

NIHJA Board Meeting

July 24, 2017

Members present: Kristie Hohol, Alexis Bumbar, Hannah Johnson, Dean Battaglia, Nancy Zeis, Liz Calomino, Jen Heldt, Lynn Greetis, Val Kinsella, Toni Bruns, Sari Reid

Members not present: Tasha Lasiowski

Meeting called to order at 6:35

Treasurer's report - Currently \$16,541.90 currently with 438 members. We have surpassed the 2016 membership of 411 members.

Steward assignments for upcoming shows:

Infinity Farm @ Tower Hill – Alexis and Tasha

Red Coat – Toni

Birch Hill @ Cross Winds – Toni, Kristie, and Dean

Pingree @ Fields and Fences – Dean and Val/Sari

Silverwood Farm – Val/Sari

Horse Show Reports:

Tally Ho – Arena footing was poorly maintained until Sunday, competitors were not notified in a timely manner about when classes were running, arenas were quite far from stabling. Question regarding number of members who actually competed in the show

Cross Winds – A few rider injuries, modified adults were moved to help finish at a reasonable time, nice derby course and jumps (situation with a rider jumping a jump was handled well) footing got a little hard by the end of the day Sunday even with attempts to water multiple times throughout the day (heat was a factor)

5 Corners- Lovely horse show, loved 3 rings, derby was well managed, good decision by show management to move jumper classes along, gate at jumper ring did get a bit congested at one point

Showplace- Cancelled. It is unclear as to when the show was cancelled and competitors were notified

Palatine- Great horse show, rings handled rain well, ring crew was not sufficient

Discussion from Horse Show Reports:

- A proposed rule clarification about the deadline to cancel a horse show will be the Monday at 5pm prior to the competition. The NIHJA president, NIHJA secretary, and all trainers of received entries and stall reservations must receive notification by that time. Show management will incur a fine of \$250 if the rule is violated. Exceptions will be considered by the NIHJA board in cases of extreme circumstances.
- Letters to be drafted to horse show management regarding low member attendance and cancellation of horse show. Toni will write and send letters.

Old Business:

- NIHJA has received communication from a member who has not received their points due to their trainer being in bad standing. The trainer has still not come current with NIHJA for the bad check that was written. Member will receive a letter about what action may be taken in order to rectify the situation. (Sari will draft letter and share with the board prior to sending)

New Business:

- We have two new members who are currently not in good standing due to bounced checks at horse shows. RS and AA are to be notified of their bad standing and given the opportunity to come current or points from that competition and any other competition after that point will not be awarded.
- **WEBSITE changes** – UPDATE NIHJA if you change trainers or contact information changes. Please notify NIHJA secretary. (kristiehohol22@gmail.com), Sponsorship and Raffle Table announcements to be put up on NIHJA website
- **Brainstorm of NIHJA Banquet Prizes** – Picture frames, beverage coolers, grooming box, crops, chairs with tables, rain sheets were suggestions that were made.
- **2018 Membership Form** - Kristie brought forth changes to the membership form that will be adjusted to the 2018 membership form. The purpose is to try and make it more clear for members and easier for the secretary to read. The possibility of launching membership forms to be completed on our NIHJA website will be explored for 2018.

Possible changes to be considered at the annual meeting:

- Offer a Trainer Membership for 2018 for \$20 if there is a trainer who wants an individual membership without a horse nomination.
- Rule change proposing 3 class jumper divisions.

Next NIHJA Board Meeting: September 11, 2017 at 6:30 at Palatine Stables

Meeting adjourned at 7:48.