

Indiana Hunter and Jumper Association

Current News

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Points and Results: As we are starting our 2018 show season, I hope that all of you are aware of using the website to join and renew memberships and horse registrations. Payments can be made online with either PayPal, or your credit/debit card. This will enable your membership to immediately count for points. Please be aware that points will not be counted before the join date. The program is very definite with the dates. If you have any questions about your points, please use the point report that is on the website. This information is then forwarded to Sarah Burton.

For Horse Show Managers and members, please make note of the new Puddle Jumper division. This is a 2'6" jumper division. Also, Low Working Hunter and Pleasure Hunter have been eliminated as IHJA approved divisions. Green Working Hunter has been eliminated, and the Pre Green Hunter division will now be Green Hunter with the Pre Green specifications to be used.

Following are the rule changes that have been approved for the 2018 IHJA show season.

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The Board voted to approve this proposed rule change with the following specifications:

Fences: .75 m

Scoring: Current USEF Jumper Rules to apply

May cross enter into the 2'9" Mini Jumper Division, but not a division with fences higher than 2'9" (.85 m) One class in the division must be run as an optimum time class with no combinations. Riders may be eliminated or penalized for reckless riding at the judge's discretion.

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**** Horse Welfare, Health & Safety**

A. IHJA Annual Show & Medal Finals;

1. Excessive Use of Whip or Spurs or Improper Use of Bits – First Offense: At a Judge's discretion an exhibitor may be excused from the ring and disqualified from the class. Fees associated with that class will not be waived or refunded. Additional Offense: If additional offenses take place during the course of the show IHJA may at their discretion, retroactively, disqualify the exhibitor from all classes offered or entered. Show fees accrued will not be waived or refunded.

2. Cruelty/Abuse/Neglect to include excessive riding, lunging, training & showing, deprivation of water or feed or striking with an object- IHJA may at their discretion, retroactively, disqualify a single or multiple exhibitors associated with a horse who has suffered during the course of a show. Show fees accrued will not be waived or refunded.

3. Signs of Previous Cruelty & Abuse to include wounds associate with excessive use of spurs or improper use of bits- IHJA may at their discretion disqualify a horse from participating in a class if it arrives at the show ring showing signs of potential abuse. Show fees incurred will not be waived or refunded.

B. NON-USEF Approved Shows;

It shall be the duty of the Show Committee and Show Manager to enforce IHJA Horse Welfare, Health & Safety rules. However, each show venue may set its own policies regarding the waiving or refunding of show fees.

The Board voted to approve this by making the following changes: . The first paragraph to begin - questions, disputes or welfare issues at a horse show in connection ... This section puts the decision in the hands of the three person horse show committee. Also change the second paragraph to read: If the disputing member in good standing is not satisfied ...

** Double Point Approved Shows – Any show venue/manager holding at least two shows per year, may designate one of those shows to be a double pointed show. Must decide which show this will be and must have applied for and paid application fee by April 1st. The designated show will be posted on the IHJA website by that date.

** IHJA Annual Horse Show – The Annual Horse Show will be a triple point show.

** Show Managers - Show Managers may not hold positions other than manager for the duration of the show, i.e. judge, timer, gate keeper, announcer.

The Board voted with one abstaining to approve this rule change with the addition as per USEF rules that jumper judges may only hold 2 of the 3 following assignments, judge, announcer or timer.

** Green Working Division – Eliminate this division and change the Pre Green Hunter division to Green Hunter with the Pre Green specifications to be used. Change the height to 3’0” – 3’6”. Eliminate the sentences beginning with a horse’s Pre Green status, and ending with the two month grace period for Pre Green. Add the following sentence to the paragraph – Non USEF Schooling Shows may run this division at the height of 3’0”.

** Low Working Hunter Division – Eliminate this division.

** Pleasure Hunter – Eliminate this division

** Change fence heights in Open Hunter, Children’s Hunter and Amateur Adult Hunter to 3’0”. Add not to be jogged to all hunter division specifications.

** Combine the Low and High Junior/Amateur Owner Jumpers at year end if less than three qualified in each division using the same specifications as the Amateur/Owner Hunter.

**Change the Junior Hunter Division to fence height rather than size of the horse. Have a 3’3” Junior Hunter Division and a 3’6” Junior Hunter Division. This division will still be combine as Junior Hunter as detailed in the current rule book.

