

**Texas Hunter and Jumper Association
Board of Directors Annual Meeting
Monday, April 5, 2021
Katy, Texas and Conference Call**

The meeting was called to order by Bob Brawley at 6:04 PM.

1. Roll call

- **Present:** Bob Brawley, Suzanne Warmack, Colleen Brombach, Robert Yaffe, Ariana Pettigrew, Kimberly Brunson, Vicki Hunton, Matt Cyphert
- **On Conference Call:** Ellen Eakin, Jane Thacker, Lynn Walsh, Katja Kallenberger, Lindsey Black, Patty Roberts
- **Absent:** Angeleah Cleek, Kim Cox, Katie Cox, Gustavo De Cillo, and Doug Brombach
- **Special Guest:** Morgan Knochel

2. Reading of the Minutes from the January 11th, meeting: Vicki Hunton moved to waive reading the minutes. Lynn Walsh seconded the motion.

3. Report of the Treasurer was presented by Ariana Pettigrew. The Jacksboro accounts were closed, as discussed, by Linda and Ariana established new accounts in Austin. There was discussion, carried over from the January 11, 2021 meeting, regarding the Education monies collected and setting them aside into a separate account. Ariana agreed to open the separate account.

There was discussion about the Jacksboro CD which matures April 19, 2021. Ariana agreed to research the best CD rates for a rollover.

There was discussion about asking the Show Managers if they could split up the show fees and education fees for us.

There was discussion about performing an audit on the money coming from the horse shows to verify that the correct amount is being sent in regards to the education fee.

The Finance Committee agreed to have a meeting before May 5, 2021 in order to discuss how to separate the Education Fee funds from the general checking account. Patty Roberts agreed to sit in on the meeting since she is Chairman of the Sponsorship and Education Committee.

4. Report of the Rule Book Committee:

Proposal 1: Robert Yaffe suggested a discussion on Conflicts of Interest and he presented examples from the USHJA and proposed that THJA follow similar

guidelines with regards to the composition of the Board of Directors. USHJA COI forms had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was suggested that we endeavor to have a mix of Amateurs, Trainers, and Show Managers on the Board. There was discussion about existing family members on the Board and about allowing them to remain and roll off as their respective terms expire.

Additionally, Gayle suggested including some editorial in THJA News about what the Board service entails. She and Suzanne agreed to collaborate on an article for the upcoming issue

Ariana proposed that any existing board members that have a conflict of interest just abstain from voting. She said that in her experience, this has worked very well for other boards she has been involved in.

We will revisit this proposal when the Rule Book Committee meets next on April 26, 2021.

Proposal 2: Chapters 4 and 7 of the THJA Rule Book regarding the THJA Medal Finals were discussed with regards to specs for ages, fence heights, and qualifying dates. There was discussion about a Rider Rule with a three show minimum for eligibility. The rider must compete and place in a minimum of three THJA recognized shows and place. There was discussion about Junior Eq 14 & Under and Children's Eq both being at 3'.

There was discussion about the need for matching USHJA for Zone finals. Colleen mentioned that she had previously tried to contact USHJA in regards to this issue but it was never resolved. Colleen will send further information on this matter to Patty Roberts who offered to bring the issue up with the USHJA Zone Committee. Cross entry between Junior Equitation 14 & Under and Children's Eq was also discussed. Vicki Hunton moved to accept the language put forth. Colleen Brombach seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Bob Brawley proposed dividing the Rule Book into three sections for review purposes and he assigned small groups to each section.

Group 1: Chapter 1 (Stephen Lang and Katja Kallenberger)

Group 2: Chapter 2 (Jane Thacker and Gayle O'Rear)

Group 3: Chapter 3 - 8 (Colleen Brombach, Jerry Converse, Lynn Walsh, and Matt Cyphert)

Bob Brawley suggested a 21 day turnaround on these sectional reviews and suggested edits or corrections be brought forth at that time. The Rules Committee agreed to meet on April 26, 2021 to go over any edits, corrections, and additions to the current rule book.

Bob Brawley will review the last three years of minutes to make sure no rules that had previously been voted in have been missed.

5. Report of the Nominating Committee:

After a brief discussion about filling the Secretary position, there was not much else to report as the committees and positions had been established in the January 11, 2021 meeting so the board moved on.

The following Directors whose terms expire at the end of 2021 agreed to remain on the Board: 1C Suzanne Warmack, 4S Robert Yaffe, 7N Katja Kallenberger, 10AI Matt Cyphert, 13AL Vicki Hunton, 16AL Ellen Eakin, 19AL Jane Thacker

6. Report of the Prize List Committee: Gayle O'Rear discussed Prize List review. There were no issues in particular. She and Vicki Hunton agreed to visit by phone after Pin Oak.

7. Report of the Show Standards Committee: Colleen Brombach reported that there was nothing new to report.

8. Report of the Sponsorship/Education Committee: There was discussion about Scholarship applications for 2021. Patty asked if the applications could be included in the THJA Newsletter. Suzanne Warmack agreed to publish the application. There was also discussion of posting laminated flyers about the scholarships ringside. All agreed this would be helpful.

There was discussion about how the scholarship awards should be issued. One of the scholarship recipients from last year received a check issued in her name but her school would not accept it and apply it to her account. The check needed to be sent directly to the school. Patty Roberts agreed to look into the best way to issue the scholarship awards in the future. No date was set for follow up.

9. Report of the Web Site and Information Systems: Robert reiterated that all minutes are on our web site. He also discussed how the new retroactive Points rule has helped increase membership. Membership is up by over 100 members from the same time last year.

10. Report on USEF and USHJA News: Lynn Walsh stated that there was not much to report at the moment other than the COVID protocols are working and helping keep shows open. There was brief discussion about the WEC facility.

11. Report of the Membership Committee: Vicki suggested setting up an online store with THJA Branded merchandise. There was brief positive discussion. Vicki agreed to research some options for us to re-visit later.

12. **Report of the THJA Banquet Committee:** Vicki felt that the Country Club she had spoken to about 2020 would or should be amenable for our 2021. The 2021 Annual Awards Banquet on January 8, 2022.

13. There being no other business to discuss, the board determined that the Fall '21 Meeting would be held on September 13, 2021 at TRHP in Tyler. There was discussion about making a ZOOM option available for this meeting.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:58PM.