

Michigan Interscholastic Horsemanship Association
Annual Meeting
February 11, 2017 9:00 a.m.
Saint Louis VFW
1295 W. Monroe Rd., Saint Louis, MI 48880

Call to Order 9:24am

Attendance 1-19

2016 Executive Board and 2017 Board of Directors Introductions
Introductions made

Opening Remarks – Mike Yanz

Relates that there are open positions.
We need the voting for DC for districts

Agenda

Changes No
Motion to Approve D10
Second D13
Pass/Fail

Minutes

Changes
Motion to Approve D17
Second D5
Pass/Fail

Financial Report

Discussion:

Treasurer: 2011 had 9000 this year 154000. This is due to changes made in the organization. Net loss in 2011 24000. Net income of 30000 in 2016. Our riders increased in both junior and senior in the last year. We had the most revenue brought in from the state meet than in any past year.

We are still a nonprofit, based on our purpose and mission.

Q: What do we buy with the money?

We fund the state and regional shows. Our total expenses last year 250000.

The southwestern part of the state is where we are seeing the most increase at this time.

Chair: As a non-profit, you need at least a year's worth of funding to pay for the year.

We had a significant increase in insurance in 2016 as the American Income Life Insurance Company dropped us in July. Our premiums went up dramatically to \$8 per rider. The state absorbed the cost from last year as we didn't want to spring that on the districts.

We stopped charging for patches, bars and pins.

If you are opening checking accounts for teams the state tax ID should be used. If the team is under the school, they use the school's tax ID.

Motion to Approve D13
Second D15
Pass/Fail

Old Business:

A. Regional Meets 2016 – Mike Yanz

2016 regional meets: Reg A at Berrien County Fairgrounds, Region B is Shiawassee, Reg C is Midland, Reg D is Western Michigan Fairgrounds, Reg E is Ingham County Fairgrounds.

Regional champs and reserve announced.

These can be found on the MIHA.ORG Website

B. State Championship Meet 2016– Mark DeLisle

State Show Chair: This year's state show was the largest 239 riders and 318 horses. We were basically the biggest horse show in the state of Michigan. We need a bigger venue than even MSU.

Judges this year were commenting how stiff the competition was at the state finals. He agrees. One judge didn't want to leave. She wanted to judge more classes.

A Champ: Lakeland D1
A Res: Goodrich D2
B Champ: Oxford D2
B Res: Grand Haven D9
C Champ: Bridgeman D3
C Res: Whitmore lake D1
D Champ: Greenville D13
D Res: Lakeville D14

He believes the riders all have fun even though they may not win.

- C. MIHA Logo Contest 2016 – Dennis Stanton
Winner and Runner Up: Steven Prokuda Romeo HS D2

- D. MIHA, MHC Scholarship Announcement – Dennis Stanton
Had a little over 40. It was the hardest year to come up with winners.
MHC: Brooke fifer, D12 and Hannah Wardaway D7
MIHA: Anika Denvil D17, Jacey Cain D6, Rya Green D9
MHC decided they would honor our riders at the expo. This was dropped in the last couple years, but is being picked back up again.

New Business:

- A. Dates for Next Year's Championship Meet
Regional 9/30-10/1
States: 10/12-10/15

Guest Speaker representative from Albion College

Chair: What do we do when the kids are done with high school? Do we sell the horse and pay for college?
Who wants to part with the animal that's been with us for so many years?

- B. Constitutional Changes – Amy Franks
Item 3: Changing grade levels from 6-8 to 5-8
Tracy D13: In their district they have been struggling for years to have enough riders. It is not for a lack of trying but for the lack of people. They cover a large geographic area. Each one of the counties, save one, has 1 high school. Anything they can do to expand the number of riders is important. This would increase the number of riders, makes it more in line with the high school. There are a lot of middle schools that are making grades 5-8. It will also give those kids a couple years to ride walk-trot and a couple years to ride walk/trot/canter.

Marisa, D11: How is it set right now. As it is written their children wouldn't be able to compete.

Tracy: She copied the information from the book and changed the grade levels.

1st VC: They would ride for the school that they will attend the next year.

D1: As it is written, the wording will need to be changed, otherwise, it doesn't cover different buildings

Passed (Needed 91, Yes 109, No 28, Abstain 0)

- C. By-Law Changes – Amy Franks
Rule Change 1: David D10: Changing to a school year calendar

Judy D7: If this passes today 5th graders will not be accepted until next year. They don't always run their searches through the academic year.

