

Michigan Interscholastic Horsemanship Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Agenda

September 9, 2015 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Roll Call: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20

Executive Board: Chair, 1<sup>st</sup> VC, 2<sup>nd</sup> VC, Secretary, Treasurer, Rules, State Show

6:30pm

Introductions:

Stephanie Walton – D3 Treasurer

Call to the Public:

Agenda

Changes Yes

Motion To Approve D14

Second D17

Pass/ Fail

Minutes

Changes No

Motion to Approve D19

Second D5

Pass/Fail

Treasurer's Report

Discussion Midland Region C, State Meet Checks for deposit

Motion To Approve

Second

Pass/Fail

Old Business:

A. Regional and State Patterns

D19: There is a desire to change the order in which patterns are done and regions and states. They feel there is too much emphasis on patterns. They would like to do rail work first then patterns.

State Show Chair: If you do a pattern first you may change one placing if you blow your rail work. You get more of a look on pattern than rail work. Rail work you get about 8 seconds, patterns 30-45 seconds.

It was tried at states. Half the kids could do rail but not patterns.

D19: Their thoughts were if you do patterns first many are losing out. We already have pattern classes.

State Show Chair: Kids ride pleasure classes all day long and only do rail. Breed shows do pattern first. We put ourselves among the elite.

D16: Agrees with patterns first. The judge looks more on a pattern than rail. How many kids come out complaining they didn't get a look. The kids aren't stupid. They know when they can get away with mistakes.

1<sup>st</sup> VC: The patterns give the judge a real good look at the rider.

State Show Chair: As a judge they prefer a rail class as the class go through quicker. However, the pattern classes challenge the kids. Most breed shows they just do the equitation pattern.

D19 is correct in the fact that the judge's decision is pretty much made unless they blow the rail.

D7: Sometimes the weeding out is needed. This is supposed to be about a varsity sport. It's not about everyone getting out there and doing. That is more like 4H. It shows you are doing your homework at home. It's about being prepared. Gets what is being said, but this isn't the venue for it.

D16: Sometimes it is used as a tie breaker also. The patterns are given over a week ahead of time. They should be practiced.

State Show Chair: There is no way everyone was getting viewed when there are 30 kids in the ring.

D20: Her kids never got viewed as they were in the corners every time the judge turned to look.

D3: So what if I make a mistake and go on the wrong side of the barrel?

State Show Chair: It's just like showmanship and going on the wrong side of a cone. Some judges don't DQ for it.

He sees what D19 is getting at, but the rider doesn't get the attention on the rail like they do in a pattern.

D14: They started doing patterns about 3 years ago.

D3: They are getting into it more as they are going to do this at the next level.

D19: Picks one discipline to do patterns.

1<sup>st</sup> VC: They do one discipline one week and another the next.

At this point there is no change.

D19: We could call for a vote, but it appears everyone is happy with the current setup.

New Business:

A. Interim Rules Chair

Amy Franks will be our interim rules chair. She will be involved until November.

D3: Is she knowledgeable of our book.

State Show Chair: Yes, she judges numerous MIHA meets.

There is someone in the wings we may be getting to take the position after November.

B. Trail

1<sup>st</sup> VC: The suggested trail patterns on the web for districts may not have the 3 mandatory obstacles. They can be modified to meet the needs. Pattern 1 needs modification, pattern 2 is good, pattern 3 is good when looking it over.

D20: What is the size of the trot around box?

State Show Chair: 10' box was used in district 9 and 12' in district 15.

C. Markers for Saddle Seat

State Show Chair: Wanted to pole everyone for the use of markers at states.

D3: They are optional right?

State Show Chair: In the real world they would not use them.

1<sup>st</sup> VC: In his district there is no problem without markers.

D9: Without the markers it truly makes it a saddle seat pattern.

D20: Similar to reining right?

D5: At juniors they used markers and had numerous kids get messed up. The coaches voted not to use markers.

D8: Isn't there a misprint on one of the patterns? One pattern has a halt another doesn't.

State Show Chair: Looks and find the problem on pattern #3 between 6 and 7.

D14: Assumes the entire arena is used for the pattern. Sandusky is huge.

1<sup>st</sup> VC: Used cones to mark off the ring

1<sup>st</sup> VC: Consensus is the halt is common sense. There is no need to change the pattern.

D14: We are assuming we are halting repositioning and picking up their irons or halting pick up their irons and reposition?

