

12/12/2009

Call to Order: 10:10 AM

Roll Call: Districts Present – 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 13, 14, 15, 18

Introductions:

Candace Russell – District 5
Larry Flanary – Former MIHA Chairman
Kristie Stecker – Assistant DC District 6

Agenda:

Motion to approve
District 1 – Motions
District 2 – Seconds
Passed with changes

Minutes:

Motion to accept the minutes
District 1 – Motions
District 4 – Seconds
Passed with changes

Treasurer's Report:
No Report

Old Business:

- A. Rulebook Clarification
- a. Joann not present
 - b. District 4 is requesting an executive board rule to dissolve the junior steering committee. Anything changed in the last two years has been done by the board of directors.
Chair reminds the junior steering committee handles all the items dealing with the cooperative program.
District 4 – Feels this can all run through the district chairs.
District 1 – Asks if the steering committee handled everything regarding the junior program.
1st Vice Chair – The junior program is running smoothly. Is there a need for the steering committee anymore?
District 19 – What will be missed without it?
District 4 – When was the last time the steering committee met?
Chair – Last meeting was in August
District 4 – BOD hasn't seen anything come out of the steering committee in quite some time and believes it should be dissolved before the end of the year.
Secretary – Is there a reason the steering committee needs to be dissolved before the end of the year? Can it wait until after the 2010 rules change meeting?

District 4 – Wants it done now.

Chair – Table this subject until the March meeting.**

B. Home School SOP

Chair – Handed out Rules Organization of Teams.

1st Vice Chair – Has had students transfer for the equestrian team season then transfer back once the season is complete. Why is the host school allowing this?

District 4 – Likes the proposed SOP as it is written.

District 6 – Private schools should have their own team.

District 14 – We are eliminating kids that are trying to legitimately switch at the end of a school year. This also happens when kids switch homes.

Secretary – How often does the switch happen because of equestrian team?

1st Vice Chair – Some do switch for program purposes. The proposed change should not affect legitimate kids.

District 6 – This is not following high school athletic association rules.

District 1 – States the last line of item B should be eliminated also.

Chair - Eliminate C and the last line.

Visitor – How does this affect foreign exchange students?

Chair – They are considered late transfers. They are allowed.

District 14 – This information may not get through to the kids. It will then be too late for the season.

2nd Vice Chair – Districts handle late registrations differently.

District 4 – The kid should be looking in the summer for a team.

District 14 – Late registration would be after district registration.

District 1 – Letter D sounds good. The term also states they can ride on more than one team. This should show a list of three options.

Chair – Will make the changes.

District 5 – How about reading it as forming a team as long as the team Members are within the school district boundaries of the MIHA district.

District 1 – Add all enrollment requires final approval by the district chair for all non conforming teams.

District 5 – Points out in A that the school you attend may not be part of the school they attend now.

District 1 – Asks what is junior high school? Believes A should be removed.

1st Vice Chair – Would like the verbiage for home school to be added but leave all other alone.

2nd Vice Chair – Is seeing an increase in questions regarding this subject.

Larry Flanary – Home schoolers should ride for the home school they attend.

District 4 – Questions if this should be an SOP first .

District 1 – Agrees

Chair – There are no issues with the home schoolers right now. We are just trying to head of future problems.

Chair will make the changes for an SOP.

12-001 Creation of a home school SOP

District 1 Motions

District 4 Seconds

Passed

C. Trophies

2nd Vice Chair – Checked on prices and availability for our current trophies. The statues we use are made strictly out of the country. With the economy as it is now the cost for these statues may go up.

Larry Cushion Trophy, Crowne Trophy and Action Awards are waiting until the first of 2010 to give price quotes.

All companies were asked if there was a comparable statue made in the USA. All are made over seas.

Online catalogs were also consulted in search of a US made statue. None look as good as we are getting now. The horse we purchase is distinguished.

All the prices are about the same.

District 4 – Went through books and found the current statues were the best. Maybe changing bases would help the price. We just need to get things ordered earlier.

Larry Flanary – What is the possibility of ordering an abundance and just having the plates created?

Secretary – Who is housing the extra trophies?

2nd Vice Chair – Will start the order in January for next year. He will get prices in January. Are we continuing to do keeper trophies? Do we need to change them?

District 1 – The base was almost too big.

Larry Flanary - Why don't we make the keeper trophies look like one of the others?

District 4 – The reason was so teams could have a keeper resembling the loaner trophy. The base can't be different. We keep them because the money was allocated and so that there was something left behind for remembrance.

Chair – Brought a reserve keeper trophy.

Larry Flanary – Aren't we trying to decide what trophies to purchase?

2nd Vice Chair – We like the way the current trophy looks but want the champion to be different than the reserve.

Pictures taken of the current trophy.

D. Junior Meet Rule Change

12-002 Motion to approve proposed junior meet rule change

District 1 – Motion

District 6 – Seconds

Passed

New Business:

A. Registration Fees

Fred Stockley – Handed out spreadsheet with proposed district payback.

