reported the details of the banquet. The Annual Awards Banquet will be held Saturday, January 11 at the Westin Galleria in Dallas.

8:30 am Breakfast available for Board Meeting

9:00am-12:00 Annual THJA Board of Directors Meeting.

12:30pm-1:30pm Open General THJA Member Meeting.

2:00pm-4:00pm Zone 7 Meeting (Britt McCormick)

6:00pm-7:00pm Cocktail Hour

7:30pm-11:30pm Dinner, Awards presentation and Music.

The banquet room holds 375 people. The music has been arranged. Champion Awards have been chosen. There will be a silent auction during the event as well.

It was decided that all Banquet estimates and invoices be sent to Linda Moore by banquet chairperson for payment. No invoices for the upcoming banquet have been received at the time of this meeting.

13. Because Jeff Jones of PWL Studio was present with the proposed Web Site redesign, this agenda item was moved ahead. Robert, Lynn and Lindsey spoke to three different web design agencies. PWL was chosen due to their previous experience and service for Pin Oak Charity Horse Show. Jeff Jones presented the mock up of the THJA web site on his iPad and passed it to the Board members for review. The current THJA site is functional. The redesign will basically change presentation and layout. Vickie proposed that we move forward with the web site redesign as presented. Susie seconded that motion. All in favor. Gayle O'Rear requested that it be noted she opposes the redesign and feels the current site is sufficient.

Lindsey requested that at the next Board meeting we discuss how to get relevant articles, links etc posted to the new site. A dedicated content provider is needed. Possibly a paid position.

18a. Jeff also presented examples of new logo designs for THJA. Board members reviewed several examples and made comments and corrections. Jeff will take these suggestions and rework the logo as needed to accommodate letterhead, business cards, ribbons etc. Revised logo will be sent to the Board for review and vote by early October.

5. Report of the Finance Committee by Colleen Brombach. Linda Moore reviewed current balance sheet and profit and loss statement. There was a question regarding the NM Fees of \$2160 collected. Linda agreed to look into this amount and respond at the January meeting.

6. Report of the Rule Book Committee by Jerry Converse. Members were asked to refer to revisions/questions sent out following April meeting (included in Board package).

The Rule book has essentially been updated for 2013. This will be posted to the web site as will the 2014 book. These will overlap until our meeting in January. If any changes need to be made to the 2014, they will be discussed at that time.

THJA can only require someone to be a member if they want their points to count towards awards therefore, Jerry motioned to change the rule book provision to read "in order to be eligible to participate in year end awards, rider and horse must be THJA members". Vickie seconded this motion. All in favor.

Jerry made a motion regarding THJA membership. "If a person comes to a show and is not a member of THJA, they may join and pay dues while at the show and their points for that show will be counted. They must join and pay by the end of the last day of the show". The Board voted all in favor of this motion.

In that THJA has elected to follow USEF rules, it was asked by Lynn, what does THJA do that USEF does NOT. It was noted by Linda that childrens and adult hunters as well as pony jumpers do not receive champion and reserve points under USEF guidelines.

Jerry motioned that THJA follow USEF rules only. With exception to the classes/divisions that USEF does not recognize (such as childrens and adult hunter and pony jumper).
The Board voted all in favor.

Per USEF Rules, it was determined that THJA cannot require horse show managers to become members.

7. Report of the Membership committee. Gayle made a motion to remove the Membership committee report as a line item in meeting agendas from this date forward. Vickie seconded that motion. All in favor.

8. Report of the Nominating committee by Paula Sparks. It was noted that there are no open positions on the Board at this time.

- 9.** Report of the Prize List review committee by Linda Moore. Linda noted that all show prize lists have been reviewed for this year. Linda noted that Beverly Manroe applied for a show date but that she has refused to apply for USEF recognition. Linda has not recognized this show at this time.
- 10.** Report of the Show Standards committee by Matt Cyphert. Matt was absent from the meeting.
- 11.** Report of the Show Recognition committee. Vickie made a motion to remove the Show Recognition report as a line item in meeting agendas from this date forward. Motion was seconded. All in favor.
- 12.** Report of the Sponsorship committee by Patty Roberts. Patty noted that GSWEC requested \$4000 to sponsor a college equestrian fair.
- 14.** Report of the Publicity committee by Vickie McGovern. Vickie noted that publicity was covered with the web site revision.
- 15.** Report on USEF Zone 7 committee by Pauline Cook. Zone Finals will be split with North in St Louis and South in Houston In November (Autumn Classic Show)
THJA Limit Medal finals will be held the first Houston show in November (Great Southwest Autumn) and the THJA Junior Medal finals will be held at the second show (The Final Chase). Lori will provide information to Claire in regards to ordering special ribbons for both classes. Actual medals will be created by Clare Christie for the Junior Medal Finals. It was noted that this will be the last year for the Limit Medal Finals. No additional awards for either class will be presented at the banquet.
- 16.** Report on the USHJA Association by Lynn Walsh. Lynn noted that the USHJA Convention will be held in Atlanta, Georgia the second weekend of December. USHJA will be renaming shows and changing levels of prize money and standards. With the 2014 show year, the show names will be changed from AA, A, B,C etc to Premier, National, Regional 1 and Regional 2 and Local. Beginning with the 2015 show year, the standards and prize money levels will change in conjunction with these show levels. Point calculations will also change with new

show levels. All of these items will be reviewed at the national convention in December.

Starting December 1, 2013 there will be the recognized addition of a 3'3" junior division. This division will be divided small and large hunters. THJA will need to add this to our year end awards next year.

17. Report on the THJA Foundation by Vickie McGovern. The past Board meeting decision was to discontinue our pursuit of a Foundation. This line item will therefore be removed from future agendas.

18. Other agenda items.

a. THJA Logo – previously discussed.

b. American National Affinity Program. Vickie and Claire presented the proposal from American National. The Board unanimously decided that it was not in our best interest to support. Claire will contact the representative with our decision.

c. Correction of the January meeting Minutes. In January, the Board voted to increase horse registration fees to \$45 effective Dec 1, 2013. This was inadvertently left out of the minutes. Vickie made a motion to increase the fees as well as amend the meeting minutes and Lindsey seconded that motion. All in favor.

d. Colleen asked to readdress the issue of adding more equitation classes to the horse show schedules per a THJA member request. It was determined that this is an issue to be reviewed with the horse show managers.

e. Colleen requested a discussion regarding amateur versus professional status as it pertains to teaching and schooling riders at horse shows. Colleen requested that the THJA rule book be amended to state that should someone observe an amateur schooling another rider and getting paid, per the USEF rules, the show steward needs to be contacted and a formal complaint filed.

f. Linda and Robert requested a discussion regarding the Farm vs Individual THJA membership. The rule needs to be reinstated utilizing the USEF rule. Linda proposed that as of December 1, 2013 THJA should have one time, Lifetime Farm membership of \$200. However, someone in the barn/owner needs to be a current THJA member in order for points to be awarded.

g. A motion was made by Colleen to look into getting our THJA taxes done by a CPA firm specializing in no-profits. Vickie seconded the motion. A majority of the Board was in favor.

Colleen added to her Finance Committee report. At the last meeting she agreed to review all receipts for 2012. She noted that this was not possible due to lack of receipts from the San Antonio banquet.

h. Suzanne made a motion to reinstate the “sticker” program with the new logo. Winners would receive a THJA hat with the new logo. All in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm

The next meeting will be held Saturday, January 11, 2014 at the Westin Galleria in Dallas. Breakfast to begin at 8:30 with meeting starting at 9:00.