

# Mississippi Hunter Jumper Association

## Board Meeting Minutes

December 11, 2023

### Opening

The Board meeting of the Mississippi Hunter Jumper Association was called to order by President Fontaine Bowie on December 11, 2023, at 7:03 p.m., in person and via Zoom at 136 Picnic Hill Drive, Madison, MS 39110

### Present

Board Members: Fontaine Bowie, Melody Chimahusky, Shannon Rushton, Robin Morris, Salina Kelly, Jamie Floyd, Julie Frost, Mandy Dearman, Kesler Bridgeforth, Bronwyn Martin, Leah Ivey, Hope Henry, Emily Jolicoeur, Taylor Kazery, Jordan Skinner and Nathalie Bearden

Junior Members: Taylor Chamblee and Chloe Palato

### Absent

Board Members: Amy O'Mara, Jennifer Keenon and Brittany Strong, Stephanie Strachan and Shane Cook

Junior Members: Presley Martin

### Open Issues

1. Review of the October Minutes

*Salina Kelly made a motion to accept the minutes. Melody Chimahusky seconded the motion. None opposed and the motion passed.*

1. Review of the November Minutes

*Jamie Floyd made a motion to accept the minutes. Taylor Kazery seconded the motion. None opposed and the motion passed.*

2. Treasurer Report

3. Nomination to appoint Jordan Skinner as a member of the Board of Directors

*Salina Kelly made a motion to accept the minutes. Jamie Floyd seconded the motion. None opposed and the motion passed*

4. Discussion on adding 2 additional Junior Board Members
  - a. Will need to amend the Bylaws before we can add them, potential Junior Board Members can serve on committees until we amend the Bylaws
  - b. Recommendation to amend Bylaws to allow up to 6 Junior Board Members

5. Bylaw Review

- a. Needed changes include:
  1. Change Show Manager to include opportunity to hire a manager

2. Change to allow adult family members to serve on the Board at the same time, only one will be designated as a voting member of the Board. All others will be non-voting members
  - b. Will ask attorney to make the changes or Jamie will make them
  - c. Vote to accept the amendments to the Bylaws at the Banquet
6. Sponsorships and Ads for 2023-24 Show Season
- a. Need to check on the payments and Paypal history
  - b. Continuing Ads or Sponsorships
    1. Southern Traditions will continue to purchase an ad in the Prize List
    2. Kesler will check on sponsorship of the 5 Bar Special Class
    3. Serenity Farms- ½ page (Jamie will send the forms)
    4. Munday Morning Acres- business card size ad (repeat from last year- Jamie to send the forms)
    5. Cadence Bank- full page ad (with sponsorship of multiple divisions)
    6. Dixie Equine (Melody will check)
    7. Blue Ribbon will renew
    8. Dyatech will renew
    9. Jonathon the farrier will renew (small ad- Fontaine to check)
    10. Belcavallo (Salina will reach out)
    11. Cline tours- yes
    12. Conway and Associates- yes
    13. Cook Equine (form sent to Melody)
    14. John Weaver the farrier (Fontaine will contact)
    15. Jane Claire Williams and Emily Johnson (Melody and Jamie will confirm the repeat of their ½ page ads)
    16. Pig and Pint- yes
    17. Jennifer Mathews- ¼ page
    18. Step and Repeat (coordinate with Ronica for sizes)
      - i. Mercedez Benz
      - ii. Southern Ag
      - iii. Reunion Farms
      - iv. Fontaine has talked to PIP and Hederman, Bronwyn will look at other options too
7. Hospitality Committee
- a. Silent Auction items
    1. Bridles and Britches- poncho, riding pad, riding shirt, Kerits jacket and other jacket
    2. Boot Barn- possibly Ariat paddock boots
    3. Barn Baskets
8. Social Media
- a. Robin and Taylor K. to chair with the assistance of junior members
  - b. Will post pictures during the show
9. Committees
- a. Amy O'Mara will be on the Hospitality Committee
  - b. Hope Henry, Jordan Skinner will help Nathalie with Prizes and Ribbons (storage on Lake Harbour Drive)
  - c. Use Sign Up Genuis to man the Ribbon table during the shows

10. Board Goals

- a. Short Term: Need as many sponsorships as possible- need to be submitted by 12-15-2023.
- b. Long Term:
  1. Creation of MHJA Scholarships for College Tuition and Scholarship for Show participation (need to work on application process for both)
  2. Solvent Budget

11. Points Committee

- a. Almost done with final show submission
- b. Working on Gulf Coast affiliations (Fontaine to confirm)
- c. Talking to Excel Shows about affiliation.

**Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm by Fontaine Bowie. The next Board Meeting will be on January 9th, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Shannon Rushton, MHJA Secretary