

NIHJA Meeting Minutes May 8, 2017

Present: Toni Bruns, Nancy Zeis, Val Buesching, Liz Johnson, Tasha Lasiowski, Alexis Bumbar, Kristie Hohol, Hannah Johnson, Lynn Greetis, Dean Battaglia

Not Present: Jennifer Heldt, Sari Reid

Meeting called to order at 6:35

Treasurers Report - \$13,119.90

Kristie shared updates regarding members. End of Indoors we had 254 members, updated to 325 after Market Hill. On track to pass last year's total of 411.

Horse Show Report

- Fields and Fences Feb 24-26
 - No concerns to stewards
- Fields and Fences March 10-13
 - Sunlight from windows spooking some horses
- Palatine March 17-19
 - No concerns to stewards
- Red Coat April 7-9
 - No concerns to stewards
- Market Hill April 28-30
 - Judge brought up to steward that she was concerned about the amount of classes a member did.
- Fields and Fences May 5-7
 - Trainers brought up judging discrepancies to steward
 - Members concerned about horse; steward handled the situation to the best of their ability

Steward Schedule for upcoming shows

- Tally Ho – Tasha
- Cross Winds – Toni and Val
- 5 Corners – Nancy and Alexis
- Showplace – Val and Dean
- Palatine – Kristie and Val
- Infinity – Alexis and Tasha

Old Business

- A NIHJA member from last year is currently not in good standing with NIHJA due to failure to come current with a NSF check written for the NIHJA banquet. Multiple attempts have been

made to contact member with no communication back. A letter was emailed to the trainer/member to rectify the situation. Situation was not rectified prior to the member competing at the Market Hill show. Until the situation is rectified trainer's and her customer's points will not count. Her 2017 membership check must clear as well.

New Business

- Nancy does not want to do Raffle Table by herself this year. She requested help. Dean suggested Jess.
- Several people approached steward about a horse that had open wounds on its side at Field and Fences' show. At future shows if competitors are concerned about a horse's well-being we will suggest to them they can call their local ASPCA or authorities; NIHJA is not able to handle cases of horse well-being, all stewards can do is discuss the matter privately that other NIHJA participants are showing concern for the horse.
- Adult riders currently have the opportunity to participate in 3 equitation classes (Limit Adult, Mod Adult, and Am Adult). Proposed rule change: Limit Adult Equitation will have a restriction; cannot do the Am Adult 2'9" equitation.
- Discussed putting restriction on Long Stirrup division as there is no ribbon out rule. Decision to leave it as is.
- Concussion protocol discussed after incident at Fields and Fences. Rider fell off and was diagnosed with concussion. Board members brought up USEF rule that rider needs written consent from a doctor to begin competing again. Board decided that they will write an email discussing this to the whole membership as well as post it to the website. Show management will also post at future shows.
- Membership form updates. Kristie brought up clarifications that need to be made to the current forms. Some of the selections are too ambiguous; specifically, the Family membership option and Stable membership option. Family membership option does not specify how many horses may be nominated. Stable membership is meant for horses, some trainers have been using that option to cover their membership cost and adding additional trainers. Made decision for Kristie to draft updated membership forms with needed changes. Kristie will also investigate the option of doing the membership forms online in addition to paper form.

Reminders

- Next meeting scheduled for July 17, 2017
- Save the Date, 2017 Annual Awards Banquet Friday November 17th, 2017

Meeting adjourned at 7:47