

**NIHJA Board Meeting
September 11, 2017**

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

Members not present: Tasha Lasiowski, Dean Battaglia (both available via phone)

Meeting called to order at 6:26 pm

Treasurer's report – N/A

Steward assignments for upcoming shows:

Silverwood Farm – Val/Sari, Kristie

Horse Show Reports:

Infinity Farm @ Tower Hill – Great horse show, no concerns were brought to the attention of the stewards.

Red Coat – Nice horse show, no concerns were brought to the attention of the stewards.

Birch Hill @ Cross Winds – Another nice horse show, no concerns were brought to the attention of the stewards.

Pingree @ Fields and Fences – A non-member rode in the adult mini medal and won the medal. The rider's points were taken away and all rider's points 2 – 7th place will be adjusted accordingly. Show management owes NIHJA \$90 in non-membership fees. Letter about non-membership fees was being sent by Kristie.

Discussion from Horse Show Reports:

- A proposed a 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. The NIHJA board in cases of extreme circumstances will consider exceptions. (Will be proposed at the Annual Meeting)
- Letters to be drafted to horse show management regarding low member attendance and cancellation of horse show. Toni will write and send letters. **Reword rule so there are member entries not horses. There must be 40 NIHJA member riders as per Rule Recognized Shows 7.E.**

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) **Letter was drafted and will be sent this week.**
- We have two members who are currently not in good standing due to bounced checks at horse shows. RS and AA (**AA has come current and is now in good standing, RS is still outstanding to both NIHJA for membership fees and Fields and Fences for entry fees**) 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.

New Business

- **WEBSITE changes** – Riding in medals, trophy returns, 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
- **Agenda for Annual meeting needs to be put together in order to be shared with the membership.**
 - Annual Meeting – October 23 @6:30
- We need an Electronic Copy of the Steward report and possible update to the form
- Look into new Jumper timers and have a sign out for the timers. We will look into selling old the timers.
- **Finals** – Concerns about the NIHJA Finals schedule. Concerns from members about the 5 class hunter divisions in the schedule. Upon conversation with Dean via phone, it was decided to make the divisions 3 classes and the additional 2 over fences classes would not count for divison/year end points.

Possible changes to be considered at the annual meeting:

- Membership (trainer specific)
- Mandatory - Hunter divisions are three class divisions

Next NIHJA Board Meeting: October 9, 2017 at 6:30 at Palatine Stables

Meeting adjourned at 7:30