

# **Texas Hunter and Jumper Association**

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## **Board of Directors**

### **Special Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, September 16, 2015**

**Great Southwest Equestrian Center, Katy TX**

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1. Call to order at 5:40pm by Colleen Brombach, President.
2. Roll call by Claire Rock, Secretary.  
Present: Steve Lang, Jerry Converse, Robert Yaffe, Lynn Walsh, Susie Baker, Jessica Harries, Kim Cox, Suzanne Warmack, Colleen Brombach, Patty Roberts, Pauline Cook, Claire Rock, Lindsey Black

Absent: Linda Moore, Doug Brombach, Katja Kallenberger, Matt Cyphert, Kim Brunson, Vicki Hunton, Katie Cox, Vickie McGovern, Bill Chamblee, Ashley Hyten, Gayle O'Rear

Noted that Bill Chamblee has not made it to any meetings this year  
And that Doug Brombach has also missed two consecutive meetings.  
Also noted that Ashley Hyten has relinquished her position on the board.

3. Reading of the April, Rules Meeting minutes by Claire Rock. Steve Lang Motioned that we not read the minutes. Lindsey Black seconded that Motion. All were in favor.
4. Report of the Finance Committee by Colleen Brombach.  
Colleen noted that ABIP Accounting will charge THJA \$1500 for the review of receipts. Lindsey Black motioned that we pay ABIP up to \$1500 to review 2014 receipts. Steve Lang seconded the motion. All were in favor.  
Lindsey Black proposed that we look at CD rates at other banks for our money accounts. Claire Rock seconded that motion. All were in favor.

It was noted that THJA needs to do more with the monies that we have acquired/saved. We need to give back to our members and have more

of a presence. The Board discussed the possibility of sponsoring a couple of Derby classes or special classes beginning in 2016.

Kim Cox motioned that THJA sponsor a \$5000 Handy Hunter Derby Class and a \$5000 Childrens/Adult 1.15 meter Jumper Classic. Entrants must be current THJA members to participate. Patty Roberts seconded the motion. All were in favor

Robert Yaffe noted that year to year membership comparisons'. In 2014 at this time, THJA had 1000 members. This year, we have 930. The rule stating Riders must be THJA members in order for horses to earn points that went into effect December 1, 2014, has not made a significant difference in membership levels.

5. Report of the Rule Book Committee by Jerry Converse. The Rule Book is Up to date and available on the THJA web site.
  
6. Report of the Nominating Committee by Jessica Harries and Steve Lang, It was noted that Jane Thacker and Ellen Eakin will be filling our two open positions beginning January 1, 2016. They will be replacing Pauline Cook and Vickie McGovern.  
It was noted that we may have several more positions to be filled based upon the continued absence of current Board members.. Opening swill be posted on the website should this happen. Several potential candidates were suggested (Kelly Cloud, Jennifer Black, Britney Hildebrand.  
Colleen Brombach will contact Bill Chamblee to see if he would still like to remain on the Board.
  
7. Report of the Prize List Committee: No updates at this time.
  
8. Report of the Show Standards Committee by Claire Rock. No complaints have been filed regarding THJA approved shows at this time.

9. Report of the Sponsorship Committee by Patty Roberts. Patty noted that since the last meeting, World Champion Hunter Rider was awarded \$1500 in sponsorships.  
There was a discussion regarding our Young Rider team. Kim Cox and Lynn Walsh noted that the Zone generally sponsors the team monetarily as well as with items such as saddle pads and clothing.
10. Report of the Website and Information Systems by Robert Yaffe. Robert noted that everything was going well with the website. The only complaint has been that the dropdown for the horse shows tends to fall off with iPhones. Robert will look into this.
11. Report on USEF / USHJA News by Lynn Walsh. October 1<sup>st</sup>, membership notifications will be going out from USEF/USHJA.  
Lynn noted that the annual meeting will be held in Orlando, in December for USHJA. One of the discussions will be utilizing horse age groups rather than pregreen, green etc.
12. Report on the Annual Awards Banquet by Colleen Brombach. The banquet will be held at the Hyatt on the Riverwalk in downtown San Antonio on January 9<sup>th</sup>. Gayle O'Rear and Kelly Cloud will be helping with the arrangements and plans. Prizes for champion and reserve have not yet been determined.
13. Other Agenda Items:
  - a. Update on the status of 501c3 for the organization. Colleen noted That it would cost approximately \$5000 with an attorney to change the organization status. It was also noted that once this happens, receipts etc need to be carefully monitored for tax purposes..
  - b. Discussion of proposed new equitation classes. This has not yet been discussed with the show managers.
  - c. Discussion regarding the question posed by Dave Morse about allowing a horse show held in Oklahoma to count towards THJA points. The Board was voted unanimously, not to approve this.
  - d. Steve Lang motioned that THJA make some gesture to thank the

family/owners of The Great Southwest Equestrian Center for purchasing, improving and maintaining the facility amidst all of the growth and development in the area. Suzanne Warmack seconded the motion. All were in favor. Suzanne will contact Clare Christie to determine an appropriate gift and will work with Patty Roberts (who has contact with the family). The gift will be presented at either the annual banquet or one of the spring shows at GSWEC.

- e. The Board voted and unanimously approved making Pauline “Cookie” Cook, a Director Emeritus as of January 1, 2016.
  - f. A general discussion was held regarding the current size of the Board. It was determined the Board size would remain as is.
14. The next Board meeting will be the Annual Meeting held in conjunction with the year end banquet in SanAntonio on January 9. The meeting will begin at 8:30 am at the Hyatt.
15. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.