David D10: All other school activities run on the school year.

D9: If we go to a school year, your 8th grade students will have to ride under one set of rules in the spring and a 2nd set in the fall.

Dee D10: Against this because they have their meetings when they aren't riding. If we change that we will have to change our rules meeting.

David D10: The fact that the junior team will have a different set of rules going in. They already have a different set of patterns. Other activities, like 4H, they have different rules. Our coaches are smart enough to know the difference.

D3: Questions when financials would be due.

Failed by hand vote

Item 2: Patterns will be run in all equitation classes at regional and state

Dee D2: When we started regionals it was to give more kids the chance to compete at a higher level. We shouldn't be worried about time or weather, but to give these kids a proper experience.

Tracy D13: Anytime you put a rule in that is hard and fast, for the safety of the riders and horses we need to have a leeway for the horses and riders to remove patterns. Even if the wording is changed to "should" it will give that option.

Amanda D2: We run speed in a monsoon, so why not run an equitation pattern.

Candice D5: It's not always safety, but when you have a delay of 3 hours. You may want to run a pattern at 10 pm when you need to release your kids to go home. You have to work together for what is best for your situation.

Melinda D1: She can perform a test in a class if there is a time precedence. She can use that to determine the best rider in the class.

Jessica D13: They compete in all kinds of weather in endurance riding. The judges do make exceptions based on conditions. It should be the coach and judge's decision.

Unknown: She finds it is more unsafe to put multiple riders

Failed by hand vote

Item 4: Candice D5: If a school does not turn in a financial statement, the BOD has the opportunity to take appropriate action.

Passed (Needed 87, Yes 126, No 4, Abstain 8)

D. Rules and Regulation Changes – Amy Franks

Item 5: Dee D2: If a class is moved to an arena previously not open to schooling, riders will be able to school before showing.

Reasoning: Indecision on where classes were being run, and arenas not being used. It will allow kids 15 minutes to get the kids acclimated.

Bob D12: This is taking some of the region and states ability to adjust to the show.

Melinda D1: This is a horse show manager's decision. Everyone has the same disadvantages. This belongs to each individual horse show not in our rulebook.

Kelly D4: They had a monsoon, the third arena was unsafe. The only place to move it was the hoop house. All kids had the same advantage. If we had taken the time to have everyone go down and ride in it, the whole show would've been shut down for an hour. They met with all the coaches and DCs.

Bob D3: The time restriction is the only drawback to this rule. There needs to be a time set. If everyone is entitled to go in and check the footing, then it will shut down the show.

Failed by hand vote

Item 6: David D10: We talk about the safety of our riders. He's seen more riders come off in bareback. Our riders are in more danger than other sports. We all need to have our concussion training. This is a big deal with concussion.

Deb D1: We've switched insurance. What does our insurance say about this? One bad lawsuit, and this organization goes away. Would like us, as a group of adults, to be the ones to mandate a helmet.

Doyle D9: He is a very strong advocate of saddle seat riding. The statistics put forward, he has no way to dispute them right now. He believes it is a bad move on this organizations part. We need to be aware that saddle seat there are a lot of positives. If your rider cannot ride saddle seat safely bareback, they shouldn't be in the class. There are pros and cons both ways. He would hate to see us be the leaders in a negative way. Will it discourage some kids? Yes.

Nicole D1: Excited to see the change to push for helmets. We do a lot to gain points. How are we supposed to look at her kid and tell them they don't have to wear a helmet when Olympic riders are required.

Dee D8: How many require your kids at home to wear a helmet? She requires all riders at her home to wear a helmet. Anyone who gives lessons should be requiring helmets for liability and safety. No judge is allowed to knock down for a helmet.

Marisa D1: Milford has mandated helmets. One thing stated, that there are negative things and positive things about helmets. She has never heard of a negative thing about a helmet.

Tracy D13: Calls the vote. We should be a positive leader and incorporate this rule.

Melinda D1: Our 4H rulebook states all riders have to wear a helmet.

David D10: 4H has already beat us to it.

Passed by hand vote

Item 7: Withdrawn

Item 8: Candice D5: Striding for the jumping back to a 12' stride.

Friendly amendment: Remove the wording for the simple lead change

It does touch on ground poles and where they should be.

Friendly amendment: It will add in wording for a 3 stride for a small arena, and the opportunity to add a stride.

The reasoning is to be consistent.

