

**IHJA General Membership Meeting  
November 05, 2018  
Lucky Farms, LLC  
9919 Towne Road  
Carmel, IN 46040**

Present: Sarah Burton, President  
Maggie Boyle, Vice President  
Liz Obrecht, Secretary/Treasurer  
Ingrid Schoenlein, Director  
Amy Ochoa, Director  
Amy Sandhu, Director  
Absent: Richard Rinehart, Director  
Guests: Jim Farmer, Victoria Willock

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m.

As there were no nominations from the floor, the Election Committee tallied the 21 absentee ballots that were mailed in along with those presented at the meeting. The election results were, Sarah Burton, President, Maggie Boyle, Vice President, and Ingrid Schoenlein, Victoria Willock and Terri Foreman, Directors for the 2018-2019 Board of Directors.

Liz presented the Board with a financial and membership report. As of October 05, 2018, there are 200 members and 191 horses registered. The checking account balance is \$6,059.84, the savings account balance is \$42,106.44, and the Horseman's Assistance Fund balance is \$10,000 for a total of \$58,188.28. **It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the financial report.**

Rule Proposals for 2019 were discussed at length with input from the guests. Terri, read and the board listened to questions from the guests about each rule with explanation of the Rules Committee opinions on each rule change. By Law changes and inclusion of the new national Medal classes were also discussed.

Sarah thanked the guests, and the General Membership meeting was then closed to open the Board of Directors meeting.

### **Old Business**

Liz stated that the financial report was presented at the general membership meeting. There are no changes. The final Annual Horse Show report was given at the prior Board meeting.

Results of the Board votes on the proposed rule changes are as follows:

1. Page 6, Judges and Show Managers: Hunter/Equitation Judges

Change from Judges may not officiate at more than two shows given by any show manager or facility in one year period to – **more than three shows**

**The Board voted to approve this rule change.**

2. As the results program does not receive the information, it will be required that all non rated show managers turn in to the names of their judges, EMT, and three person horse show committee to the Points Secretary.

**The Board voted to approve this rule change.**

3. Beginner Jumper -0 .65 - 0.70 m Eligibility: Open to all riders. Horse may cross enter into the 0.75 m Puddle Jumper Division, but not a division higher than 0.75. 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.

Fences: 0.65 - 0.70 m Scoring: Current USEF Jumper Rules to apply.

**The Board voted to approve this rule change with a name change to Future Jumper.**

4. New Membership Category – Student School Year Membership – for private school students riding on horse teams. Points calculated from beginning to end of the school year. Points combined for both IHJA show seasons during that period of time.

**The Board voted to not approve this rule change.**

5. Page 22 – Novice Children's/Adult Jumper – Add Rider to beginning of the second sentence – Rider may not cross enter any classes above 1.0 m at the same show.

**The Board voted to approve this rule change.**

6. Eliminate Pony Jumper division

**The Board voted to approve this rule change.**

7. Add Schooling Jumper Division – 0.95 – 1.0 m Eligibility - Open to all jumpers and riders. Fences – 0.95 – 1.0 m. Scoring: Current USEF Jumper rules to apply.

**The Board voted to approve this rule change.**

8. Limit Equitation – Open to riders 12 years and over. Fences 2’0” NO IN AND OUTS. Only 1 over fence and 1 flat class will count in this division. If more classes are held, only the first over fence class and/or the first flat class held will count for points. Not a Championship division; therefore, points for Champion and Reserve Champion, if awarded, will not count.

**The Board voted to approve this rule change.**

9. Combine Low Junior/Amateur Owner Jumper and High Junior/Amateur Owner Jumper into one division to be shown at 1.15 m – 1.20 m at local shows. At USEF rated shows all heights will count for year end points.

**The Board voted to approve this rule change.**

10. Combine Amateur-Owner Hunter 3’3” and 3’6” into one division to be shown at 3’3” at non rated shows. At USEF rated shows all heights will count for year end points.

**The Board voted to approve this rule change.**

11. Combine both heights of Junior Hunter into one division to be shown at 3’3” at local shows. At USEF rated shows all heights will count for year end points.

**The Board voted to approve this rule change.**

The Board also voted to approve the following amendment to the IHJA By-Laws

Article V – Officers and Directors

Section 1 – Delete everything after second sentence

Add the following to Article V.

Section3 – Removal

Any Officer or Director may be removed from office for:

- Conduct unbecoming an Officer or Director;
- Failure to attend two board meetings without prior notification of at least 48 hours to one of the Executive Board members
- Failure to attend fifty percent (50%) or more of the board meetings in a year;
- Failure to pay dues within the first quarter of the fiscal year

Removal will be by a majority vote of the Board of Directors as authorized by these By-Laws. Such removal may take place at any regular or Special Meeting of the Board. The Officer or Director sought to be removed shall be given the opportunity to present a defense.

## **New Business**

Sarah presented a request from a member that she received to approve divisions held at the WEC shows in the Mini Jumper division. These points have been counted for Puddle

Jumper from the start of the show season for all horses competing in this division. It was felt by all Board members that it would be unfair at the end of the show season to approve this division for Mini Jumper. Sarah has suggested putting on the website a list of the divisions currently run under different names at the approved shows with the division in which they will count.

The Board was reminded that it is now required that each member fulfill the Safe Sport requirement. Proof of compliance will need to be brought in when completed.

#### Banquet Committee:

Amy presented a report on progress on the Annual Awards Banquet at the Ritz Charles, Carmel, Indiana on January 19, 2019. She has talked with Lindsay and asked the Board for suggestions regarding the meal options. It was decided to make sure that there was a children's option available this year. The Board agreed that the food has been very good in the past years, and suggested having the same menu for the adult option. Amy has asked Elyse Chuvalas to be the master of ceremonies this year. Liz will ask Kristen if she is willing to do the banquet program and slide show again. If she is not available, new Board Director, Victoria volunteered to take this on. Liz will text Amy the contact number of the disc jockey that we have used to arrange the contract with them.

As it is always an issue to conduct the sportsmanship balloting during the banquet, it was suggested that an email be sent out to the trainers for nominations for both the Junior Sportsmanship, Adult Sportsmanship along with the Good As Gold Award.

#### Membership:

Liz will send out an email to all current members with a reminder to renew their membership prior to the December 1 start of the 2019 show season. A description of the Horseman's Assistance Fund will be included in the email to make the membership familiar with this new fund. It was **moved, seconded and voted unanimously to make the Boards first donation.**

The next discussion was to ask for a volunteer from the Board to attend this year's USHJA Annual Meeting to be held from December 9 – 13 at Tampa, Florida. It was **moved, seconded and voted unanimously to send Terri Foreman this year.** Liz will coordinate with Terri to get her registration, hotel reservation and airfare taken care of.

An update on progress on the IHJA show to be held at the Hoosier Horse Park. There is a meeting on November 13. Ingrid and Sarah will try to attend this meeting in Edinburgh. A meeting will be held to set up the horse show dates and discuss improvements in the rings. Ingrid and Terri advised the board that the costs to hold a show at this venue are very minimal, but jumps will need to be rented for the rings. The improvement of the rings is the most essential decision.

Annual Horse Show:

Ingrid has the name of a show manager for the Annual that she will contact to find out the fees that would be charged. She will report back to the Board with her findings at the next meeting.

The first meeting of the Board of Directors for 2019 will be January 21, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Liz will consult with TherAPlay to see if that date is available.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.