

# Mississippi Hunter Jumper Association

## Board Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2024

### Opening

The Board meeting of the Mississippi Hunter Jumper Association was called to order by President Fontaine Bowie on January 8, 2024, 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, Nathalie Bearden, Amy O'Mara, Jennifer Keenon, Brittany Strong, Stephanie Strachan

Junior Members: Taylor Chamblee, Presley Martin and Chloe Palato

### Absent

Board Members: Shane Cook

Junior Members: none

### Open Issues

#### 1. Review of the December 2023 Minutes

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

#### 2. Treasurer Report

- a. Review of Balance Sheet
- b. Melody has been added to the Trustmark accounts
- c. Closing the Bank Plus account and combine with the Bancorp South account

*Kesler Bridgeforth made a motion to move all funds in the Bank Plus account to the Bancorp South account and to close the empty Bank Plus account. Salina Kelly seconded the motion. None opposed and the motion passed.*

#### 3. Hospitality Committee

- a. End of Year banquet
  1. Silent Auction items to Melody and Jamie
  2. Iron Horse Grill will attend and cater the bar at the event
  3. Banquet ticket prices go up tonight
  4. Sportsmanship Award
- b. Amy O'Mara will chair the Committee after the Banquet
- c. Horse Show Hospitality
  1. Possible soup buffet at the Horse Show during the 4 Bar
  2. Fontaine to text Barn trainers to gauge interest
  3. Estimate about 100 people

4. Ads and Sponsorships
  - a. Barn Basket winner at the Banquet to get shout out in the next prize list and on social media
  - b. Quite a few ads have not been paid, Some haven't submitted an ad
  - c. Stephanie has a spreadsheet and Bronwyn has a Word document that can be compared
5. New Years Premiere Horse Show
  - a. Prize List
    1. Almost ready to be sent out and linked on Facebook and Instagram
    2. Need to confirm outstanding ads and sponsorships
    3. Kathleen and Beth have vetted the prize list, Beth will get it on Horseshow Online
    4. Shannon will send the Prize List to the membership
  - b. MHJA will sponsor the 4 Bar class \$1000 prize money if at least 10 enter, if not 10 entries then prize money decreases, \$75 entry fee
  - c. Sign Up Genius to decide how to get coverage for the ribbons table
6. MHJA Merchandise Store- Nathalie Bearden
  - a. Can set up online and pre-sale items rather than hold inventory (we still have about 200 MHJA tshirts)
  - b. Upfront cost if we use University Screen Print (Starkville):
    1. \$50 to set up
    2. Use our existing digitized logo
  - c. Recommendations from previous stores for other associations
    1. Up to 10 items
    2. Can chose from different brands
    3. Keeping it open for short amounts of time
  - d. Set up a way to get suggestions from the membership (at the show or on social media) about what they would be interested in
    1. Hats
    2. Jackets
    3. Vests
  - e. Can we sell existing shirts on the website?
7. Points Committee
  - a. Points were sent out last Saturday and issues can be turned in through midnight Monday
  - b. Lyndsey Blackstone email
8. Bylaw Review
  - a. Jamie sent a list of changes to the Board by email
  - b. Discussion on calling a meeting at the horse show (before the 4 bar) to vote on changes
  - c. Changes would take effect immediate after the vote
  - d. Concern on changes to the membership price changes approved by the past Board of Directors- agree to remove from the suggested changes and vote on remaining.

*Julie Frost made a motion to approve all recommended changes to the Bylaws (excluding the membership cost changes) to present to the membership for vote. Brittany Strong seconded the motion. None opposed and the motion passed.*

9. Committee Assignments

- a. Sponsorship and Ads Committee
  - 1. Bronwyn Martin
  - 2. Stephanie Strahan
  - 3. Leah Ivey
- b. Rules Committee
  - 1. Fontaine Bowie
  - 2. Shannon Rushton
  - 3. Patti Wright-Shoemaker (Non Board member)
  - 4. Kathleen Aerteker (Show Manager)
- c. Nominating Committee
  - 1. Kesler Bridgeforth
  - 2. Julie Frost
- d. Ribbons and Prizes Committee
  - 1. Jordan Skinner
  - 2. Nathalie Bearden
  - 3. Hope Henry
- e. Show Committee
  - 1. Fontaine Bowie
  - 2. Shannon Rushton
  - 3. Jamie Floyd
  - 4. Mandy Dearman
  - 5. Nathalie Bearden
  - 6. Jordan Skinner
  - 7. Bronwyn Martin
  - 8. Stephanie Strachan
  - 9. Amy O'Mara
  - 10. Saline Kelly
- f. Points and Affiliations Committee
  - 1. Salina Kelly
  - 2. Emily Jolicoeur
- g. Membership
  - 1. Shannon Rushton
- h. Hospitality Committee
  - 1. Amy O'Mara
  - 2. Jamie Floyd
  - 3. Melody Chimahusky
  - 4. Brittany Strong
  - 5. Jennifer Kennon
- i. Hearing Committee
  - 1. Determined by Board as needed

- j. Bylaws Committee
  - 1. Fontaine Bowie
  - 2. Jamie Floyd
  - 3. Julie Frost
  
- k. Social Media Committee
  - 1. Robin Morris
  - 2. Taylor Kazery
  - 3. Taylor Chamblee
  - 4. Presley Martin
  - 5. Chloe Palato

**Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:29 pm by Fontaine Bowie. The next Board Meeting will be on February 12, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Shannon Rushton, MHJA Secretary