

03/13/2010

Call to Order: 10:02 AM

Roll Call: Districts Present – 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18

Introductions:

Lynn Hoatlin – District 16 Co-Chair

- District 3
- District 18

Agenda:

**Motion to approve**  
**District 18 – Motions**  
**District 4 – Seconds**  
**Passed with changes**

Minutes:

**Motion to accept the minutes**  
**District 9 – Motions**  
**District 17 – Seconds**  
**Passed**

Treasurer's Report:

No Report

Old Business:

A. Rulebook Compliance with Dissolution Clause in Regards to Obtaining a Gaming License

Chair has requested information but not received a reply yet.

District 18 – Eight weeks is about the right time frame. Their district requested information and received it about eight weeks later.

*Chair – This will be tabled until April*

B. Regions

District 4 – States we need to find what we are doing about regions in regards to extra teams at regionals. Ingham County fairgrounds has 162 stalls available and will run out of stalls if extra teams area allowed to go. Some will have to commute each day of regionals.

District 9 – Agrees with district 4 on finalizing this issue. The situation they have is unique in the number of stalls needed would not be more than the stalls available.

*\*\*Doyle is waiting for some additional information on facility capacities in the state and will email the results to the 2<sup>nd</sup> vice chair.*

District 16 – Asks if adding additional regional shows to grounds will increase costs.

District 9 – That is unknown.

District 4 – The main issue is only five facilities can handle the additional numbers.

District 9 and Chair – We have time to work out the details.

District 3 – The majority of teams want to advance to regionals if possible.

Very few don't.

District 3 – Also wants to work on the regional rotation.

District 4 – Reminds when input was asked by the 2<sup>nd</sup> vice chair he received three replies.

### C. Recap of Fee Schedule

District 2 – Fred went over the proposed schedule and would like the DC's to review it and return with their thoughts to the April meeting.

*\*\*Fred will send out the schedule again via email.*

District 4 – Asks if the junior fee is still \$15

Answer is yes.

District 4 – Has no problem if we call the vote now.

District 2 – There are a couple of districts which would adversely be impacted by the change in fee schedule and would like to wait until they have time to process the possible change and express their feelings on the subject.

Chair – Is the vote being called?

Answer - No

### New Business:

#### A. Rulebooks

District 4 – States his district needs to have their rulebooks now as there are new coaches which are not apprised of MIHA rules.

Chair – The editing is done by volunteers on their off time. The printing is all we pay for.

District 4 – We need to do something about it.

District 3 – There are coaches with no rulebook.

Chair – The BOD voted not to print rulebooks at the meeting in 2009.

District 4 – Express he was under the impression there were many extras of the 2008 book but found later not to be the case.

Chair – In the past there was discussion having the rulebook go between the years such as 2009-2010.

District 4 – Points out this is not how it is right now.

Chair – We are controlled at present by the printing company. They have done a lot for MIHA in the past and feels rushing the printing would not be appropriate.

District 9 – Would hope MIHA would not rush to waste money and time by choosing to have the rulebook edited and printed by another company. It is not difficult to print them from the web. He is more than willing to print some and get them to district 4.

District 5 – We have to come to an agreement when rulebooks will be ready and used. What meets (junior/senior) will fall under what rulebook revision.

District 9 – It's assumed by us when the February rules meeting is concluded the accepted rules will be available for that calendar year.

District 5 – A SOP needs to be created relaying what rulebook is in effect for what time period and feels it should be the school year.

District 16 – At our junior meets are the new rules in effect?

District 14 – It is logical to have the rulebook year follow similar to the school year.

Chair – A SOP needs to be created documenting the correct time frame.  
District 4 – In February rules are voted on and changes are made. It would be confusing to have those rules floating around and not in effect until the following meet year.

Secretary – If the rule changes made in February are not available online or in print they don't exist until they are which would be August 1<sup>st</sup>.

*\*\*Secretary – Write an SOP for the rulebook to be printed and available by August 1<sup>st</sup>. Rulebook active year will be August 1<sup>st</sup> through July 31<sup>st</sup>.*

**03-001 Motion Effective Immediately the Current MIHA Rulebook Year is August 1<sup>st</sup> through July 31<sup>st</sup>.**

**District 5 Motions**

**District 18 Seconds**

**Passed with 1 member abstaining**

Pattern #2 will be followed this junior season and next.

District 16 – Would like the rulebook effective timeline clarification on the website.

**B. Training Classes for Coaches**

Chair – Reviewed the surveys filled out at the February rules meeting. Many coaches are asking for a rulebook training session.

