

9/9/2009

Call to Order: 6:10

Roll Call: Districts Present – 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20

Introductions:

None

Agenda:

**Motion to approve**

**District 1 – Motions**

**District 5 – Seconds**

**Passed with changes**

Minutes:

**Motion to accept the minutes**

**District 5 – Motions**

**District 1 – Seconds**

**Passed**

Treasurer's Report:

\$34319.28 Checking and Savings Combined  
Regional Checkbooks were handed out along with patches. There is currently \$81 in the account and will have a deposit made once all registration is in. All regional chairs are responsible for making their own deposits. There is no overdraft protection on these accounts.

The audit came back. The auditor responded with some of the same issues as past years the number of riders X the rider fees did not produce the correct amount of money.

District 14 – If a \$5 fee is charged on top of the registration the report should show say \$45 to the district and the rest as team funds?

**Motion to accept the treasurer's report**

**District 4 – Motions**

**District 1 – Seconds**

**Passed**

Old Business:

A. Huntseat Rulebook Final Changes & Saddleseat Clarification

Huntseat still has a couple items which still require some thought and discussion.

Saddleseat was discussed. Changes include but are not limited to a good diagram with hand position, appropriate head gear, infractions being penalized rather than causing a disqualification, and clarification between tests and patterns.

Saddleseat patterns need to be reviewed as they seem to be geared toward stock horse riders rather than true saddleseat riders.

District 20-In the rulebook suede is not allowed anywhere on the saddle but dressage saddles are allowed. What about synthetic dressage saddles? Will it result in a disqualification if a saddleseat rider is using a synthetic saddle?  
Rules Chair – Synthetic does have a nap but is not suede and therefore would be allowed.

District 19-Inquires why we are penalizing saddleseat riders to benefit more stock seat riders. Would a western rider be allowed to wear the patent leather paddock boots in a Western Equitation class?

District 1 – Would like to see a higher standard come about for saddleseat. Dressage and synthetic dressage saddles shouldn't be allowed. The change was implemented to bring about more interest. Would like to see it changed again to bring about a higher skilled group.

Rules Chair – Saddles have changed a great deal in the last several years. It would be very difficult to say what is allowed and what isn't. Some of the older dressage saddles had a flatter seat to them.

District 18 – Likes the inclusive aspect of the current rules.

District 14 – Dressing for saddleseat doesn't always have to be expensive.

District 5 – A person invests in the position they play in any sport. If this is considered a sport why shouldn't that rider also invest in their position? Is it a sport or not?

District 9 – Not everyone is financially able to do what a few can. The majority is at a different level. Raising the bar might eliminate many.

Rules Chair – Speaking as a judge she knows who's got it together in the particular discipline and who doesn't.

District 4 – Has members who would like to ride saddleseat but cannot afford it. If the standards are too high some won't be able to move into this area.

Rules chair – Mentions draft horse bits and what is allowed.

**\*\*Rules chair will email out regulation bits for draft breeds.\*\***

District 4 - What about walker bits? What does a walker bit look like?  
An example was given.

#### B. Coach Approval and Removal SOP

Both portions need to be brought to the next meeting and finalized.

**\*\*Amy and Dennis bring final drafts to next meeting.\*\***

#### C. Home School Team Formation

Chair has started the SOP but does not have a draft ready for review.

**\*\*Chair to finish a draft and present it to the BOD\*\***

Chair – Talked with the person trying to start a home school team. His suggestion was to form a team for just that particular school. Any student attending that school can participate on that team. Most riders are from the general area. Riders would have to furnish proof they attend this school.

District 2 – Describes two school of choice issues in that district. Each district should research all similar requests to verify all reasons are valid.

#### D. Coaches Registration Forms – Yearly or By List?

District 4 is working on a revised SOP for yearly coach's membership. Currently every coach has to fill out a membership form and submit to a CSC check. A proposed revision to the rule was presented. It was determined the form will have to be changed to show it is in effect until the coach is removed or resigns.

A list will be provided showing current coaches and contact information along with CSC verification. Any new coach will have to fill out a membership form.

District 6 – Questions why the CSC checks are done in January and July and not in April and August.

District 2 - A change to the draft was suggested for moving the time of the inquiries.

District 5 – States there should be a standard in the coach's form provided each year.

**Motion 09-001**

**Use the form currently on the MIHA website as the standard submission for returning coaches.**

**Motion – District 1**

**Second – District 9**

**Passed**

District 2 – Suggesting a change in wording on page two stating the chair will immediately to the chair will within 48 hours.

**Motion 09-002**

**To accept the SOP with the current proposed changes without page two wording change.**

**Motion District 1**

**Second District 9**

**Passed**

**Abstain – 1**

**\*\*District 4 will make proposed changes and resubmit for final review.\*\***

**E. State Meet Logo Shirt Samples**

Chair presented a printed demo with color of the shirt and logo.

District 9 – Feels when the logo is put on a shirt of this color the colors will blend in too much and suggests a lighter colored shirt.

**Motion 09-003**

**Place the logo on a tan or khaki colored shirt.**

**Motion 1**

**Second 2**

**Passed 10-5**

**F. Converted Rulebook**

District 5 – The rulebook can be converted to booklet form by changing printing properties.

District 19 – The print is very small then.

**\*\*District 5 will send out step-by-step instructions to print in legible booklet form.\*\***

New Business:

A. Scholarships

Scholarships are due by December 31, 2009

Scholarship committee members: Angie Tippin, Arlene Koenig and Dennis Stanton

Treasurer changed the form to being non-year specific.