Jackie D6: There was confusion as to why we went with a different stride as opposed to other organization. They chose that because it was safer.

Melissa: Clarifies, they don't want the horses run down the lines. When it comes to the ground poles, they are supposed to be set the same distance from the jump as it is high. When it comes to the courtesy circle, you can do one but you don't need to. The courtesy should be at the end.

Nicole D1: If you penalize a western pleasure horse for not doing a flying change, the same should be done in jumping. She needs to make the length shorter for her horses. The lines need to be able to be adjusted.

Failed by hand vote

Item 9 and 10 withdrawn

Item 11: Dee D8: Too many times they get the course set for trail, the riders can't get off and come over and walk. When the rider gets ready they have the 3-minute option to walk before they warm up for trail. This is as opposed to stopping the show to walk the course. This is to help keep the show moving.

Candice D5: As a DC, trail is going on separate from the other two rings. She understands where she is coming from and agrees all kids should get to walk it. If you have a kid that is showing during walk through, you need to tell your DC. She will not start that class until all kids are walked. She is not going to stop the class to allow two kids to walk the course. She will make concessions before the class starts.

If you allow this, as a DC, she has to figure out who has walked through it already or she has to find someone to sit there and mark off people. This is where coaches need to work with their DC. As a DC, you need to be flexible with time.

D15: Suggestion to have trail set up at the beginning of the day. Have the coaches meet at the trail at that time. Have the coaches walk the course and have it open until you begin trail.

Failed by hand vote

Item 12: Bill D16: Falling inside the arena during a timed event.

When you fall off before the course you can get back on. With the concussion rule and checking out the rider this takes longer than a minute. When you cross the timer at the end, your pattern is done but you need to exit under control. To make it easier for the judges, you fall off in the arena you are DQ'd.

Dawn D15: She believes there will be kids trying to hang on rather than fall off which can be safer.

Kelly D4: They mandate at the district level the kids to dismount before they leave. She believes it should be up to the judge.

Stacy D19: Friendly amendment: Would like to change it to reflect it wouldn't DQ if going out of the gate.

Unknown: The class is timer to timer.

Chair: Respectfully disagrees with the statement. For safety

Bob D12: He reads the rule. Putting this rule in the book will cause more questions than solve.

Unknown: In all fairness you are talking just gymkhana, if a rider comes off in any class they should be DQ'd.

Nicole D1: We need to know where we draw the line. It needs to be stated before the timer line.

Unknown: If you add this rule it will DQ for dismounting.

Bill: He will add dismounting to the end of the rule.

Adds, unless the rider dismounts

Failed by hand vote

Item 13: There is confusion on this rule. MBHA is setup to run through a chute. MIHA is not setup that way. What is considered running through the gate. This was to clarify for safety reasons we are not going to let them run through the gate.

Dee D8: For 4H they are allowed to lead to the arena. Are they going to be allowed to lead to the arena?

Chair: This is in the rulebook.

Alex D6: They do believe wording should be added to also reflect walk out also.

Friendly Amendment: Add or exit to the rule

Marc: Once the gate is shut they can go. If the gate isn't closed it is a DQ. He is trying to define what running through is.

Kelly D4: Agrees with this rule because it falls in line with the under control rule. There are other ways you can promote safety. You have to put someone responsible in charge of that gate.

Dawn D15: Basically agrees with this. Her fear is the big gray area where they are waiting for the gate to get closed.

2nd Vice Chair: There is nothing in the rule change about a gate. If you get a slowing of forward movement, that is not running through the gate. If you get a good half halt, it is not running through the gate.

Passed by hand vote

Item 14: Dee D2: Any rider that uses the gate or fence to stop their horse will be DQ'd.

D2: Would like a friendly amendment. She would add that the timer line is 50'. The wording will start

Melinda D1: If a rider turns and rubs on the fence, does that count as using the fence. Per this rule, they are out.

Amy D15: Agrees, but it comes down to interpretation. It is open to too much interpretation.

David D10: He knows horses can turn in less than 50'. Some arenas can't accommodate 50'.

Kristie D6: In Midland, they have had multiple people go through or over the fence. This is for the safety of the kids. This rule gives our coaches some leverage to say you can't use the fence. Likes the rule as it applies to safety.

Unknown: Add a friendly amendment to add wording for running into the fence.
Accepted friendly amendment

Kelly D4: Even if the horse walks up to the fence and leans on it they would be DQ'd. Leave it up to the judge's discretion. The judge will call a DQ for no control.

