

SWVHJA Board Meeting
March 3, 2021 7PM
Virginia Horse Center Mezzanine

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by President, Emily Guyer.

Present:

Those board members present were Emily Guyer, Holly Morris, Cricket Stone, Sherri West, Chris Mitchell, John Martin, Anne Lesko, Catherine Daniel, Luanne Leonard, Sarah Irvine, Jason Berry, Gordon Reistrup, Phillip Williamson (by phone), Kristen Nelson (by phone), and Executive Secretary Anne Johnson.

Meeting Minutes:

The Annual Meeting minutes were reviewed.

Treasurers Report:

The Treasurer's report reflected a balance of \$15,676.33 in the checking and \$21,796.14 in savings. Gordon Reistrup made motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Sherri West seconded the motion. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

Old Business:

- **Organization Website :** A proposal from SiteWhirks was circulated and reviewed. This proposal had previously been reviewed by the board. Cricket Stone made motion to approve. Sheri second. All approved.
- **Specials/Pre-Child Adult Alignment:** A majority of respondents during the Annual Meeting voted to specifications as they currently stand, not allowing Pre-Child points to count towards year-end awards for the Special divisions. Membership supports no change to this rule. No further action is necessary.
- **Working Hunter/Performance Hunter/Amateur Owner/Junior Hunter Alignment:** A member wrote asking that the Board align points earned in the Performance, Amateur Owner, and Junior Hunter USEF divisions with year-end point accumulation to the organization's Working Hunter division. The Board determined that the division specifications do not align; therefore, it would not be appropriate to allow these points to accumulate towards SWVHJA year-end point standings. Chris Mitch made a motion approve. Jason Berry seconded this motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.
- **Double Points at A Shows:** After review of the mission of the organization and the points presented above, Chris Mitchell made a motion to remove double points for A shows, with single points to count with the same point tier as currently outlined in the SWVHJA Rule Book. Jason Berry seconded this motion. The motion passed.
- **Thoroughbred Division with Year End Award:** A member proposed the addition of a Thoroughbred division to the year-end award program. During the Annual Meeting, the membership supported this addition with heights at 2'6" and 3'. The organization will encourage show managers to run this division with the Green Hunters. During this year, the Board will work to determine how proof of breed will be supplied and to provide division specifications. Holly Keplinger made a motion to approve. Anne Lesko seconded. All were in favor. The motion passed.

- **Pony Hunter Fence Height Proposal:** After review, the Board proposed keeping Pony Hunter heights as they currently stand in the SWVHJA Rule Book. As the specifications do not align with USEF Children's Pony Hunters, Green Pony Hunters, or Pony Hunter divisions, points earned in this division will not accumulate towards SWVHJA year-end awards. Holly Keplinger made a motion to approve this motion. Kristen Nelson and Anne Lesko seconded. All approved. The motion passed. Note that the Board will review Pony Hunter specifications this year and make revisions accordingly.

New Business:

- **Beginner Year Reinstatement:** T. Franklin's trainer requested that her Beginner year be reinstated. The reinstatement request was made after the deadline for such requests had been passed. Cricket Stone made a motion to deny reinstatement. Sherri West seconded. Sarah Irving abstained from voting; all others were in favor. The motion passed.
- **Show Evaluation Review:** Show evaluations were reviewed for the February 27-28 House Mountain show. The following concerns were discussed:
 - An exhibitor was allowed to enter the ring for an equitation on the flat class after the class had been called to order and was being judged.
 - An exhibitor was allowed to re-ride a course following an equipment failure during a trip.
 - An exhibitor experienced a medical issue where the EMT on site did not support the exhibitor riding at the event following a fall.
- **Committee Appointments:**
 - Junior Committee: Holly Keplinger and Philip Williamson
 - Annual Show: All board members
 - Sponsorship: TBD
 - Clinic: Luanne Leonard and Sherri West
 - Bi-Laws: Cricket Stone, Gordon Reistrup, and Anne Johnston
 - Show Standards: All board members
 - Nomination: All board members
- **Officer Elections:** With the election of the new board, officer elections were made as follows:
 - President: Cricket Stone
 - Treasurer: Holly Keplinger
 - Vice President: Philip Williamson
 - Secretary: Anne Lesko
 - Parliamentarian: Gordon Reistrup

Luanne Leonard made a motion to close elections. Gordon Reistrup seconded. All approved.
- **EHV1:** Following the confirmed case of EHV in Ocala, Anne Johnson will send communication out to the membership regarding EHV and best practices to avoid infection/appropriate hygiene.
- **Next Meeting:** The next board meeting will be held April 7, 2021 at 7PM via zoom. Cricket Stone made motion to approve. Gordon Reistrup seconded. All others were in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 9PM.

-Submitted: Anne Justis Lesko