

11/14/2009

Call to Order: 10:13AM

Roll Call: Districts Present – 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10, 15, 17, 19

Introductions:

Chris Forbes – District 2

Agenda:

Motion to approve

District 17 – Motions

District 1 – Seconds

Passed with changes

Minutes:

Motion to accept the minutes

District 1 – Motions

District 17 – Seconds

Passed

Treasurer's Report:

Copies are passed out. Balances in the National City Account are correct.

There are some regional funds waiting to be added. Balance is \$29,689.39.

State championship financials were discussed.

\$3548.00 came back from the Screen Printing Company at states.

Motion to accept the treasurer's report

District 6 – Motions

District 11 – Seconds

Passed

Old Business:

A. Rulebook Clarification

Joann did get a program to make changes to the rulebook. She is working on getting it formatted.

The front of the rulebook was review this month. There were changes to the class order and clarification to what immediate family is regarding sharing a mount.

Review of mount replacement brought discussion. Should a mount be deemed unfit to compete it may be replaced by another providing it is not already competing with another rider unless an immediate family member.

District 9 – Objects to the clarification. If the team does not progress to the next level then the horse is no longer competing in the current season. The season is considered over for the horse.

District 4 – Has witnessed veterinary slips being forged and passed. This can be completed easily.

Rules Chair – Was contacted by people at the beginning of the season regarding mount sharing. One child is on a team and the other is on another team in a different division. They both wanted to use the horse for trail. The horse would then be competing twice in trail but under different divisions. Seeing as the horse is being used in two separate divisions and the classes for divisions are not combined at the district level, it would be considered two different classes.

Should there be a rule stating the horse cannot be on two different teams?

Answer – No.

District 3 – In a pattern class the horse could be ridden twice.

Absent Rider Allotment –

District 11 – Declares a time limit for slot replacement.

Rules Chair – This is defined in the rulebook but is vague.

District 11 – Has a cut off before the first class of the meet.

District 4 – Has the same policy.

The clarification should state before the show starts.

Declaration of Divisions – Does the declaration comes at registration or before the first meet?

District 9 – Had this issue. A team was input as a C division instead of a B.

District 4 – Early registration in August should alleviate this problem.

Rules Chair – If you have two kids drop before the meet, it is an Executive Board change and a paperwork change.

District 4 – Would like to have the declaration at registration.

District 1 – There are legitimate situations. The declaration should stand for regional and state competitions but have a clause for extenuating circumstances at district level.

Conduct of Rider – There is nothing about the treatment of the animal listed.

Slot Sheet – Classes on the slot sheet and in the rulebook are different. Both need to be consistent.

Rules Chair – An updated copy should be available in two weeks.

2nd Vice Chair – Back to rider/mount allotments asks what is an event? Is it considered a “class” such as trail or something else? Is Division A Trail and Division B Trail two separate events? Or is trail considered one event and Division A, B, C, D considered separate classes within the event?

Chair reminds of rule change deadline.

B. Coach Approval and Removal SOP

A few copies were handed out. 1st Vice Chair added changes suggested.

District 4 – Reminds MIHA is not associated with the school, the coach is.

District 11 – MIHA retains final say over the coach.

District 4 – Verifying the team membership does the vote for the coach.

11-001 – Motion to approve the “Coach Removal” November 2009 Draft as SOP.

District 11 - Motions
Rules Chair - Seconds
Passed Opposed=1

Add a Coach proposal was reviewed.

11-002 – Motion to approve the “New Coach Approval Process” as written.

District 17 - Motions
District 4 - Seconds
Passed Opposed=0 Obstain=1

C. Coaches Registration SOP
Covered in September, 2009

D. Home School SOP Formation
Chair will form the SOP for this by the December meeting.
Rulebook states more than four riders need to form their own team. When division D the change was not made to the rulebook reflecting the 1, 2 and 3 person teams.
Chair will check on the rule change with Larry Flanary.

E. District 8 Slotting Resolution
Rules Chair took care of which slots were in question. She placed them in a bowl and pulled at random.

New Business:

A. Rockford Un-Sportsman Like Conduct
No official investigation was done. There was no written complaint. The situation was handled at the state meet and is now considered resolved.

Committees

State Show Committee – State meet was successful. The one issue was resolved. The judges loved the show. The support during the show was appreciated. Suggestions for next year’s meeting are requested.

Rules Committee – Covered earlier in the meeting.

Junior Committee – No Report

Regional Committee – Do we need to look at geographic locations again? It’s been two years since it has been done. It is supposed to be reviewed each year.

District 9 – Are regionals following along school sports guidelines? Some teams coming to Ludington travel up to 200 miles.

District 19 – Do we want to consider the best of the best for the state meet?

District 4 – Would like the option presented again each year as it used to be.

District 1 – Are there simple solutions to travel issues?

District 3 – Do we want revolving or permanent regions?

2nd Vice Chair – Asking for suggestions but will assume no changes are wanted if he receives no emails.

Membership – No Report

Historian – No Report

Judges Committee – No Report

Trophy Committee – We are still waiting on a few district trophies.

District 4 – When Crowne Trophy was used the trophies were received much faster.

District 9 – Is a large supporter of Action Awards but is looking for another supplier.

Trophy Committee Chair will call for prices and also check on where the statues are made.

There is no interest in changing the design of the trophies just something comparable to what is already being used.

Finance – No Report

Nominations – Two positions are up for reelection this year, 2nd Vice Chair and Chair. Both current seat holders are running for reelection.

Patterns - Told the regional patterns were good but the state ones were not so great.

Scholarship – Two scholarship applications have been received.

District Reports:

1. Good. Cindy is voted district chair for 2010.
2. No Report
3. Good
4. Good
5. Not Present
6. Good. Arlene is voted district chair for 2010 with two assistant DC's.
7. Not Present
8. Good
9. Good
10. Good
11. Good
12. Not Present
13. Not Present
14. Not Present
15. Good
16. Not Present

- 17. Good
- 18. Not Present
- 19. Good
- 20. Not Present

Correspondence:

None

Call to the Public:

District 9 – Had an opportunity to go to youth show at MSU. The participation was good but not great.

District 4 – Is the junior steering committee going to make a change to the rulebook allowing districts to have more than one meet? This would also have to include the second meet would be funded fully by the district and would not receive any state funds toward additional shows.

****Secretary – Will write up a proposed SOP for the option of additional junior meets funded by the district.****

District 11 – Is there any way to get insurance if a district would like to have a fun show as a fundraiser? This would be an open show.

Chair – The insurance for additional meets is \$50 per show.

11-003 – Secretary will write up a proposed SOP for district to have the option of additional meets in the junior division.

District 4 - Motion

District 17 - Seconds

Passed

Motion to adjourn

District 11 – Motions

District 1 – Seconds

Passed

Adjourned 12:08pm

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Motion – District 11

Second – Rules Chair

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Motion 11-002

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Motion 11-003

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Motion - District 4

Second - District 17

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Tasks:

****Chair will form the Home Schooler SOP for this by the December meeting.****

****Chair will check on the D division/team formation rule change with Larry Flanary.****

****Trophy Committee Chair will call for prices and also check on where the statues are made.****

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