District 4 – Had his whole district at their training the last time this was done and only seven from other districts showed.

District 9 – They really spread out and visited multiple areas. The intent was good just poor participation.

Chair – Believes this to be a good idea.

District 4 – There were so many unnecessary protests at states. Many coaches had not even read their rulebook.

District 9 – Is supportive of the coaches training and their district does training every year.

District 3 – Asks if district 9 has a format they follow.

District 16 – Inquires about online training.

District 4 – Inquires about DC training.

*\*\*Chair will call Patty from district 16 about DC training information she gathered.*

*\*\*Doyle will forward his outline to the 2<sup>nd</sup> vice chair.*

**Committees**

State Show Committee – No Report

Rules Committee – 1<sup>st</sup> vice chair found the SOP regarding how elections are run. He realizes the call for the vote on the chair position should have been out of order and left the nominations open.

District 18 – Would like to see plans made on how the meeting is run. The topics were well presented this year and the conversation on the issues was good. The call to vote was made too early and too often.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair – The call to vote is used to stop non productive conversation on a topic.

Secretary – District 4 passes out all the rule changes and usually has a meeting prior to the annual rules meeting to go over the proposed rule changes and get

feelings on them. This helps prepare so there is less to mull over the day of the rules meeting.

District 3 – States that is why you are at the rules meeting in the first place. If you want to leave in a hurry then leave and let the others have the discussion.

District 5 – Where do we find the SOP's in place? And is it appropriate to send them to the coaches?

Answers – On the website and yes it is appropriate.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair – In January should we decide how the meeting is run and how many people should be allowed to speak on any one topic?

District 14 – At the January meeting we should discuss how voting is handled such as junior and senior votes along with those rules requiring 2/3 majority versus majority vote.

Junior Committee – Chair – Cooperative requests are being made and handled. We have received two from district 4.

Regional Committee – Signup sheet for committees was handed out.

District 4 – Requests permission from the executive board to participate on a committee.

The executive board approved for Terry Scurlock to sit on committees.

Membership – No Report

Historian – No Report

Judges Committee – The use of in state judges is under discussion by the executive board.

District 17 – Believes if a judge is qualified to judge a 4H state competition then they are qualified to judge the MIHA state meet.

District 9 – Questions if a vote was had in January to use in state judges. Verification of discussion had but no vote called.

District 4 – Has issues with using in state judges. There could be bias as many are trainers for MIHA riders and horses.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair – Explains there have been issues with the use of in state judges at competitions. This being voiced through the judges advisory committee on which he formally held a position.

District 17 – Has never had a complaint.

District 14 – States the use of out of state judges gets the MIHA word out to the rest of the country. This could spread the equestrian team idea to other parts of the country.

District 3 – In many cases the trainers/judge is harder on the kids they instruct.

District 4 – Doesn't want a change in the judge selection and will vote down using in state judges.

Patterns – No Report

Trophy Committee – No Report

Finance – No Report

Nominations – No Report

Scholarship – Scholarships will be given out on Sunday at the Stallion Expo.

District Reports:

1. Not Present
2. No Report
3. All is good
4. All is good. No rulebooks
5. Preliminary number on juniors is down about 20
6. Not Present
7. Junior Meet is May 2<sup>nd</sup> and will have 6-8 teams. Ann Arbor had questions on team formation for multi-middle schools in the area. Answer: They form and ride for the team of the school they attend. Cooperative program is available.
8. All is good.
9. Will have 2 or 3 more junior teams. Riders are up and judges hired.
10. All is good
11. Not Present
12. Not Present
13. No Report
14. Meet is May 22<sup>nd</sup> and numbers are up.
15. No Report
16. Lynn Hoatlin elected co-chair. Meet is June 12<sup>th</sup>.
17. All is good. Judges are hired and riders are up.
18. Junior meet is June 5<sup>th</sup>. Judges are hired and riders are up.
19. Not Present
20. Not Present

Correspondence:

None

Call to the Public:

District 3 – Has rules chair and state show chair been decided?

Chair – Will be announced at the next meeting,

District 18 – Would like to discuss the home school situation again at the April meeting.

Chair – Requests the DC's send their meet dates to him to post.

**Motion to adjourn**  
**District 17 – Motions**  
**District 5 – Seconds**  
**Passed**

Adjourned 11:25 am

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**Motion 03-001**

**Motion Effective Immediately the Current MIHA Rulebook Year is  
August 1<sup>st</sup> through July 31<sup>st</sup>**

**District 5 - Motions**

**District 18 - Second**

**Pass with 1 member abstaining**

**Tasks:**

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