

SWVHJA Annual Meeting

January 30, 2021

1:00 p.m.

VHC Mezzanine and via Zoom

Call to Order: President Emily Helmick Guyer called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Holly Morris Keplinger reported a checking account balance of \$11,667.19 and a savings account balance of \$21,795.01. There was discussion with regard to the membership fee increase. There was also discussion about the high account balance and having a 30% margin which some felt might make it more difficult to fund raise. There were suggestions to host a clinic in 2021 if permissible given the current COVID-19 pandemic. Another suggestion was made to offer more scholarship monies to the junior members. The board will discuss these options at the next board meeting. Chris Mitchell made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and Gordon Reistrup seconded the motion. The motion was approved and passed.

2020 Meeting Minutes: The 2020 Annual Meeting minutes were read by Emily Helmick Guyer. There was discussion from Darlene Kemper regarding the affidavit for horse show managers. Was the affidavit mailed out in the 2020 show manager's packet? Due to the uncertainties of the 2020 show season the affidavit was not sent in the packets. It will be mailed to horse show managers in 2021. Gordon Reistrup made a motion to approve the minutes, Chris Mitchell seconded the motion. Motion carried and the minutes were approved.

2020 P&L: Holly Morris Keplinger read the 2020 profit and loss statement. The total expense was \$21,479.11. The total net income was \$9,892.32. Chris Mitchell made a motion to approve the profit and loss statement. Holly Morris Keplinger seconded the motion. The motion carried and the P&L statement was passed.

Old Business:

Length of show day: Caroline Leeth suggested the board look into implementing higher fines for the horse entites who go over the fourteen hour rule. Ashley Holsinger suggested SWVHJA appoint a liason who monitors the horse shows and discusses potential schedule changes with the horse show managers. There was also a suggestion that we utilize online entries and close entries once numbers get to a certain point.

New Business:

USHJA Presentation: Chris Mitchell spoke about new affiliate programs being offer to the association and membership by USHJA.

Pony Hunter Fence Height: Holly Morris Keplinger suggested SWVHJA align the pony hunter specifications with one of the pony hunter divisions offered at the A' shows for consistency purposes. Beth Sheely spoke to the topic pointing out that SWVHJA does not want to cut out the "grass roots" of the association. There was discussion of no longer offering double points for the A' rated horse shows. Ashley Holsinger mentioned if we cut double points for one division we should cut them out across the board for all divisions. Darlene Kemper mentioned that many of our member use the lower jump heights to get mileage. The board will continue to discuss this topic at the next meeting.

TB Division: Katie Gardner proposed SWVHJA recognize the TB division. Many of the members were in favor of Katie's proposal. The board will continue further discussion of the topic at the next board meeting.

Pre Child/Pre Adult Proposal: Ann Shawver drafted a letter to the SWVHJA board proposing there be a change to the Special Adult/Children's Hunter division to align with the pre child/pre adult division offered at the A' rated horse shows as not all A' rated shows offer the SWVHJA Special Hunter Divisions. Ashley Holsinger discussed offering a 2'9 option to run with the Adult/Children's Hunter Divisions. She also suggested offering the Special Hunter Division at 2'3 and 2'6. The board will continue further discussion of this topic at the next board meeting.

Special Adult Hunter Age Split: Heather Kimberlain wrote the board proposing an age split for the Special Adult Hunter Division. Upon further review the board discovered there are not enough entries in the division at the regular horse shows to warrant an age split.

Pleasure Hunter Divisions: Junior and Adult members may now ride the same horse in their respective division in the same day at the horse shows.

Diversity of Board Members: Ann Shawver suggested the board consider implementing a diversity clause or guidelines in the future when considering board members.

Slate of Nominees: Caroline Leeth was nominated from the floor by Ann Shawver to run for a board position. The board nominees for 2021 were Gordon Reistrup, Tish Vest, Phillip Williamson, Jason Berry, Sherri West, Beth Sheely, Anne Lesko, Caroline Leeth and Katie Gardner. Cricket Stone Morris, John Martin, Kristen Nelson, Holly Morris Keplinger and Luanne Leonard will be remaining on the board for another term. Emily Helmick Guyer will remain on serving as the past president. Chris Mitchell made a motion to close the slate of nominees. Sarah Irvine seconded the motion. The motion passed. Votes will be tallied through survey monkey.

Adjournment: Chris Mitchell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Luanne Leonard seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 3:03 p.m. by president, Emily Helmick Guyer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Emily Helmick Guyer and Anne Johnston