** Managers are required to make weather calls and not leave it up to individual ingate personnel to decide if weather is unsuitable for showing.

The Board voted to approve this rule change. They voted to have a 30 minute mandatory wait after the last sighting of lightning before resuming the show. All horses and riders are to be sent back to the safety of the barn area to wait out the storm.

** There should be an IHJA Show Management handbook that lays out for rules and guidelines for show management. Suggestions could be made for schedules, types of fences and courses suggested, footing, watering and dragging, as well as communication between rings and stabling.

Clarifications to the rule book:

** Page 13, Part2, c. Protective Headgear Rule - Remove the paragraph after the statement “to comply with USEF rules”

** Page 15, Part 5 f. The number of entries - Add Equitation to the first sentence following Hunter.

** Page 16, Hunters: Change the last sentence to read: If unable to break a tie, hack off horses or coin toss to break a tie

Please also be aware that the IHJA website is www.in-hja.org. No other website is authorized by Indiana Hunter and Jumper Association.

Annual Awards Banquet: Thank you to everyone that attended the IHJA Annual Awards Banquet, held at the Ritz Charles in Carmel, Indiana. Thank you also to the Awards Banquet Committee for their hard work organizing this event. IHJA would also like

to acknowledge the awards that were announced that evening. Congratulations to Haylie Johnson, this year's Good As Gold recipient, Catelyn Combellick, the winner of the Marilyn "Granny" Gardner Equitation Award, Addy Stoughton, the Beginner Rider Junior Equitation Award winner, and Liz Obrecht received the Granny Gardner Non Rider Award. The Board voted to retire this award to her. Stephen Long was voted the IHJA Junior Sportsmanship, and Marianne Stout the IHJA Adult Sportsmanship Award winner.

Everyone enjoyed wonderful awards and ribbons, a great raffle and silent auction, food and dancing. Good luck on the 2018 show season

IHJA Board of Directors minutes: The IHJA Board of Directors Meeting was held on January 22, 2018 at Lucky Farms, LLC, 9919 Towne Road, Carmel, IN 46032.

Present were Sarah Burton, President, Maggie Boyle, Vice President, Liz Obrecht, Secretary/Treasurer, Dawn Stumm, Director, Terri Foreman, Director, Amy Ochoa, Director and Amy Sandhu, Director. Absent were Richard Rinehart, Director and Neal Yerian, Director.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Sarah welcomed new board member, Amy Sandhu, to the Board.

Liz presented the Board with a Financial and Membership Report. The checking balance is currently \$14,775.33, the savings balance is \$33,089.40, for a total of \$47,864.73, There was a transfer from the Pay Pal account on this date of \$3,157.41 giving a balance of \$51,022.14. As Liz has been out of town, the deposits from the banquet have not been made. Liz will update the board when all deposits and expenses have been paid. Liz informed the board that W9 information was sent to the CPA, and Liz is working on year end expenses and deposits. A full report will be presented at the next board meeting and to the 2018 Financial Committee.

The current renewed membership is 72 members with 58 horses registered.

OLD BUSINESS

Since Liz was not present at the banquet, Sarah informed her that she was awarded the Granny Gardner Non Rider Sportsmanship Award for 2017. She also informed Liz that the Board wishes to retire the trophy to her. The trophy was not returned at the banquet, but it will be passed along to Liz as soon as it is returned.

The Banquet Committee presented a report. First decision needed to be made regarding the 2019 Annual Banquet date. The Ritz Charles has the first and third weekends available to IHJA. It was **moved by Liz Obrecht, seconded by Terri Foreman, and passed unanimously to have the Annual Awards Banquet held at the Ritz Charles, Carmel, Indiana on January 19, 2019.**

Amy and Dawn reported that the silent auction and raffle ticket sales went very well this year. The silent auction did not seem to receive the bidding that was desired, but the raffle sales went very well. The coolers and halters, crystal awards and ribbons were awarded, and the change in sizing went smoothly. Amy and Dawn said that there were some additional guests at the door, but that the Ritz Charles was very accommodating and easy to work with. Kristen Moss again did a very nice job both with the program and the slide show.

The Board read over the policies that were presented at the next meeting for voting at this meeting. These policies were discussed at length at the last board meeting, so each policy was then presented for a vote.

