

**Texas Hunter and Jumper Association
Board of Directors Rules Meeting Agenda
Saturday, January 7th, 2023 @ 10am
Via Zoom and In Person**

Call to order by President

1. Roll call by the Secretary (Ariana) – Ariana, Suzanne, Katja, Kim B, Robert, Ellen, Lindsay, Katie C, Colleen, Bob, Vicki, Kim C, Morgan (notetaking), Brittany (guest), Patty (arrived late)
2. Reading of the meeting minutes or election to waive reading – Vicki motions, Colleen seconds.
3. Report of the Treasurer
 - a. CD – recommendation is to open a new CD somewhere else. Recommendation is to move to a large national bank
 - b. University Federal Credit Union is where the bank accounts are now
 - c. Second Signor – preferable to add someone within Austin so that they are close to the same bank
 - d. Lindsay and Ariana are going to set up a phone call to discuss CD options
 - e. Discussion of making something that carries forward such as adopting a rule that says that the two signers on the account are the President and Treasurer.
 - f. **ACTION: Add the following to the rule book.**
 - o The duty of the President is to be one of the second signer on all bank accounts.
 - o The duty of the Treasurer is to be one of the second signer on all bank accounts.
 1. Kim motions
 2. Colleen seconds
 3. All in favor
 - g. Should we donate something to Robbie's GoFundMe? Matt Cyphert has been a longtime board member
 - o Kim motions that we donate \$1,000
 - o Suzanne seconded
 - o All in favor
4. Report of the Rule Book Committee
 - a. **ACTION: Bob is going to send the last few rule changes to Ellen after this meeting. This includes the second signer, secretary rule change and the opportunity membership rule change.**
5. Report of the Nominating Committee (Katja)
 - a. There was much discussion about how to elect/appoint people onto the board. The THJA Rule Book states that we should have presented the nominees to the President by August 27th. It also states that "Senior members of the Association may designate one or more additional nominee, either for a Zone Directorship

- or a Directorship at Large, by obtaining signatures representing 20 votes for any such nomination. That is only for the nomination, not for appointing people.
- b. Our board follows "Robert's Rules of Order", and it says that if there is no rule for or against doing something, Bob as President can make a motion to put to a vote to the board members for these nominees. All were in favor for this.
 - c. Discussion of Northern/Southern/Central/At Large
 - o Kim C said she could move to seat 9 as a Southern director, which leaves seat 11 vacant.
 - d. Brittany Sekanic – Secretary
 - o She was previously voted in and is now formally made Secretary.
 - e. Susan McMorris – Central, seat 9
 - o She is exactly the type of barn we need to target because her barn represents riders of all levels. She has supported THJA for a long time. She is not afraid to share her opinion. Susan and Bill are always the first few people to join THJA each year.
 - o Patty had to get off and she that she votes for Susan.
 - o All were in favor of voting Susan into the Central board seat.
 - f. Jet Rusidovski – Central
 - o All were opposed.

6. Report of the Prize List Review Committee

- a. Discussion of where people send the prize lists to. Decision to add more clear contact info Prize List committee.
- b. ACTION: Robert, add a section on the website that features who to send the prize lists to along with their e-mail and phone number

7. Report of the Exhibitor Show Standards Committee

- a. Request for project assistance (Colleen) –
 - o Colleen needs a few more people on the committee to help out. She wants to make a questionnaire to call trainers and talk to members about how they thought the show went. There was discussion about phone calls vs online survey. This gives us actual data.
 - o There was discussion over whether or not it is the responsibility of the THJA to try to improve horse show quality. THJA is a governing body and not a customer service organization like the horse show managers.
 - o This is in a sense a lobby to improve the horse shows in Texas.
 - o Kim C brought up that the survey should also ask people what they think THJA should be doing for them. "What would encourage you and your barn to add more members?"
 - o "Did you know that THJA offer scholarships?"
 - o Are we in favor of doing this? All in favor.
- b. Possibility of changing our show year. Possibility of doing the banquet on New Year's Eve. Ariana said that the last gala she planned they had to book it 3 years out. Maybe this idea is not possible. If we shift the show year, then we will also have to shift the fiscal year. Discussion of a February banquet.
 - o Brittany asked what incentivizes people to come. Before COVID we averaged 300. This banquet is 185. Karaoke, dancing, photo booth, casino.

