

**Texas Hunter and Jumper Association
Board of Directors Special Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Monday September 25, 2017
Conference Call**

Call to order at 12:02 PM by Lindsey Black, President.

1. Roll call taken by Linda Moore.

- Present: Stephen Lang, Jerry Converse, Linda Moore, Robert Yaffe, Lynn Walsh, Katja Kallenberger, Bob Brawley, Jessica Harries, Kim Cox, Kimberly Brunson, Vicki Hunton, Katie Cox, Suzanne Warmack, Ellen Eakin, Colleen Brombach, Patty Roberts, Jane Thacker, Amy Uniss-Coleman, Lindsey Black, Trapp O'Neal, and Gayle O'Rear
- Absent/excused: Doug Brombach
- Absent/unexcused: Matt Cyphert and Brittany Hildebrand

2. Reading of meeting minutes from April 17th meeting.

- Lindsey Black moved to waive the reading of the minutes. Stephen Lang seconded the motion. All were in favor.

3. Report of the Finance Committee by Suzanne Warmack and Linda Moore.

- Linda Moore presented on the financial statements, noting that membership income has declined. She also noted that in reviewing horse show results, she finds that there are often entire divisions without any THJA members. Lindsey Black requested membership data for the last 5 years. Robert Yaffe agreed to bring a 5 year comparison to the January meeting.
- Bob Brawley suggested that the board members campaign to trainers emphasizing the importance of their clients joining THJA. Robert Yaffe agreed to provide a list of trainers who are nonmembers and trainers whose clients are generally nonmembers. Lindsey Black and Kimberley Brunson agreed to develop talking points.
- Jessica Harries suggested THJA send posters for trainers and show managers to display reminding competitors to join. Lindsey Black and Robert Yaffe agreed to develop a design.
- There was additional discussion regarding ideas for encouraging membership. The consensus was that THJA must find a way to increase membership and income. Lindsey Black requested that everyone brainstorm and bring their best ideas to the January meeting.
- Linda Moore suggested that THJA revise its policy on supporting the Young Riders program as THJA currently supports all competitors in the Zone, not just Texas riders.
- Lindsey Black proposed that THJA give \$100 for each THJA member attending Young Riders. Kim Cox seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- Lindsey Black also proposed that THJA stop supporting Pony Jumpers as it is no longer recognized by THJA. Linda Moore seconded the motion. All were in favor.

4. Report of the Rule Book Committee by Jerry Converse, Colleen Brombach, and Steve Lang.
 - Jerry Converse updated the rule book to conform to recent USEF updates to class and division names. He also updated language regarding director absences as discussed in the April meeting.
 - Linda Moore indicated that some topics are included under the incorrect sections in the rule book. Linda Moore and Gayle O'Rear agreed to review the rule book and provide necessary updates to Jerry Converse.
5. Report of the Nominating Committee by Steve Lang, Jessica Harries, and Katja Kallenberger.
 - The holders of those positions which will expire in 2017 confirmed that they intend to remain in such positions.
6. Report of the Prize List Review Committee by Linda Moore and Gayle O'Rear.
 - Linda Moore discussed the difficulty of providing an accurate competition calendar when show managers wait until the 60-day deadline to apply for shows.
 - Gayle O'Rear agreed to send an email to show managers (a) reminding them to apply for their shows and (b) informing them that THJA will only list shows in the competition calendar for which they have received applications.
7. Report of the Exhibitor Show Standards Committee by Lynn Walsh, Jessica Harries, and Colleen Brombach.
 - Lynn Walsh indicated that USEF plans to adjust the requirements for hosting a premier horse show such that they are more difficult to fulfil.
 - Lynn Walsh also mentioned that she received many negative comments about a recent show at GSWEC run by Linda Kirk and Robert Barton. She indicated that THJA lacks a reliable system for delivering such complaints to the Show Standards Committee.
8. Report of the Sponsorship Committee by Patty Roberts, Steve Lang, Kimberley Brunson, and Kim Cox.
 - Since the last sponsorship report in April, THJA has awarded \$1,000 to WCHR for its regional awards. Patty Roberts also indicated that she has allocated \$3,000 of the sponsorship budget to the High Point Award.
 - Lindsey Black suggested that THJA examine the sponsorship budget when considering ways to reduce spending at the January meeting.
9. Report on the website and information systems by Robert Yaffe and Lindsey Black.
 - Robert Yaffe reported that he has updated the rule book and committee member lists on the website. He has also updated the website to accept 2018 memberships.

- Robert Yaffe requested information on the banquet specifics to update the website. Lindsey Black stated that she would have Melissa Osburn reach out to Robert with the appropriate information.

10. Report on USEF and USHJA News by Lynn Walsh and Patty Roberts.

- The Green Incentive Program will expand to add 3'6, and 3'9 sections beginning in 2018.
- Lynn Walsh reminded the group that the 2017 USHJA Annual Meeting will be held December 10-14 in San Antonio. She noted that THJA will be sponsoring a luncheon on Monday, December 11th. She encouraged everyone to attend as many changes are both taking effect and being considered, particularly regarding medication and horse welfare. Robert Yaffe agreed to post information about the Annual Meeting on the THJA website to encourage members to attend.

11. Report on the THJA Annual Awards Banquet by Vicki Hunton and Ellen Eakin.

- Melissa Osburn has ordered ribbons and plans to order trophies and saddle pads for awards. She has secured rooms at the DoubleTree for \$105 per night. She has also proposed some different activities in lieu of a silent auction. She is putting together a document detailing her banquet ideas. Angeleah Cleek to send the document to the board members when it is complete.
- Lindsey Black stated that she is in contact with CWD and Bruno Delgrange trying to secure additional prizes for the High Point Award.

12. Other agenda items:

- a. Ad hoc committee presentation on award programs/medal class offerings for 2018 (Bob Brawley, Colleen Brombach, Suzanne Warmack, Jessica Harries, Kimberley Brunson, Patty Roberts, Brittany Hildebrand, Ellen Eakin).
 - The committee requested more time to put ideas together. The committee will present on its ideas at the January meeting.
 - Amy Uniss-Coleman stated that GSWEC has room in the Autumn Classic schedule and is interested in hosting if THJA chooses to conduct a final.
 - Trapp O'Neal joined the committee.

The next meeting will be held at 9:00 AM on January 6, 2018 at the Hilton DoubleTree at Campbell Center in Dallas.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:42 PM.