D9: At their meet it wasn't an issue.

**20150909-001 Motion to not use markers at regional or state meets for saddle seat pattern.**

**Motion: D5**

**Second: D9**

## Passed

### Committee Reports:

State Show: Has the same ring and gate crew. We are doing something a little different. We are going to have 10 golf carts on a first come/first server basis. \$135 for the 4 days. There are no raise in the state fees. State camping went up a bit but we did not change the price. Audrey Karnes is doing the trail this year.

D9: Gate for trail?

State Show Chair: He has stated we need a rope gate.

1<sup>st</sup> VC: T-shirts will be up for pre-order on the web in the next few days.

State Show Chair: We have a real photographer this year who has done many horse shows.

Rules: NR

Junior Division: NR

Regional: All back numbers are passed to regional chairs. Two sets of numbers for each rider were delivered.

D9: How many numbers for state?

2<sup>nd</sup> VC: 4 as normal.

D19: Has a call out for regional packets. He has two so far.

1<sup>st</sup> VC: Regional trophies to pick up.

Membership: Hanover-Horton sent in a set of rules.

1<sup>st</sup> VC: Encourage your teams to have rules and submit them to the state. Send them to the secretary.

D3: If you have team rules include them in your registration packets.

D14: Have each rider sign with the date they received them.

Historian: NR

Judges: Hired

Pattern: 2<sup>nd</sup> VC: No new information. Remind your coaches the region patterns will be up by the Monday following the last district meet. They will be up by September 28<sup>th</sup>.

D19: Will send out an email.

Awards:

Finance: Treasurer: She ordered the same amount of year bars as last year. Please make sure you are only taking the year bars you need. Our numbers are down, but we have less year bars left.

Nominations: Chair and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair are up this year. We have one nomination for rules chair for next year. 2<sup>nd</sup> VC is going to add his nam again.

Scholarship: 1<sup>st</sup> VC: Checks went out for the winners. We need to update the application and dates on the web.

Tracker Program: D19: Finished a major update. It was run through a full meet and errors tracked. They were submitted to the developer. Once we give approval for the junior meet he will use the code to build the senior application.

D19: He will update the scripts to clear out the database on windows 8 and 10.

Promotional: D5: Does have key chains, \$0.65 each.

Logo: 1<sup>st</sup> VC: Winners are out. Regional T-Shirts are handed out.

National Competition: 2<sup>nd</sup> VC: Hasn't heard from Dan on the new Madison location.

#### District Reports:

D2: All is OK. First meet is this Saturday. About the same number of riders. This will be his last year as DC. Karen Logan will be his replacement.

D3: Things are going along smooth. Still need to wrap up the ex-treasurer situation.

Treasurer: She has her number and will be getting a hold of her.

D5: Had some drama with coaches and teams. First meet is this Saturday, one more rider. She is changing up how the meet runs.

D6: Both meets are this weekend, 85 kids. All are evenly distributed amongst divisions.

D7: District is down to an all-time low. She went after teams which aren't showing. A lot of teams went over to D10 due to traveling distance. She will be doing patterns this year.

D8: Down about 15 riders. 1<sup>st</sup> meet was in August and the next two are over the following two weekends. Teams are adjusting so they have competition.

D9: Down this year which is a little surprising. Juniors were up but they are 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders.

D10: Down 2 teams but up 6 riders from last year. The problem in his district is resolved for this year.

D12: Riders are up about 10% from last year. The promotion helped a little.

D14: Up two teams to 20 and 3 rider increase.

D15: Two shows are done. One of the biggest concerns was if there was an injury Saturday, what do they do for Sunday. They are up to 77 riders.

D16: Numbers are down 10 riders. He may have 3 teams looking to start next year. Has a team which is trying to open a checking account.

Arend Smith, 616-406-2068, Huntington Bank. The organization's charter is requested.

Treasurer: She will contact the bank tomorrow and have the information out to those requesting by Friday.

D17: All is good. They had one meet already. Numbers are about the same as last year. They lost 3 teams to volleyball.

D19: One meet is done. Last two weekends in September are the last two. One team issue, a team for a charter school was setup. The rider is now not going to the charter or does she need to sign up under a home school. He will just change the name.

D20: They are down riders even though recruitment was done. They may have more coming up from juniors.

Correspondence:

Hanover-Horton issues are resolved.

Call to the Public:

None

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion D19

Second D12

Pass/Fail

7:56pm