

WASHINGTON STATE HUNTERS & JUMPERS ASSOCIATION
Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 14th, 2009.

Present: Shelly Kerron, Clare Warren, Nancy Lewis, Melissa Cook, Nancy Free, Tami Masters, Kim Stuckens, Lola Michelin, Carly Nicefaro, Sally Collins, Keena Haynes France, Melody Gilmore and Sara Smith.

Absent: Laina Patterson, Shannon Hendrickson

Guests: Sigmund Masters, Jennifer Naimy, Robin Cordell

1. Call to order at 7:00. President Shelly Kerron welcomed and addressed the newly elected 2009 Board.
 - a. 2009 Board Meeting Schedule: The board will meet the 2nd Wednesday of every month at the Tennis Club or via teleconferencing phone. The website will be updated with these dates.
 - b. A **motion passed** to approve Shelly's nominations of Nancy Lewis and Melissa Cook as Treasurer and Secretary.
2. Secretary report: A **motion passed** to approve the minutes of December 3rd, 2008 meeting as posted.
3. Treasurer report:
 - a. Nancy Lewis reviewed the financial reports from Quickbooks. We have 92 memberships so far, 22 have used the new fax number. WSHJA had a net income of \$19,059.36 in 2008 compared to a net loss in 2007 of -\$31992.97.
 - b. Nancy will be creating a budget for this year and the Board agreed that the planning assumption should be a 30% decrease in income due to the economic downturn.
 - c. A **motion passed** to procure the latest version of Quickbooks.
 - d. Nancy will look into the ability to do mass e-mailing to the membership and will ensure that membership forms are available at the banquet.
 - e. Melissa will ask Denise Youell if she'd like to continue being our correspondent for Flying Changes and InStride and the Board will discuss membership communication items as a standing agenda item.
 - f. Melissa will confirm that we have renewed our USHJA affiliate membership.
 - g. Shelly will set up a meeting with Jeff Anthony of the Washington Hunter Jumper Foundation. Tami, Kim and Nancy Lewis volunteered to attend.
4. Old Business
 - a. **2008 Banquet.** Shelly is hosting a meeting this Friday for all volunteers to help make the banquet go as smoothly as possible. The Board will be discussing the possibility of paying a Banquet Manager for 2009 as it has become a very large job.
 - b. **2008 Annual Meeting By-law changes:** The by-laws will be posted this week with the changes that were approved at the annual meeting and with the addition of jumper heights that map to levels for current divisions. Clare held a meeting to discuss the equitation bylaw change that was approved at the annual meeting as it wasn't quite what was intended. In addition, there is a new USEF Amateur Owner Low division. The Board decided to call a Special Meeting of the membership on the weekend of the Spring National Hunter Show to correct the by-laws and have the changes retroactive to the date of the 2008 annual meeting. The Special Meeting Agenda will include recommendations to remove the heights from the equitation age groups, split Short Stirrup Equitation into Pony and Horse and add an Amateur Owner Low Hunter Division.
5. New Business

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- a. Show Committee Items: A ***motion passed*** with 3 abstaining to charge a \$25 convenience fee for credit card entries. Keena agreed to be the Hospitality Chair this year and coordinate back gate treats and exhibitor parties. A ***motion passed*** not to have welcome baskets at this year's shows as a cost-saving measure. The Board agreed with Clare's proposal that the Hunter, Jumper and Equitation reps should help procure awards for the special fund raising classes at the Spring shows and the Junior and Amateur reps should help recruit entries. The Board decided not to sponsor a Judges Clinic at the Spring horseshows or start a 4H clinic.
 - b. Guest Jennifer Naimy: Jennifer discussed how the points for the AA/Children's 3'3 division changed significantly late in November and greatly impacted the current standings with no time for discussion. The Board discussed that the reason for the change in points was that Oregon and BC shows don't have the same specs for that division so those points were dropped at the last minute. We hope to greatly improve the whole points tracking system and process this year. Nancy agreed to update the FAQ's that are on the website. Jennifer was willing to be a test case for the FAQ's. Shelly and Clare will proofread before they are posted.
 - c. Evergreen Classic Horseshow Board: Kim and Sara volunteered to be on the Board of the Evergreen Classic Horseshow. Tami agreed to attend the first meeting. Keena and Nancy F agreed to be backups.
 - d. WebSite: All website changes will go through Shelly for final approval just to make sure everything is consistent. Shelly will review Jacquie's web site information and also Jacquie's BLOG proposal and the Board will discuss at next meeting.
 - e. Local Show Recognition: There has been a request from a local horseshow manager that WSHJA recognize their shows. The Board agreed that all USEF recognized shows in any State should be encouraged to indicate that their points count towards WSHJA awards but we don't actually "recognize" shows.
 - f. 2009 Annual Meeting: The Sheraton has been booked for the annual meeting in 2009 on December 9th.
6. A motion passed to adjourn at 8:40 pm.