

Mississippi Hunter Jumper Association

Board Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2024

Opening

The Board meeting of the Mississippi Hunter Jumper Association was called to order by President Fontaine Bowie on March 11, 2024, at 7:08 p.m., in person at 136 Picnic Hill Drive, Madison MS 39110 and via Zoom.

Present

Board Members: Fontaine Bowie, Melody Chimahusky, Shannon Rushton, Salina Kelly, Jamie Floyd, Mandy Dearman, Hope Henry, Taylor Kazery, Jordan Skinner, Nathalie Bearden, Stephanie Strahan and Brittany Strong

Junior Members: Chloe Palato

Absent

Board Members: Shane Cook, Julie Frost, Bronwyn Martin, Emily Jolicoeur, Amy O'Mara, Kesler Bridgeforth, Robin Morris, Leah Ivey and Jennifer Kennon

Junior Members: Taylor Chamblee and Presley Martin

Open Issues

1. Review of the February 2024 Minutes

Jamie Floyd made a motion to accept the minutes. Brittany Strong seconded the motion. None opposed and the motion passed.

2. Treasurer Report

- a. Banquet Breakdown

1. Cost \$9,768 (not including tickets)
2. Ticket Income \$7,865
3. Silent Auction Income \$4,000

- b. January Show Breakdown

1. Expenses \$21,864
2. Income \$19,802 (includes prize money given out but not sponsorship income)

- c. Upcoming Financial Changes

1. Decrease catering cost for staff meals by ordering individual meals and not bulk
2. EMT change (decrease cost by 50%)
 - i. G. Pickle no longer certified for life saving measures in Rankin County- could cause liability for association
3. Increase stall cost
4. Possible increase to shavings cost

3. April General Meeting

- a. At Leah Ivey's business in Gluckstadt

4. Bylaws Committee

- a. All changes already approved in previous meetings except for possible changes in membership fees
- b. Discussion for Changes in Membership Fees
 1. Review of other states
 - i. Alabama (\$38 individual, \$63 family, \$353 lifetime, \$78 barn)
 - ii. Middle TN (\$45 individual, \$350 individual life, \$60 family- limit of 2, \$500 family lifetime, \$10 horse, pony)
 - iii. LHJA (\$40 individual junior, \$40 senior individual, \$50 farm)
 - iv. WTHJA (\$200 lifetime, \$50 yearly)
 2. Possibly removing Lifetime membership option, grandfathering all existing lifetime members. Would create steady income for the association
 3. Only 22 memberships this year, 6 were lifetime memberships
 4. Need to increase the number of memberships sold per year to create a steady stream of income

Mandy Dearman made a motion to increase the cost of individual membership to \$40, increase family membership to \$65 and remove the lifetime membership option.. Salina Kelly seconded the motion. None opposed and the motion passed.

5. Show Committee

- a. Possible December Show in Canton for 2024-25 Show Year, Fontaine to contact Canton
- b. Need help from Board Members for jump storage and transportation on Wed before the show
- c. Need Show Committee meeting before the July Show (maybe after Easter)
- d. Horse Medal Trophy- true finals should be held at the 1st show of each year, inviting back the top 6 riders to compete for the trophy. No ribbons just the trophy to be awarded at the Annual MHJA Banquet

6. Creation of a Master Calendar to track shows and avoid conflicts

7. Prize Committee

- a. Inventory completed on ribbons and prizes

8. Points and Affiliation Committee

- a. Request to send points totals out after each MHJA Show
- b. Aim to release every 3 months to eliminate long term look back
- c. Points will be final after comment period at each release
- d. Excel shows have been in touch about affiliation, Salina to follow up this week

9. Ads and Sponsorships

- a. Still missing 8 payments
- b. Melody to coordinate with Stephanie to collect
- c. Follow up with Pig & Pint on ad for prize list

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm by Fontaine Bowie. The next Board Meeting will be on April 8, 2024, following the General MHJA Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Shannon Rushton, MHJA Secretary