

NIHJA Meeting Minutes August 15, 2016

Present: Toni Bruns, Nancy Zeis, Lynn Greetis, Val Buesching, Dean Battaglia, Liz Johnson, Jennifer Heldt, Laura Reist

Not Present: Sari Reid, Tasha Lasiowski, Krysta Dufford, Alexis Bumbar

Meeting called to order at 6:30.

New Business

1. Letter from member concerning Pony division at Birch Hill NIHJA show. The member would like clarification on the rule regarding the term "complete" and would like championship points awarded for the pony division since currently no championship points have been given for that division at that show. During a pony under saddle class, a rider and her saddle fell after the canter tracking to the right when the ponies came down to the walk. Member feels the class was complete. After discussing with the official that judged the class, the judge eliminated the pony from the class at the time the rider fell off and only scored 2 ponies as having completed the class. The judge also made note on the judge's card that the rider had fallen off. Therefore, the rider did not complete the class. The word complete is defined as to have finished the class. The pony was eliminated due to the fall of the rider. The judge's original decision will stand and the pony under saddle will not be counted as complete and the championship points will not be awarded. In the NIHJA Rule book, Rule 8.M. states "In order to be eligible for Champion and Reserve Champion, the rider or horse MUST be entered in the entire division; it is not necessary to ride in each class as long as there is the minimum of three (3) riders completing each class."
2. Discussed Steward Reports from Silverwood, Palatine, Red Coat, Birch Hill, Cross Winds, Fields and Fences, and Pingree Oaks NIHJA shows.
3. Assigned Stewards for State Line (Tasha and Toni), 5 Corners (Jen and ?), Infinity (Tasha and Toni), and NIHJA Finals (Toni, ?, ?)
4. Treasurer's Report – We currently have \$18,479.99 as of August 12, 2016.
5. Division sponsorships- Send out an email to sponsors from last year and give them a chance to sponsor divisions they have sponsored in the past. After they have a chance to respond, then email the remainder of the membership to ask for sponsorships. Alexis will work on sponsorships again. She would love to have another person assist. This will also be posted on the NIHJA website.
6. NIHJA Banquet Raffle- Donations for the NIHJA raffle table are being accepted and may be given to Nancy.
7. Trophies- Trophies should be dropped off at Palatine Stables. Anyone with a trophy can give it to a board member and they will bring it to the next meeting. At our next meeting, we will divide up the remaining trophies that have not been returned and start making calls. Trophies should be collected by the end of NIHJA finals. This will also be posted on the NIHJA website.

8. Annual meeting will be Monday, October 17, 2016 at 6:30. Horse show drawing will be the same day as the annual meeting. We will plot out at our next board meeting on Sept 19 the proposed horse show calendar and send it out to horse show managers prior to the meeting October 17, 2016 . The NIHJA Board meets at 5:30 before the annual meeting and the annual meeting will start at 6:30.
9. Prizes ideas for banquet- bridle racks, saddle racks, crops, garment bags, equine backpacks, boot socks, visors, travel chairs. Toni will get prices on the items.
10. Medal Invitations- The top 20 riders will be invited for NIHJA Medal Finals just as was done last year. Should there be a tie for the 20th spot, all tied riders in the 20th spot will be invited.
11. The agenda for the annual meeting will be set September 19. Should you have any items that you would like discussed at the annual meeting, please contact Toni prior to the September 19 meeting. Currently there are 2 items to address.
 - a. Rule clarification for 8.K. We would like to make the word course read “class”
K. Division: Recognized shows must offer the six (6) Mandatory Divisions and the five (5) Medal Classes as shown below with a minimum of three (3) classes per hunter division, two (2) classes per equitation division and can select any other NIHJA divisions, classes, or any other divisions or 8 classes as necessary. The selection is left to the discretion of the individual Show Management. Three (3) riders must complete the course for the class and three (3) riders must complete the entire under saddle class and be scored by the judge in order for the class to count towards year end awards in any given Hunter/Jumper/Equitation class. Four (4) riders must complete the course for the class to count towards year end awards in Medals classes.
 - b. We would like to clarify the preference in which divisions need to be combined. (We are specifically looking at the Age classes including Jr Hunter and Equitation 15 -17, Junior Hunter and Equitation 14 and under, Adult Hunter and Amateur Adult Hunter and Equitation.)
12. Our next 2 Board Meetings will be September 19 and October 10 and will begin promptly at 6:30. NIHJA banquet November 18.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51.