

**Texas Hunter and  
Jumper Association  
Board of Directors  
Rule Change  
Meeting Agenda  
Wednesday, April  
3rd, 2024 @ 6:00pm  
Via Zoom and In-  
Person at Great  
Southwest  
Equestrian Center**

Call to Order by  
President

- Attendance  
Roll Call By  
Secretary  
(Brittany) –
  - Suzanne  
Warmack
  - Colleen  
Brombach
  - Ariana  
Pettigrew
  - Robert Yaffe
  - Lynn Walsh
  - Susan  
McMorris
  - Katja  
Kallenberger
  - Bob Brawley
  - Michelle
  - Katie Cox
  - Kim Cox
  - Kim Brunson
  - Vicki Hunton
  - Brittany  
Sekanic
  - Brooke
- Val
- Patty Roberts

Highlighted above  
were in attendance.

1. Reading of the meeting minutes or election to waive reading
  - a. One correction
    - i. 16c- lifetime THJA membership – 10 years and president
    - ii. Vicki motions that we accept the minutes
    - iii. Ari seconds
    - iv. All in favor
2. Report of the Treasurer
  - a. Checking 30,314.03
  - b. Saving 78,775.66
  - c. Education Fund 26,924.48
  - d. Asked for a more itemized list of transactions
  - e. Taxes are filed
  - f. Owed payments for Sponsorships
    - i. Request that emails are cc'd for Kristen questions
  - g. Insurance has been changed over and paid for
  - h. Lawsuit payments – Kim to follow up
  - i. Katie motioned to accept treasury notes, Bob Seconded, All in Favor
3. Report of the Rule Book Committee (Katie Cox)
  - a. Made the rule changes for
    - i. Changing division names/wording for Jumpers
    - ii. Modified Children's hunters to the Low Children's Hunters
    - iii. Long Stirrup allowed to continue competing more than 2 years
  - b. Possible name changing of hunter divisions in future
4. Report of the Nominating Committee (Katja)
5. Report of the Prize List Review, Exhibitor Show Standards and Awards Committee (Vicki)
  - a. Did not receive Pin Oak Prizelist
    - i. Problems with Stirrup riders cross entering into 2' Pin Oak Hunters – management over ruled the THJA rules
    - ii. Prizelist said they could cross enter into anything 2' and under
    - iii. THJA could have fixed that if we had received prize list
    - iv. USEF requires us to be an affiliate member- why will the stewards not back our rules
      1. Steward told us to go file complaints with USEF
    - v. Talk to Oliver Kennedy
      1. Kim spoke with him – but has not heard anything back
    - vi. Children's hunter ponies should not be at the same level as short stirrup so they should not be able to cross enter
    - vii. Bob will do some research to see what other states are doing about cross entering
    - viii. Kim will speak with Oliver again to make sure we let them know we did not receive Prize List and to make sure something is posted at the office
  - b. THJA Medal Finals
    - i. Have all the awards

- ii. Has had free entries in past
  - iii. Was small
  - iv. Need social media coverage
  - v. Bob, Colleen and Suzanne to take the lead on plans
  - vi. When to have it?
    - 1. Frost fire during the same week as Split Rock
    - 2. Monster Mash during Indoors
- 6. Report of the Sponsorship and Education Committee (Patty)
  - a. No one has asked for anything yet
  - b. No money has been given out
  - c. Brooke thought we could create a program for how to educate members on college riding and how it works
    - i. Pin oak used to do an event where they talked about how to get on a college team
    - ii. Colleges did not like talking or they have to be careful about talking about it
    - iii. THJA would sponsor an event if college students would put an event together as long as it is approved by the athletic
- 7. Report on the Web Site (Robert)
  - a. Question about the prizelist for Waco to be reviewed
    - i. Member asked if Long stirrup is going to be recognized and Waco is saying they sent in prize list already
      - 1. Vicki is going to look into it
    - ii. Going to send out email to last 2 years list for next year's memberships renewals
    - iii. Stripe does not allow a auto renewal
      - 1. Is there a better program?
      - 2.
- 8. Report of Social Media Committee (Suzzane)
  - a. Checked in with Melissa
    - i. Thanked her for her work
  - b. Working on the magazine – want a digital copy
    - i. Will cost less
- 9. Report on USEF and USHJA News (Lynn Walsh)
  - a. Britt McCormick is taking over President of USHJA
  - b. Everything else is pretty quiet
  - c. Summer session coming up
- 10. Report of the Membership Committee (Vicki)
  - a. Membership has improved
  - b. Email that tells people they have 10 days for points to count if they get their membership done- this has increased membership
  - c. Membership is up 100
  - d. Horse registrations jumped a ton
- 11. Report on the THJA Annual Awards Banquet (Brittany)
  - i. 2023 Banquet Financial Update

- ii. 2024 Banquet Date and Venue
  - 1. Gillie's in Dallas
  - 2. January 11<sup>th</sup>
- iii. Banquet Trophy Discussion
  - 1. Why do we not have perpetual Trophies like all other state and local organizations do?
    - i. Hard to get back
- iv. Get Kristen to hand over binder- Bob to ask for it
- v. Brittany to take home ribbons to repurpose

## 12. New Business

### a. Rules Changes

- i. Equitation Finals
  - 1. Patty Roberts requested
  - 2. Discussion
    - a. Participation
    - b. Entry Fees
- ii. No Cross Entry Rule for Short/Medium/Long Stirrup Divisions
  - 1. Katie Cox requested
  - 2. Discussion
- iii. Division Awards Discussion
  - 1. Katie Cox Requested
  - 2. Discussion
    - a. Why do Opportunity Poles and Crossrails get awards but 18" does not?
    - b. Kim Proposed that we have a recognition for this, Bob seconded, all in favor for 2025
    - c. Bob proposes that we changed it for 2024
      - i. Vicki seconds
      - ii. All in favor
- iv. Meeting Date Discussion
  - 1. Lynn Walsh requested
  - 2. Discussion of the timing of the annual meeting in January.
    - a. The sport is changing and many board members and members leave for out of state circuits.
    - b. A discussion would include the feasibility of point calculations earlier, end of November, plus other issues involving moving off the date.
    - c. Keep 3 meetings.
    - d. Proposals on next agenda and then vote at next meeting.
- v. Friday Junior Rule
  - 1. Requested by Kim Cox
  - 2. Discussion

3. Patty makes a motion to write the rule as is but with the wording “Except age group equitation, children’s equitation, low children’s equitation and pony equitation. No qualifying classes or national level medals will be allowed to be held on Friday’s.”
  - a. Vicki Seconds
  - b. All in favor
- b. Val Garza discussion
  - i. Charges brought against her in Henderson county
  - ii. Board members asked to remove her from the board
  - iii. USEF has rules for this, THJA does not
  - iv. Look into adding a rule for this; adopt USEF rules?
  - v. Kim spoke with Val and asked her to step away for now until her trial settles
    1. She has agreed to step down for now
  - vi. We don’t need to fill her position for now
  - vii. Think there are too many members on the board
    1. Currently 16 seats, now 15

Meeting adjourned at 8:36

THJA Secretary Name and Signature:

Brittany Sekanic – April 12, 2023