



## **December 2023 Board Meeting Minutes December 12, 2023 via zoom**

Call to Order by president – Phillip Williamson

In attendance: Phillip Williamson, Robin Wood, Diane Hinch, Anne Lesko, Gordon Reistrup, Heather Weaver, Anne Johnston, and Luanne Leonard.

Minutes from the October meeting were amended to take out “beginner” Motion carried.

November Minutes review and approved. Motion made by Anne Lesko, seconded by Robin Wood and carried.

Treasurer’s report: checking \$2,931.47, Savings \$500.87. A new format was discussed using a month-to-month balance closest to the time of the meeting. Motion made and carried.

### **Old Business**

#### Committee reports

Education – Anne L (chair), Luanne, Robin M, Sarah V No report

Junior – Luanne (chair), Diane, Robin Wood No report

Sponsorship – Sarah V (chair), Jamison, Heather No report

Review – Gordon (chair), Anne L., Jamison, Robin M

In answering the question regarding Short Stirrup Eq (Jamison)

is there any reason that a short stirrup equitation kid should not be doing the short stirrup hunter? The way the hunter division is written, kids can’t do both and it seems like it would have a better chance of filling if they could.

Anne L stated that it was intended for those riders to be able to compete in both divisions. Robin W asked if they could do both but only other equitation(flat) and pleasure, which all regarded as appropriate. She also asked when it would be posted? Wording regarding fence height will read “not to exceed 2’ in any other division. The change in wording was agreed on by all. Motion made by Anne L, seconded by Heather W and carried.

- Aligning SWVHJA to USEF

### **SWVHJA to USEF - Rated Division Correlation (as presented in the agenda)**

SWVHJA Division	USEF - Rated Division
Working Hunter	3'6" Green Conformation
Working Hunter	3'6" Green Hunter
Working Hunter	3'9" Green Hunter
Green Hunter	3' Green Hunter
Working Hunter	3'3" Green Hunter
Working Hunter	High Performance Hunter
Working Hunter	High Performance Conformation Hunter
Working Hunter	3'3" Performance Hunter
Working Hunter	3'6" Performance Hunter
Working Hunter	3'3" A/O Hunter
Working Hunter	3'6" A/O Hunter
Working Hunter	3'3" Junior Hunter
Working Hunter	3'6" Junior Hunter
Adult Amateur Hunter	Adult Amateur Hunter
Children's Hunter	Children's Hunter
Sm/Med Pony Hunter	Sm/Med Children's Pony
Large Pony Hunter	Large Children's Pony
Thoroughbred Hunter	Take2 TB Hunter
Low Hunter	Small Hunter
Special Adult Hunter	Low Adult Hunter
Special Children's Hunter	Low Child Hunter

Discussion followed regarding the need to bring this to the membership which resulted in finding that the board has the ability to act on this request from the membership.

Motion made by Anne L, seconded by Gordon R and carried to include the chart as outlined. Carried. Anne L wrote the chart with the intent to place as is directly in rulebook,

#### Annual Show discussion and plans to move forward

The Benefit show Jan 27 @ VHC (East Arena) and plans were discussed. Robin Wood recommended we get sponsorship to cover preliminary costs. The Sponsorship committee will take on this job. Heather W will ask Catherine Daniel to help. It was decided we need a minimum of \$3000 to get started for this one-day show.

Mimi's email to Board with the suggestion of having the silent auction was reviewed, however in the past it did not generate much money and it was earmarked for the Junior fund.

We continue to have outstanding bills from Annual show.

#### **New Business**

##### 2023 Year End celebration

The celebration is in the works but a date / location have not been determined.

Ticket price will need to be determined and a Google form will be sent out to canvas members to determine what they are willing to pay and if it is important to them. Wintergreen is a possible location. Ordering ribbons was discussed and a source was identified. Now we just have to have the money to order them.

Annual Membership and the Required Show Managers meeting will be held on January 10<sup>th</sup> by Zoom at 7:00pm

The Group established to work on the yearbook includes Anne J, Robin M others as needed.

Suggestions for the three awards were submitted. Anne J will send out the list of who have been previous winners to the board members and the description of the award criteria.

Phillip W, Heather W, Anne J will talk to Anne Shawver to get a better understanding of how our treasurer's information can be made clearer.

Anne will send the list out again regarding who is staying on the board and who rotates off.

No date was set for the next board meeting as we will play it by ear with what needs to be done and the Annual Meeting.

Motion was made to adjourn 8:41 p.m.