

Indiana Hunter and Jumper Association

Current News

Updated: November 16, 2016

Points and Results: We are nearing the end of the 2016 IHJA show season. The 2017 season will begin on December 1, 2016. Please check your points very carefully and immediately let Sarah Burton know if you have any questions. Please note that in order to qualify for year end awards, you must have competed in the division at least two times. It will show in the division points the number of shows recorded. Please check these carefully, and let Sarah know if you showed in another show, even if you did not place at that show.

The IHJA Annual Awards Banquet committee is already working on year end awards for the banquet to be held on January 7, 2017 at Ritz Charles, Carmel Indiana. Also, be aware that all Division Champions will be asked for a photograph to be sent in to the Chronicle of the Horse for their Horse Show edition. Liz Obrecht will be sending out letters with the requirements for that photograph as soon as the Chronicle forwards her that information. The photo will also be used during the slide show at the Annual Awards Banquet.

Grant/Scholarship Application: Located on the website will be the IHJA Grant/Scholarship Application for EAP or Core Clinic participation. Please make note of the May 15 deadline.

IHJA General Membership and Board of Directors Meeting Minutes: The IHJA General Membership and Board of Directors Meeting was held on November 07, 2016 at Lucky Farms, LLC, 9919 Towne Road, Carmel, IN 46040. Present were Diane Renihan, President, Maggie Boyle, Vice President, Liz Obrecht, Secretary/Treasurer, Dawn Stumm, Director, Angela Brown, Director, Amy Tilson-Ochoa, Director, Terri Foreman, Director, Richard Rinehart, Director, Sarah Burton, Director and Abigail Boldt, Junior Director. Guests present were Neal Yerian and Jim Farmer. The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m.

The Rules Committee tallied the 42 absentee ballots that were mailed in along with those presented at the meeting. As there were no nominations from the floor, the election results were, Sarah Burton, President, Maggie Boyle, Vice President, Terri Foreman, Dawn Stumm and Neal Yerian are the new Directors for 2017-2018. Liz will inform all of those who ran for the Board of the results.

Rule Proposals for 2016 were discussed and voted on. Results are as follows:

- 1) Children's Medal cutoff date (for doing juniors) says May 1. Junior Medal says cutoff date is June 1st. Make both medals the same. **It was moved, seconded and voted unanimously to make the cutoff date June 1.**

In order to have all medals equal, it was **moved, seconded and voted unanimously** to propose an extraordinary rule change to include that cutoff date to the Mini Adult Medal, Mini Children's Medal and Maiden Medal.

- 2) We need some restrictive criteria on Novice Child/Adult Jumper. I have seen several riders do Novice jumper as well as 3'6" Jr Hunter and Child/Adult Jumper at the same show. Propose this be based on height as it is for Novice Child/Adult Hunter (where rider is restricted from jumping over 2'6").

Propose that Rider showing in Novice child/adult may not cross over into any class or division over 3'3" at same show. Note - could restrict to 3' - but this will eliminate them from Low Child Adult jumper.

Also Propose eliminating restriction in Low Child/Adult Jumper that they cannot enter Child/Adult jumper at same show. Zone 5 allows cross entry:

Zone 5 Rules for Low Child Adult Jumper Cross Entry: Horse/rider combinations may cross enter into the High Children's Jumpers at the same show competition. Horse/rider combinations may enter only one classic, if both Low and High are offered. Riders in Low Children's Jumpers may not cross enter into any classes held above 1.15m (3'9") at the same competition. Height of Fences: To be set at 1.00m (3'3")

Note - we allow cross entry between Low and High Junior/AO jumper.

Also inconsistency with zone rules creates points tracking issues. Revoking points for low division when also competing in high division at A shows has to be tracked and corrected manually in Org Pro.

It was moved, seconded and voted unanimously to make this rule change with the wording suggested.

4) Need to determine if we adopt Dec 1, 2016 USHJA changes re age equitation (14 and under vs. 11 and under); Green hunter vs. Pre green hunter, Young hunter.

It was moved, seconded and voted unanimously to table this rule change to 2018.

5) Page 12 – Show Results – Add second sentence. * All show results must be sent in electronic format from an approved show results program. If not, a \$30.00 fine will be assessed to reformat the results.

