

Mississippi Hunter Jumper Association

December Board Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2026

Opening

The December Board Meeting of the Mississippi Hunter Jumper Association was called to order by President Meghan Humphreys on January 12, 2026, at 7:05 p.m., by Zoom.

Present

Board Members: Meghan Humphreys, Shannon Rushton, Melody Chimahusky, Jordan Skinner, Leah Ivey, Trudy Moody, Salina Kelly, Robin Morris, Jordan Kay, Kate Rushton, Emily Johnson, Tammy Britzke, Missie Strong, Terri Nusz, Nathalie Bearden, Taylor Kazary, Brittany Strong, Hope Henry, Allison Collins, Chloe Palato and Brittany Jones- Short

Junior Members: Gigi Adams, Meryl Bearden, Anne Moody, Christine Moody, Hayden Moody, Ella Thomas, Arie Strong, Sydnie Strong, Emma Britzke and Vivian Parker

Absent

Board Members: Jennifer Kennon, Emily Jolicoeur, Stephanie Strachan

Junior Members: Reese Edwards and Brock Kennon

Open Issues

1. Review of the December 2025 Board Meeting Minutes

Salina Kelly made a motion to accept the December Board Meeting minutes as drafted. Jordan Skinner seconded the motion. None opposed and the motion passed.

2. MHJA Annual Banquet
 - a. Confirmed that Taylor can be the photographer for the evening and she will post on a Google Drive
 - b. Meghan texted all trainers to remind about the barn baskets- we don't need details but we do need to know the value
 - c. Need Silent Auction items
 1. Received donations from the Tack store at the show
 2. Can drop items at Calnemo before Saturday
 3. If you are unable to deliver the items before the day of the banquet, at least send a picture of the item or the form including the value
 - d. Ticket sales
 1. The portal has not been changing the number of tickets when additional people are added. Texts to trainers to remind people to verify the number of tickets sold.
 2. 86 tickets were sold at the time the numbers needed to go to the caterer, they turned in 125
 3. Need a new way to prepare for the event next year
 - e. Currently under budget from last year's estimate
 - f. Need to debrief at the February board meeting
 - g. Melody will bring the Square for credit cards

- h. Jill Upchurch is helping with the auction
 - i. Melody and Shannon will work check out from the auction
 - j. Jennifer Kennon will set up the tables and layout
 - k. Shannon will work check in with 1-2 volunteers
 - 1. Will confirm the wristbands from last year's banquet
 - 2. Will bring print outs of winners and ticket sales
 - l. Set up will start at 9:00 am
 - m. Jordan will work on a sheet to track hours for Junior members
 - n.
3. Christmas Horse Show
- a. Huge Short and Long Stirrup classes
 - b. Need suggestions for facility upgrades from trainers
 - c. Need to consider a fundraiser specifically for show improvements
 - d. The Christmas Sweater Derby was a hot- need to expand next year to Christmas sweaters all day for all riders
 - e. Fun class and the personalized ornaments were a hit
 - f. The Tack store did really well and can come to the October show if Bridles and Britches can't come. They also did a jump sponsorship and a gift card for the Silent Auction
 - g. Membership will have a grace period to join and have their show points count, open until January 21st.
 - 1. Salina will text the trainers to let them know about the grace period
4. Sponsorships
- a. Jordan Kaye will check with CSpire for sponsorship
 - b. Sponsorship numbers are down- we need to continue to try and get sponsors especially for division and jump sponsors
 - c. We can offer a pro-rate for two shows instead of three
 - d. Consider establishing a MHJA Supporter Pool with donations at any amount
 - 1. Maybe Blue Ribbon, Red Ribbon sponsorships or Champion and Reserve
 - e. Need to develop a flyer to show the impact of MHJA and the numbers reached
 - 1. Robin will put one that she developed in the Group Me
 - f. Need a planning meeting for sponsorships
 - g. Allison and Trudy are responsible for tracking contributions.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm by Meghan Humphreys. Next Board Meeting February 9th

Minutes submitted by: Shannon Rushton, MHJA Secretary