As the numbers decrease district budgets are negatively impacted.

District 4 – Likes proposal 2 on the schedule hand-out as it cuts down on the budget gap.

2nd Vice Chair – With the decline of the riders our state funds are down also. Do we need to keep it in mind that an increase might be necessary?

Chair – Of the two proposals why did the numbers on #2 have an increase to 2000 for 0-74.

Fred Stockley – That was probably arbitrary on his part. How do the smaller districts make it on the funds they get now, \$1500?

District 19 – They can't make it on \$1500 very easily.

Larry Flanary – The money from earnings in the past is being eaten away on amenities with the state meet. Maybe more cuts should be made.

District 4 – Doesn't want to raise rider registration fees, but does like proposal #2.

Chair – Is not comfortable giving more money to the smaller districts.

District 14 – Judge costs are what uses much of the money.

District 13 – Has to get judges she may not normally have because they are close enough to not need a hotel room. She cannot afford to get judges she may like.

District 4 – Can the schedule be revised?

District 15 – Has included a \$100 cancellation fee for judges in the case he needed to cancel the contract. This reduces the hit his budget would take.

Chair – Feels this needs to be changed and would like it reviewed again in January.

**Fred Stockley to make the changes to the schedule and bring back in January.

District 2 – Would like to have a registration fee range instead of a set \$45.

2nd Vice Chair – Add the \$3 this year and the remaining \$2 next year.

District 19 – Would like to see the raise now as he believes it necessary.

District 4 – Before we ask for the money can we go through and find the "pork" we can cut out. He wants to be sure we have cut our extra. He would like to look at the state meet first.

District 6 – How much is regionals?

Chair – There are no guidelines.

Larry Flanary – Have we heard anything from Farm Bureau?

Chris – Not yet.

District 6 – Wants the email list for the farm bureau reps to send thank yous.

District 1 – Do most districts charge more than \$45?

BOD – Majority says yes.

District 1 – What about taking the extra \$5 and put it into the state?

District 4 – Would not benefit from giving the money to the state.

B. 2010 Meeting Dates

January 9, February 13, March 13, April 10 @ 10:00 AM

May 12, June 9, July 14, August 11, September 8 @ 6:00 PM

November 13, December 11 @ 10:00 AM

October 2-3 Regional Meet

October 14-17 State Meet

Committees

State Show Committee – No Report

Rules Committee – No Report

Junior Committee – No Report

Regional Committee – Asked for information on regionals and received 3 replies. Current regions are:

A – 5, 9, 16, 19

B – 1, 2, 7, 12

C – 6, 11, 14, 17

D – 8, 13, 18, 20

E – 3, 4, 10, 15

Districts 3, 9, 13, 11 will be impacted by a move if approved.

District 3 would move from A to E

District 9 would move from D to A

District 13 would move from C to D

District 11 would move from E to C

District 12 – Worried about the distance

Regional grounds would be at:

A – Barry

B – Shiawasee

C – Midland

D – Gaylord or ?

E – Ingham

The other option is to keep regions the same.

****2nd Vice Chair – To send out the proposed and current****

Membership – Please make sure to fill out new volunteer forms in black or blue ink or typewritten.

****Secretary will work on changing the volunteer form to be emailable.****

Historian – No Report

Judges Committee – No Report

Trophy Committee – Discussed previous

Finance – No Report

Nominations – Two positions are up for reelection this year, 2nd Vice Chair and Chair. Larry Flanary declined to accept a nomination.

Patterns - No Report

Scholarship – Six scholarship applications have been received.

District Reports:

1. Good
2. Good
3. Not Present
4. Good
5. Checking Budget
6. Good
7. Not Present
8. Not Present
9. Not Present
10. Not Present
11. Not Present
12. Not Present
13. Good
14. Banquet was nice. Lynn Kople was in a serious accident.
15. 16 year old killed was a coaches daughter
16. Not Present
17. Not Present
18. Good
19. Not Present
20. Not Present

Correspondence:

None

Call to the Public:

District 2 – Junior coach has been accused of criminal sexual conduct. He has been involved with MIHA from the student level. Allegations were made and he called Fred Stockley immediately. He is being prosecuted on 1st and 2nd degree sexual misconduct. This did not happen during an MIHA event. They were neighbors.

How long do we keep the information on file? All information is handed back to coaches on rider registration. As a group do we need to keep information for a period of time?

Secretary – Is beginning to scan information. This can be kept on CD for many years.

Motion to adjourn
District 1 – Motions
District 6 – Seconds
Passed

Adjourned 12:43pm

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Motion 12-001

Creation of a home school SOP
District 1 Motions
District 4 Seconds
Passed

Motion 12-002

Motion to approve proposed junior meet rule change
District 1 – Motion
District 6 – Seconds
Passed

Tasks:

****Chair will make the changes to the home school rule change instead to make an SOP.****

****Fred Stockley to make the changes to the schedule and bring back in January.**

****2nd Vice Chair – To send out the proposed and current regions****

****Secretary will work on changing the volunteer form to be emailable.****