Also change the first sentence. Change the word postmarked to sent.

Change sentence Equitation classes must furnish name of RIDER not owner and Champion and Reserve, if applicable to RIDER and HORSE.

After discussion, the fee will be \$50.00, not \$30.00. **It was moved, seconded and voted unanimously to approve this rule change.**

The Secretary and Treasurer's Report was handed out to the Board for discussion. At this time IHJA has approximately \$62,653.67 in IHJA's checking and savings accounts.

There are currently 231 total voting members at this time, with 191 total registered horses. This is up from 189 renewed members in November 2015.

Horse registrations are up from 177 registered in November 2015.

It was moved, seconded and voted unanimously to approve the financial and membership reports

Old Business

Banquet Committee: Committee members Amy Ochoa, Angela Brown and Maggie Boyle will be ordering the award coolers and halters and equitation awards as soon as final points are tabulated. Amy will contact the Ritz Charles to finalize the menu and set up for the banquet. They will also need to order the invitations. Jim Farmer offered to help them, and it was suggested that they contact Tricia Lautenbach, last year's chairman for advice. Liz suggested that they plan a committee meeting soon to discuss the details. Liz will order the ribbons as soon as the points are final. Kristen Moss agreed to design the banquet program and slide show again this year.

Annual Horse Show and Medal Finals: A financial report for the Annual Horse Show and Medal Finals were given to all present. Dawn suggested that going forward IHJA look for a show manager to run the show in order to keep things running smoothly. It is very difficult for the trainer/managers to attend to the show and their customers that are attending the Annual Horse Show. Discussion was also held as to the possibility of offering a stall discount for all paid stall reservations received prior to the closing date of the show. It was also suggested that a schedule be made in order for the Medal Finals to have a totally separate day to compete.

Membership: The new webpage is going to be online very soon. Paypal is now available for membership renewal and horse registration. It was suggested that if it is possible in the OrgPro program, a discount of \$5.00 per membership be offered for those renewing prior to March 1st. The membership will be notified that as of 2018, all memberships will be renewed/joined online only. **It was moved, seconded and voted unanimously to accept this change in renewal for 2018.**

New Business:

Abigail Boldt, Junior Director, proposed that IHJA sponsor a horsemanship clinic for its members. Other suggestions were grants for the EAP and Core IEA clinics. It was also suggested that a date and venue for a clinic be researched. The Board will set aside 2 \$500.00 grants for the EAP or Core clinics. A deadline of May 15th will be published along with an application. Awarding of these grants will be pending acceptance into the clinic and participation. Scholarship and Grant money will be set aside for use during 2017.

The Good As Gold and Granny Gardner Non Rider Sportsmanship trophy nominations will need to be sent in and voted on. The Board agreed to email any nominations that they have.

The first Board of Directors meeting of 2017 will be January 09, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Information Received from Albion College: IHJA received the following information from Albion College regarding equestrian opportunities that they offer. Please contact Liz Obrecht at indiana-ihja@sbcglobal.net if you wish to have the contact information. You can also access their website for further information.

No other college equestrian program is like Albion's. No- really. Search the country and you won't find anything like it. You'll find schools with on-campus equestrian facilities, but we don't think you'll find one to match the Nancy G. Held Equestrian Center.

You'll find *Top 125 National Liberal Arts Colleges* that offer students the opportunity to ride, but nowhere else offers individualized training plans for students.

You'll find varsity riding opportunities for serious competitors, but we're one of the few colleges offering the varsity athletic experience to non-equine majors. (In fact, there are no equine majors at Albion.)

Albion College and the Nancy G. Held Equestrian Center offer a unique opportunity for students to pursue both their academic interests and riding goals at the highest level.

Whether you're a future cardiologist who wishes to ride a horse for the first time or a budding CEO who aspires to win national championships, there's a place for you here.

Save The Date: The IHJA Annual Awards Banquet is scheduled for January 7, 2017 at the Ritz Charles. Anyone interested in volunteering to help with this, or donate items for the raffle/silent auction, please let us know. This is always a fun evening for the entire membership and family and friends to celebrate together the 2016 show season.

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