Tracy D13: Thinks the friendly amendment takes care of that issue.

Any rider that uses the fence or gate to stop their horse by running into it when the course is completed will be disqualified.

Passed by hand vote

Item 15: D7: Removal of spurs, bats, crops and

Tom D3: Each kid and each horse is a little bit different. The whips, crops and spurs are encouragement to complete the pattern.

Unknown: Uses her spurs as an aid. If you take whips and spurs away you will have riders no longer ride.

D2: She uses her spur as an aid.

Candice D5: Understands the rule, but doesn't agree with it. It is already in the rulebook that a DQ can happen for excessive spurring. As DCs, when the judge makes the call we have to support the call.

Failed by hand vote

Item 16: Wants to change excessive to continual in the rule. It is for a rule of measure.

Failed by hand vote

Item 17: Withdrawn

Item 18: Brenda D5: This is to show how the barrel should be oriented.

Passed by hand vote

Item 19: No current rule on this. The flag bucket will be placed to the outside of the barrel.

Candice D5: They do not have a problem with the bucket coming off because the lip is not there. It adds an additional degree of difficulty.

Jeri D: As long as it's consistent for everyone it's no problem. There will be issues with the bucket moving from run to run.

Shellie D6: She is concerned with the bucket falling to the ground after the first run. The lip just secures the bucket.

Tom D3: Asks for a clarification on what outside edge means.

Tracy D13: If a horse hits the barrel with the bucket in the center or out to the edge the bucket will go flying. There is no consistency between meets.

David D10: He's witness the buckets flying off even with the rim.

Caitlin D2: If we are designating where the bucket is going, we need to also call where the flag is placed.

Chair: On rule changes, there have been suggestions for dressage. They have not been submitted properly so we cannot consider them in the annual meeting. If you are interested, work with your DCs to get a proper change in place.

Passed by hand vote

E. Rider/Team Registration Dates – Mike Yanz

Junior – May 10

Senior – September 6

Fees: \$70 senior

\$30 for junior

Grooms will be \$8 for the insurance

The previous carrier, American Income Life policy stated it would cover up to \$3500. It was supplemental. The claim is supposed to be made within 30 days. There also must be an accident report. The new company still only covers \$3500.

Bob D12: Asks about the extra meets.

Chair: That is different. It is liability insurance, not accident insurance for the rider or groom.

Tracy D13: Does it cover the rider at an organized event?

Chair: Our policy goes through the year. This is not liability; this is injury.

Kristie D6: It covers September to September. 8th graders pay twice that year.

Candice D5: When using the supplemental insurance, the primary care provider tried to deny claim because they didn't know about the supplemental insurance.

Chair: This is accident insurance not health insurance. It covers injury from an accident, not ill from a virus.

Judy D4: Is the \$70 separate from the \$8?

Chair: No, it is combined for a total of \$70.

Is the accident report on the website?

Chair: Both the claim and accident report on the web site. A DC must sign the accident form.

Coaches are covered if they pay the \$8. Adult volunteers are also covered if they pay the \$8.

The DCs handle the accident form. The DC needs to fill that out.

F. Patterns 2017 – Lauren Fetner

2nd VC: Patterns will be posted on the web in March for junior and June or July for senior. If you would like to be part of the committee, let the executive board know. If you want to be part of the committee, be active on the committee. Pattern 1 is running this year.

G. Nominations – Dennis Stanton

1st Vice Chair – Brian Bode

Secretary – Pattie Yanz

Treasurer – Kimberly Clapp

H. Elections – Dennis Stanton/Marc DeLisle

1st Vice Chair – Brian Bode

Passed by unanimous vote

Secretary – Pattie Yanz

Passed by unanimous vote

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Passed by hand vote

Chair: Shares appreciation for the time and efforts Dennis Stanton and his wife Kyle in the contributions to the organization.

Call to the Public:

Adjournment:

Motion to Adjourn D13

Second D10

Pass/Fail

Adjourn 1:07pm

Rule Change Results:

Item 1: Failed

Item 2: Failed

Item 3: Passed

Item 4: Passed

Item 5: Failed

Item 6: Passed

Item 7: Withdrawn

Item 8: Failed

Item 9: Withdrawn

Item 10: Withdrawn

Item 11: Failed

Item 12: Failed

Item 13: Passed

Item 14: Passed

Item 15: Failed

Item 16: Failed

Item 17: Withdrawn

Item 18: Passed

Item 19: Passed