

WASHINGTON STATE HUNTERS & JUMPERS ASSOCIATION
Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 13th, 2009.

Present: Shelly Kerron, Clare Warren, Nancy Lewis, Melissa Cook, Nancy Free, Kim Stuckens, Carly Nicefaro, Melody Gilmore, Shannon Hendrickson, Sara Smith

Absent: Tami Masters, Lola Michelin, Laina Patterson, Sally Collins, Keena Haynes France

Year to Date Board Member Absences:

Member	Absent	Member	Absent	Member	Absent
Shelly Kerron	0	Tami Masters	1	Sally Collins	2
Clare Warren	0	Kim Stuckens	1	Keena Haynes France	1
Nancy Lewis	0	Lola Michelin	2	Melody Gilmore	1
Melissa Cook	0	Laina Patterson	3	Shannon Hendrickson	2
Nancy Free	2	Carly Nicefaro	0	Sara Smith	1

1. Call to order at 7:10 by President Shelly Kerron. Shelly briefly reviewed the Spring horseshows.
2. Secretary report: A **motion passed** to approve the minutes of the March 11^h, 2009 Board meeting as posted.
3. Treasurer report:
 - a. Membership is down to 318 members from 396 members last year. Horse registrations are down to 361 from 431 last year.
 - b. The spring shows lost money this year; entries were 79%, 87% and 71% of last year for the Spring Inaugural, Spring National Hunter and Spring National Jumper respectively.
 - c. We are now using a free conference call system for the Board meetings which saves about \$175 per month.
4. Old Business
 - a. Banquet
 - i. A **motion passed** to select Lynn Trewin as the Banquet Manager for the 2010 awards banquet with a not-to-exceed contract amount of \$7500.
 - ii. A **motion passed** to budget \$20,000 for the 2010 banquet which is what it looks like we can afford at this point. The new Banquet Manager will work with the Board to come up with ideas on how to significantly lower costs for the banquet due to the tough economic year.
 - b. Updated By-Laws
 - i. A **motion passed** to accept the updated by-laws from the April Special meeting for posting on the web-site.
 - ii. The Board members agreed to review the list of perpetual trophies and let Melissa know if anything is missing.
 - c. Horse Show Committee

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- i. A ***motion passed*** to renew Diane's contract as show manager for the 2010 shows at the same \$ amount as 2009.
 - ii. Next year, the Board recommends that no cross entries will be allowed between the Mini Prix and the Grand Prix and that they be 1.2M and 1.4M respectively so there is a larger jump size difference.
 - d. Junior Committee
 - i. During the spring horse shows, the junior raffle made \$1000, the Susan G. Komen pins \$62, the Spring Inaugural Equitation Challenge Scholarship Class \$1000 and the Spring National Hunter Challenge Scholarship Class \$1000. Carly is looking at new ideas to bring the juniors together on activities. The Board agreed to discuss the annual auction at the next meeting.
 - e. Marketing Committee
 - i. Jessica Vania will be participating on our new Marketing Committee. She comes from Microsoft with a lot of marketing experience. Other participants will be Nancy Lewis and Denise Youell.
 - f. Membership Communication Topics for Publications
 - i. The Board agreed that the highest priority topics are:
 - 1. Noting the Grand Prix and Junior Raffle winners on our website along with photos.
 - 2. Mentioning the serious illness and recovery of Jodie Davis, one of the trainers at Parkside Stables.
 - 3. An interview with President Shelly Kerron.
- 5. New Business
 - a. Board Position Roles and Responsibilities Handbook: tabled until next meeting.
- 6. A motion passed to adjourn at 8:30 pm.