It was moved by Terri Foreman, seconded by Dawn Stumm, and passed unanimously to approve the Conflict of Interest Policy.

It was moved by Dawn Stumm, seconded by Terri Foreman, and passed unanimously to approve the Document Retention and Destruction Policy.

It was moved by Amy Ochoa, seconded by Terri Foreman, and passed unanimously to approve the Whistleblower/Complaint Resolution Policy.

Sarah will work on incorporating these changes in the bylaws. Liz will scan and send the signed policies for the IHJA Dropbox.

As the Rule Book will not be ready to print at the beginning of the show season, Liz will send all local show managers a list of the divisions and classes approved by IHJA for 2018.

Terri Foreman gave a report on her trip to the USHJA Annual Meeting in December. One matter of interest for IHJA was the Budget discussion. There are leftover funds at the end of the year of up to \$200,000 that are unused. Terri discussed how IHJA might make use of these funds to help the riders and trainers. She had a discussion with Diane Carney about possible hosting EAP Clinic and/or Trainer Certification Clinic at either Black Dog Farms or St. Mary's College. Since education is the most important part of the organization, it was decided to try to put something together for 2018 if at all possible. Terri would also like to encourage the membership to take the horsemanship test. Terri and Maggie Boyle offered to co-chair the Education Committee with help from the entire Board to accomplish this.

Terri also attended the discussions at the Annual meeting of background checks for trainers along with the concussion protocol. It was suggested that the Board of Directors be required to have background checks. This led to a discussion of IHJA being able to require officials (judges, managers, stewards) to have concussion protocol training. It was decided to begin with the EMT used at the shows. On page 10, section 3 of the IHJA Rule Book the requirements for medical personnel is very vague. It was decided that the wording needs to be changed from qualified medical personnel to certified or licensed medical personnel. **It was moved by Terri Foreman, seconded by Dawn Stumm, and passed unanimously to make this change to the rule book.**

Terri had talked to the Zone 5 Committee about becoming a member of this committee. Sarah Burton also expressed an interest in being on the Committee as well.

NEW BUSINESS

At this time, Sarah assigned chairpersons for the IHJA Committees. She also requested that all committee chairpersons have at least two non-board members on their committees. The committees are as follows:

Rules Committee	Terri Foreman, chairman and Maggie Boyle
Annual Horse Show and Medal Final Committee	Dawn Stumm and Richard Rinehart, co-chairmen
Finance Committee	Maggie Boyle, chairman with Sarah Burton and Liz Obrecht
Banquet Committee	Amy Ochoa, chairman
Communications Committee	Amy Sandhu, chairman
Junior Committee	Mya Boggs has expressed an interest in the Committee

Amy Sandhu and Liz Obrecht will work on having information flyers made for the local barns to assist in communication. Suggestions were made of show schedule, board member contact information, junior committee information and sign-up sheets, and horse show venue information.

It was also suggested that IEA and IHSA team members be given a discounted IHJA membership of \$25.00. Sarah will talk to David about adding a team identification line to our online membership application to identify the qualified discounted members. Their horse registrations would remain at \$40.

The Annual Horse Show was next on the agenda. Dawn solicited suggestions for judges for both the Annual Horse Show and Medal Finals. Dawn and Maggie are going to put together a request for bid proposal to send to all venues. Liz also gave Dawn the list of stall/tent companies, as IHJA will need to find a new company for this year's event.

A new judge's application was submitted and discussed. The judge applying, Victoria Willock, has joined IHJA, and would like to receive approval in order to judge at the Sporthorse, Inc. show in January. After discussion of her qualifications, **it was moved by Terri Foreman, seconded by Amy Ochoa, and passed unanimously to approve this judge.** Liz will add her name to the rule book before it is sent to the printers.

Next order of business was to set the dates for board meetings. It was proposed to meet March 12, May 14, July 9, and September 10, with the general membership meeting to be held on November 5. The Annual Horse Show to be August 2-4, with the Medal Finals on August 5.

It was **moved, seconded and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Member Volunteers: As mentioned in the Board minutes, the Board of Directors would like to include two non board members to each committee. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the committee chairperson, or any Board member.

Please let me know if you have any member news, horse related or otherwise to share with our membership.