



October 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

Call to Order 7:30 p.m. 10/10/23 – Anne Lesko

Board Members in attendance: Anne Lesko, Gordon Reistrup, Diane Hinch. Robin Wood, Jamison Strasser, Heather Weaver, Robin Mellen, Executive Secretary Anne Johnston and SWVHJA Annual Horse Show Manager Carla Francis.

Begin with Carla Francis for 2023 show report.

Carla reports that we are ready! We need to remind folks to get their stalls and entries in asap. Anne J will send a reminder.

September Minutes were reviewed and approved. Motion made by Gordon and seconded by Robin W. Motion Passed.

Treasurer's report: Heather reported that there is \$5,412.66 in the checking account and \$5,800.56 in savings. There being no questions, Motion made by Diane H and seconded by Robin M to approve. Motion passed.

Old Business

Committee reports

Education – Anne L (chair), Luanne, Robin M, Sarah V No major updates at this time. Luanne continues to work with Darlene on moving the driving workshop date.

Junior – Luanne (chair), Diane, Robin Wood Robin W and Diane H had nothing new to share

Sponsorship – Sarah V (chair), Jamison, Heather Nothing to report from the committee, however Anne J reported that there were only a few classes left to sponsor for the Annual show and a few other odds and ends for sponsorship. Anne L will reach out to Cavalier produce for carrots for the show.

Review – Gordon (chair), Anne L., Jamison, Robin M: Gordon reported on some left over business from last meeting regarding the proposal folks were to vote on. The language was tweaked a little.

Moving on to the Green reinstatement request, the letter received requesting reinstating Confetti's Green year for a second time was denied. Gordon and Anne L have been working on making sure wording was in alignment with other organizations for the Pre-Beginner specs.

Heather asked Robin W if she had talked to Alisa. Robin W had a good conversation with her, Jason offered to join our meeting as explain if needed. He is Not intending to compete with

SWVHJA. Anne L expressed her appreciation to Robin on making the call and bringing back the information to the board. Heather asked is this new association would make a difference in how we change our specifications.

A call for the vote on the Short Stirrup Division followed. Motion was made to eliminate the Pre-Beginner divisions and adopt the Short Stirrup Division. Motion made by Gordon R, seconded by Robin W and carried.

Sarah Davis Memorial Award

Wording for the SDM award was reviewed and accepted as submitted. Heather asked if Kelsey wanted to have a part in the selection, Jamison replied that she was happy with the Board making the decision. Jamison made the motion for the award, seconded by Anne L and carried as written.

Forbes Trophy nominations

There were four nominations for the Forbes Award. After review of the letters, the nominees were put forward for voting by the Board. Diane H removed herself from voting due to one of the individuals was from her barn.

Joahn Cozart was chosen for the award. She will be notified so she will be at the Annual Show to receive the award.

New Business

Membership discussion requested by Robin Wood. Robin recommends we add that the rider must also be a member of the organization for points to count. She explained her reasoning and comparison to other organizations. Will review at next meeting for vote.

Anne J reported that our VASCC registered agent who was an attorney has passed away and we need to assign a new one. The designee does not have to be a lawyer, but a resident of Virginia. A motion was made by Robin M to appoint Anne J to that position. The motion was seconded by Gordon Reistrup and carried.

Next meeting of the SWVHJA Board will be November 7th at 7:30 pm via zoom.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Robin W, seconded by Anne L and carried.