

**Texas Hunter and Jumper Association
Board of Directors Special Meeting Minutes
Monday September 9, 2019
Conference Call**

The meeting was called to order by Suzanne Warmack at 12:01PM.

1. Roll call by the President

- Present: Suzanne Warmack, Linda Moore, Patty Roberts, Lynn Walsh, Lindsey Black, Robert Yaffe, Jane Thacker, Kim Brunson, Kim Cox, Katie Cox, Stephen Lang, Amy Uniss-Coleman, Ellen Eakin, Colleen Brombach
- Absent/excused: Doug Brombach, Angeleah Cleek, Katja Kallenberger, Vicki Hunton, Bob Brawley, Gustavo DeCillo , Brittany Hilldebrand
- Absent/unexcused: Matt Cyphert , Annie Kartsosis

2. Reading of the meeting minutes from April 29th Meeting

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

3. Report of the Treasurer / Finance Committee

Linda reported that we were down \$17,000 as of the fiscal year (not counting the Education Fee). December '17-August '18 we were at \$66K. Fewer horse registrations and fewer members, Fewer horse show fees. There was discussion about the June Horse Shows. There are fewer this year and their attendance is down as well. Show attendance numbers are dropping. Non Rated show numbers are growing. There was significant discussion about horse show quality and fees.

Follow up on 501 © (3) status change. Jane discussed how she tried to find someone to help us with change in status. Jane's CPA said we can do the change ourselves. We have to revise our purpose and our general operating guidelines. Lindsey suggested we table until January. Suzanne offered to help craft the mission statement.

4. Report of the Rule Book Committee to confirm changes voted on in the 4/29/19 meeting:

Confirmed the addition of two Junior Directors with rotating/ staggering membership

Reduction in Board size to 17 confirmed and quorum requirement adjusted.

Confirmed the Annual Farm/Business Membership added

Confirmed the recognition of Confirmation and High Performance Hunter

Confirmed the addition of Short, Medium, Long Stirrup Recognition along with Opportunity Walk/Trot and Crossrails Recognition. There was discussion of an email

received from Britt McCormick regarding these new division. There was discussion. Suzanne agreed to respond to Britt's email.

There was discussion of the proposed changes to the Equitation Divisions and THJA Medal specification. There was considerable discussion with Colleen from the Ad Hoc Committee, Amy Uniss-Coleman, Patty Roberts, and Robert Yaffe. Colleen agreed to discuss further in a conference call. It was suggested, by Amy Uniss-Coleman that this conference call happen soon as show planning for 2020 is about to commence.

Discussion regarding of potential updates to By-Laws relating to absences, proxies, and conference calls. There was discussion. If an email about a meeting is ignored, they should be dropped from the board. It is up to the Executive Committee to determine if someone is to be dropped from the Board Roster. Both Jane and Ellen suggested that it is not a matter of updating version but enforcing the By- Laws.

5. We skipped ahead to the Show Standards Committee report. Lynn discussed the letter from Jennifer Devening. Everyone had seen the e-mail thread.
6. Report of the Nominating Committee ~ Stephen Lang read Katja's letter about reducing the Board size. There was discussion about the At Large positions.
7. Prize list review...nothing to report
8. Report of the Sponsorship and Education Committee Patty discussed sponsoring the Gold Star Dinner first week of February to tie in with the Gold Star Jumper Clinic and round table discussion.

Coming up in 2020 we will be offering some scholarships opportunities. One is a \$1500 Scholarship open to ANY Junior that will be merit based. We are also working on point based Junior Scholarships for Hunters in the Children's and Junior, same for Jumpers. We're also discussing a Young Adult Scholarship for adults under 30. This will be roughly \$12,000. We need to work out qualification criteria.

The Education Committee is also discussing limiting the general grants to \$500.

Regarding promotion, Patty will announce at Patrick's clinic about the scholarships and grants. Also, there will be a flyer at each place setting at the banquet.

9. Report of the web site and Information Systems.. Robert talked about October 1st Membership applications will start online for 2020. Yearly Barn Memberships for 2020 will be up for 2020. Membership renewal notices go our October 1 as well.
10. Report of the Social Media Committee...Amy said we can call Jerry Mohme for access to his photos for Social Media and THJA News.
11. Report of the USEF and USHJA News...nothing to add
12. Report of the Membership Committee...Ellen and company put out a membership survey and sent the link to us for review. Great to have Brooke's perspective for Junior input. Survey will be e-mailed AND set out at horse shows for nonmember feed.

13. Report on the THJA Annual Awards Banquet. Patty reported that everything is rocking along. Many sponsored segments.
14. There was brief discussion on promotional opportunities with THJA for the 2020 show year. There was discussion about editorial opportunities in the THJA News. The Board chose not to discuss Britt McCormick's e-mail from June any further.

The date and time were set for our Annual meeting. The Annual meeting will be Saturday January 11, 2020 at 8:30 AM in Houston. The location will be the Omni Hotel.

Suzanne moved that the meeting be adjourned at 1:42pm. Kim Brunson seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

15. Report of the Nominating Committee

16. Report of the Prize List Review Committee

17. Report of the Exhibitor Show Standards Committee

18. Report of the Sponsorship and Education Committee

19. Report on the Web Site and Information Systems
20. Report of the Social Media Committee

21. Report on USEF and USHJA News

22. Report of the Membership Committee

23. Report on the THJA Annual Awards Banquet

24. Other agenda items:

Determine the time of the Annual Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at PM.