- Patty said 30 years ago she used to put the banquet on and there used to be 500. But times have changed, all of the barns are now going out of state to show in January. People would rather be horse showing than going to a banquet. We cannot do everything for everyone. We should narrow in on our target market and do the best we can for those people. Ariana said that in the non profit world, gala attendance is down, golf tournaments are down.
- We need to watch for event clashing with smaller local organizations.
- We should target smaller trainers that are not members and encourage them to join.
- No decisions or action items.

8. Report of the Sponsorship and Education Committee

- a. Maybe there needs to be a 90-180 day limit on redeeming scholarships
- b. Part of the problem is that in the past, the money has to go straight to the school
- c. No scholarships were applied for this year.
- d. What if we partner with a local non-profit to sponsor kids to attend local riding camps? But does that benefit our current membership?
- e. "Did you know THJA offered scholarships?" This should be a question on our membership survey that Colleen is planning on doing.

9. Report on the Web Site and Information Systems

- a. ACTION: Need to update the website where it makes the contact info "dummy proof" for sending Prize Lists to.
- b. Membership numbers:
 - 2019 750 members
 - 2020 756 members
 - 2021 814 members
 - 2022 907 members
 - 2023 600 members so far
- c. There was discussion on refunding membership money when people accidentally register themselves or a horse twice and how currently we are on the hook for paying the service charges that the CC company imposes. Colleen asked why we can't make it so that there's an error message when somebody tries to register in duplicate. Robert said that it would be very difficult with our current database.
- d. ACTION: Add language to the registration pages that if you register in duplicate then you'll receive a refund minus the service charges

10. Report on USEF and USHJA News

- a. They are moving towards changing Children's Jumpers to Jr Jprs 1.0m, 1.15m to make things consistent with Young Riders. There was also talk of changing it in the hunter world as well.
- b. Changing the size of the small junior to 16.1hh because the horses are getting bred bigger and bigger.
- c. They are moving forward with Trainer Credentialing

11. Report of the Membership Committee

- a. none

12. Report on the THJA Annual Awards Banquet

- a. Tonight at 6pm!

13. New Business:

a. Voting:

- o President – Vicki Hunton, Bob nominates, Ariana seconds. All were in favor.

1. Vicki Hunton will be added to the University Federal Credit Union (UFCU) bank accounts as a second signer.

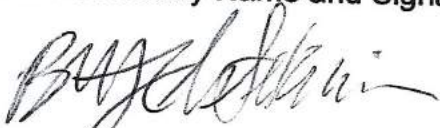
- o 1st Vice President – Kim Cox, Bob nominates, Vicki seconds. All were in favor.
- o 2nd Vice President – Colleen Brombach. Bob nominates, Kim C seconds. All were in favor.
- o Treasurer – not up for vote
- o Executive Committee (9 people) – Bob, Ellen, Patty. Vicki nominated. Kim seconded. All in favor
- o Director Seat 6 (Central) – Susan McMorris was elected earlier
- o Director Seat 9 (Southern) – Kim Cox moved to this seat from her previously held Seat 14.
- o At Large

b. Committees (Vicki) – The board did not go over the individual committees due to time constraints

c. THJA Magazine (Suzanne) – Suzanne talked about moving the magazine to online only due to budget restrictions and paper sourcing issues. Everyone liked the idea. She said we have one more paper copy and then we'll move to digital.

14. Meeting adjourned

THJA Secretary Name and Signature:



Brittany Sekanic - January 30, 2023