

**Texas Hunter and Jumper Association
Board of Directors Annual Meeting Minutes
Saturday January 11, 2025 ~ Live and Via Zoom**

The meeting was called to order by Kim Cox at 8:40AM.

1. Roll call by the Suzanne Warmack ~ Substitute for Brittany Sekanic

- Present via In-Person: Kim Cox, Katie Cox, Colleen Brombach, Brooke Brombach, Vicki Hunton, Bob Brawley, Michelle Greene, Kim Brunson, Brittany Sekanic(Joined late while meeting in progress)
- Present via Zoom: Suzanne Warmack, Ariana Pettigrew, Lynn Walsh(Left before conclusion), Robert Yaffe, Katja Kallenberger, Susan McMorris(Left before conclusion),
- Absent/excused:
Patty Roberts

2. Reading of the meeting minutes from the September 18th Meeting:

- Since there had been discussion and revisions to the minutes from the September meeting prior to this meeting, Kim Cox moved that the reading of the minutes be tabled. Suzanne Warmack seconded the motion. All were in favor.

3. Report of the Treasurer / Finance Committee:

Ariana presented the financials reports Via email prior to the meeting. There was discussion about the updated format for the financials and stated that they were easier to understand.

There was discussion, carried over from the September 18th meeting about changing accounting firms. Ariana mentioned a person that had been referred to her. Colleen had a person to refer as well. Further research into potential accounting partners will be done.

There was discussion about shifting the Show Recognition duties away from the Treasurer's to do list. There was also discussion about collection issues with Robert Barton's Lone Star Horse Shows. Ariana moved not to recognize Robert Barton's Shows in the future. Vicki Hunton seconded the motion.

4. Report of the Rule Book Committee, Katie Cox and Robert Yaffe discussed The USHJA/USEF Membership renewal dates and processes. Ariana pointed out that the Membership rates in our Rule Book don't match the current rates and asked if they could be updated.

5. Report of the Prize List Review Committee; Committee:

Vicki said she had nothing to report but suggested automating the process.

6. Report of the Exhibitor Show Standards Committee, had nothing much to report as this discussion was combined with the Prize List Committee report and with Ariana's suggestions for not recognizing Robert Barton's Lone start Horse Shows.
7. Report of the Sponsorship and Education Committee, Kim Cox stated that the Education Committee hadn't given out any grant monies or scholarship recently as there hadn't been any requests.
8. Report of the Web Site and Information Systems. Robert discussed a small snafu with the online Early Bird Banquet ticket sales. The error will be fixed so it doesn't happen next year.
9. Report on USEF and USHJA News, Lynn discussed how hopefully, having Britt McCormick at the helm as USHJA President, he should be accessible. There was discussion about balancing tier budget.
10. Report of the Membership Committee, Vicki Hunton had nothing much to report. Robert Yaffe stated that we currently have 157 Junior Members, 135 Senior, 1 Junior Lifetime Member, 142 Lifetime Members, and 114 other which could be farm memberships.
11. Report of the Banquet Committee, Brittany Sekanic gave a report on the numbers. Venue Costs, \$38,894.79, Non-Venue Expenses \$18,370.02. Revenue-wise, there was \$7250 in Sponsorship Sales, \$250 in Ad Sales, Ticket Sales were \$10,760. A grand total of 119 tickets were sold. Revenue numbers are down from last year. She noted that she would send final numbers and a playbook for future banquet comparisons and guidance. There was discussion about moving the date, as in the past, to November or March/April during Pin Oak. Ultimately, it was agreed to make it January 3, 2026.
12. Report of the Nominating Committee, there was discussion about members choosing to step down or become Emeritus. Robert Yaffe is becoming an Emeritus member leaving a Southern District spot open. Our Secretary, Brittany Sekanic is stepping down from the position but will remain on the board. There was discussion for a replacement. Kim Cox nominated Katie Cox for the position. Additionally, Whitney LaBrie (Southern) and Megan Mullane (at Large) were discussed. Vicki Hunton moved that we accept them. Katie Cox seconded. The Board Agreed that they would be good additions.

Michelle noted that she knew someone, Kelly Wilson, interested in joining the board potentially. There was also a discussion that Colleen Brombach is eligible to become Emeritus and would be willing to step into that position to allow an opening for another new board member.

13. Other Agenda items:

- a. Discussion of the 2025 Medal Finals~ Brooke Brombach
- b. THJA Medal Rules/Update Rule Book: Discussion about withdrawal of support, Qualifying period (8/15/25-8/14/26), Declaration to participate, Outline rules for declaration, and fee to declare participation. At 11:30 AM, The Board contacted Ms. Nora Nichols by Conference call to discuss her concerns over the 2024 Medal Finals. Upon conclusion of the call, there was further discussion. Brooke Brombach asked if a committee could be formed and if there could be a budget of \$2500 for prizes. There was additional discussion. Brooke moved that a \$2500 Budget be allowed. Kim Cox seconded the motion. All were in favor. There was also discussion about having a Nomination/Declaration fee for '25.
- c. Discussion of THJA Media (Brooke Brombach) There was discussion about using videos provided by Juniors to drive interest to our THJA Instagram. There was a discussion.
- d. Discussion/Confirmation of Officers and Executive Committee Members
The slate of officers is as follows: President ~ Kim Cox, First Vice President ~ Colleen Brombach, Second Vice President ~ Vicki Hunton, Treasurer ~ Ariana Pettigrew, Secretary ~ Katie Cox
- e. Discussion of THJA Committees and Committee Members
The following Committee Memberships were established:
Executive Committee ~ Kim Cox, Colleen Brombach, Vicki Hunton, Katie Cox, Ariana Pettigrew, Susan McMorris, Katja Kallenberger, Michelle Greene
Rule Book Committee ~ Katie Cox, Colleen Brombach, Susan McMorris, Bob Brawley
Show Standards/Prize List ~ Vicki Hunton Katie Cox, Lynn Walsh, Whitney LaBrie
Finance Committee ~ Colleen Brombach, Bob Brawley, Ariana Pettigrew, Suzanne Warmack

Sponsorship & Education Committee ~ Patty Roberts, Kim Cox, Kim Brunson, Suzanne Warmack

Nominating Committee ~ Katja Kallenberger, Suzanne Warmack, Susan McMorris, Megan Mullane

Banquet Committee ~ Brooke Brombach, Brittany Sekanic, Michelle Greene, Vicki Hunton, Ariana Pettigrew, Colleen Brombach

USHJA/USEF ~ Lynn Walsh, Patty Roberts

Website ~ Robert Yaffe, Katie Cox

Social Media ~ Suzanne Warmack, Melissa Osbourne, Michelle Greene, Brooke Brombach

Membership ~ Vicki Hunton, Kim Brunson, Whitney LaBrie, Megan Mullane

THJA Medal ~ Brooke Brombach, Brittany Sekanic, Bob Brawley, Colleen Brombach

- f. Discussion of Lifetime Membership for Kim Cox
 - a. Sec 1D4. Life Members ~ Those individuals who pay a single fee of \$700 or by serving as an officer of THJA for a period of at least 10 consecutive years or by Qualifying as Director Emeritus status under Section 3 of this Chapter. Life members are exempt from paying annual dues.
 - b. Sec 3 – Discussion of eligibility standards for Directors Emeritus.

14. The next meeting will be the Rules meeting. It will be held April 9, 2026 at 6PM at GSEC.

Kim Cox adjourned the meeting at 12:50PM.

THJA Secretary Name and Signature:

Brittany Sekanic – January 15, 2025