Cindy Fitch – Two years ago a scholarship was given in the name of Kim Kitchell. Kim was a big part of forming the C division. A suggestion to make the division C trophy the Kim Kitchell memorial trophy.

Chair will take it under advisement.

B. District 8 Slotting

Cindy Fitch – A situation with rider slotting came to her attention. A rider in the D division left the meet due to an injury. The remaining slots were given to the other rider on the team. She also noticed there were riders with too many slots in other divisions. Cindy also believes the 2008 rulebook is confusion on the placement of slots per rider and the 2009 rulebook shows how the rule was originally intended.

District 8 – Was under the impression this had always been done this way.

The situation was not brought up until just before speed classes. No protests were filed. Due to time she finished the meet rather than stop to assess the problem.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair – In the rulebook it states the maximum number allowed.

District 14 – Maybe the definition of attended a meet was misinterpreted.

District 9 – Sees two issues in different divisions.

Cindy Fitch – Questions how many on the A team attended.

Answer was 10 riders.

District 6 – Indicates the riders were at the meet for even part of the day. It is considered attending the meet.

District 4 – What will be the correction?

District 8 – Again found out about the problem late and indicates it will not happen again.

District 4 – Had a similar problem in division C and pulled the points from the extra classes.

District 8 – Has seen this happen before in her district before she was chair.

District 3 – Believes the points should be pulled.

District 9 – Suggests the kids with extra classes have all their classes “put into a hat” and randomly draw out which classes to omit.

District 1 – Asks if the original slot sheets exist and if it can be determined what the extra classes were.

Chair – Agrees with district 9’s suggestion. Rules chair will take the sheets and review them to determine which classes will be eliminated in an impartial way.

District 4 – Is rules chair going to review the sheets as part of the executive board? Would like a complete review of the meet.

\*\*Rules chair will take District 8 meet one paperwork and review\*\*

C. State Meet Shirt Vendor

District 4 – Questions the price of shirts at the state meet. Also knows the vendor donates money back to MIHA after the meet. Wonders if the price of the clothing can be dropped and donation omitted to save participants money.  
Chair – Clothing is sold a small amount above cost. The vendor does not make large amounts of profit off this.

District 4 – Explains we are taking money out of our riders just to turn around and place it back into MIHA.

District 9 – Buys a lot of memorabilia from other vendors and states the cost of the items sold at states is not out of line.

**Motion 09-004**

**Continue to use the same vendor process.**

**Motion District 9**

**Second District 6**

**Passed**

**Oppose 1**

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair – The vendor may be using the donation back to MIHA as a tax write-off. If we change the way things are done it would be less of a tax deduction for the vendor.

District 7 – The vendor their school district used last year does the same type of business. It's normal.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair – The kids benefit in the end.

Committees

State Show Committee – State show chair would like every district to take out a full page add in the state meet program. Cost is \$120 for a full-page ad. Half and quarter page adds are available too. The back, back inside and front inside covers are generally more expensive. The ads help with the printing costs.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair – 5 of the 6 judges for the state meet are confirmed.

Charles Schroeder – Delaware, OH

Duane Esser – Cleves, OH

Carol Craig – Crown Point, IN

Mike Tucker – Fenwick, ON

Rules Committee – No Report

Junior Committee – No Report

Regional Committee – Patches and Pins are handed out along with checkbooks. Chair will send out back numbers.

Membership – All but one district is in.

Historian – No Report

Judges Committee – See State Show Committee Report

## Trophy Committee – Ordering Trophies

Finance – No Report

Nominations – No Report

Patterns - No Report

### District Reports:

1. OK
2. Under the 150 rider mark
3. Had first meet.
4. 134 Riders
5. 130 Riders down 2
6. 89 Riders down from 107
7. 122 Riders down a few

The AD removed a coach in her district. She usually receives an email from the school, former coach or new coach. Correspondence has been going between the removed coach and the MIHA chair regarding her attendance at a meet where her horse was being used. The AD had drawn up some guidelines for the former coach. District 7 chair is inquiring why the coach was not referred back to her in the beginning? Why was she left out of the loop until recently?

Chair indicated in an email he instructed the former coach to contact the District 7 DC.

District chair believes the meets are an extension of the school and is treated as such using school rules.

District 5 – MIHA is not an extension of the school. If the school has set rules it is for their specific school team only. They should be at the meet to police their team.

District 4 - Reminds the coach has to be approved by MIHA.

District 7 – The coach did fill out the appropriate MIHA paperwork.

District 5 – Believes the chair is doing as he should and referring all back to the DC.

8. 86 Riders down 16
9. 88 Riders up 15 with 2 new teams
10. 124 Riders 21 teams
11. Not Present.
12. 150 Riders 4 new teams
13. 30 Riders
14. 67 Riders down 11 but has a large jr division
15. 87 Riders down 17. Put a \$100 cancellation fee in the contract to avoid paying the full \$300.
16. 65 Riders
17. 51 Riders
18. 53 Riders down 6
19. 80 Riders down 13-17
20. 53 Riders down 10

Correspondence:

None

Call to the Public:

District 14 – If a team already knows it cannot attend regionals can the team in next place go? Answer is No.

Teams Totals: These numbers do not include district 11.

A-49

B-90

C-111

D-72

Total – 322

Total Riders – 1803 down from approximately 2001 last year.

**Motion to adjourn**

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**District 18 – Seconds**

**Passed**

Adjourned 8:30pm

**Motions:**

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