

Michigan Interscholastic Horsemanship Association
Annual Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2021 9:00 a.m.
Meeting held via Zoom

Call to Order at 9:10 am

Attendance – All districts were represented at this meeting. Total participation in this meeting was 189.

Welcome from Marc DeLisle.

Marc DeLisle introduced the 2020 Executive Board and 2020 Board of Directors.

Meeting processes and procedures (recapped minimally throughout the meeting)

- Meeting is being recorded
- All participants are on mute unless unmuted by the Executive Board
- If you wish to speak, you will need to raise your hand
- If you are on a phone, you need to make sure your name is listed so you are easily identifiable.
- The speaker that proposed the rule will have 3 minutes to discuss their reasoning behind the rule change.
- Anyone wishing to comment on the rule proposal will have 2 minutes to speak
- Voting will be through survey monkey following the meeting and those eligible to vote will have 48 hours to cast their vote
- Results will be shared within 48 hours on the website as well as through DCs.
- Anyone speaking should introduce themselves and the district they are in.

Opening Remarks from Marc DeLisle – 2020 was a remarkable year for MIHA in having to work through Covid-19. For the 2020 year we were able to go virtual for our junior meets and successfully have a meet in all districts for our high schoolers in the fall. Regionals were held at several locations and our state show was able to be held with modifications. Marc would like to thank the Executive board and their spouses for their countless hours put into this year. A special thank you to the district chairs who make up the Board of Directors for their input and assistance through this difficult year.

Agenda

No changes to the agenda
Motion to Approve Agenda – D12
Second – D5
Motion passed

Minutes

No changes to minutes
Motion to Approve February 2020 Minutes – D5
Second – D6
Motion passed

Financial Report

There were 246 registered riders for our junior virtual meets and 1,050 high school registered riders for our in-person district meets. The treasurer recapped the 2020 yearly financial report provided at the meeting. Currently we have \$136,400.00 currently in the bank. Total income for 2020 was \$248,977.00 and total expenditures for 2020 was \$277,699.00. The treasurer answered question regarding information provided.
Motion to Approve the financial report – D5
Second – D4
Motion passed

Old Business:

- A. Regional Meets 2020 – Lauren Fetner
Regional meets were held in person for 2020. Regionals were held in several locations to accommodate Covid19 guidelines. The Executive board is grateful for the flexibility of their members in accommodating these guidelines.
- B. State Championship Meet 2020– Congratulations to all winners of the state competition
Division A Champion – Caledonia

Division A Reserve Champion – Freeland
Division B Champion - Clare
Division B Reserve Champion – Cedar Springs
Division C Champion - Meridian
Division C Reserve Champion - Goodrich
Division D Champion – Michigan Lutheran
Division D Reserve Champion – Silver Creek

This was a long weekend and involves a lot of preparation so thank you to all who participated.

C. MIHA Logo Contest 2020

There was a great response to our logo contest this year. We did extend the deadline by two weeks, which provided more entries. The winners for this year's logo contest were Alisa Stanford for the championship logo and Alexis Settler for the regional championship logo.

D. MIHA, MHC Scholarship Announcement

MIHA in conjunction with Michigan Horse Council and Lighthouse Sportswear provides over \$10,000 in scholarships. This year's winners of the MIHA scholarships worth \$2,500 each were Scotland Phillip of Buchanan High (D3), Kyra Hanna of West Catholic (D16), Lydia Howe of Mason County Easter (D9) and Kindall Covey of Sand Creek (D10). The winners of the Michigan Horse Council scholarships worth \$500.00 each were Amara Jackson of Corunna (D11) and Alexandria Smith of St. Joseph High School (D3). The winner of the Lighthouse Sportswear scholarship in the amount of \$500.00 was Alexa Newman of Pinckney (D11). There were 60 submissions for this year's scholarships.

New Business:

A. Dates for Next Year's Championship Meet

Dates for the 2021 State Championship meet is October 14-17, 2021. Load in for this show will be on Wednesday, October 13, 2021.

B. Constitutional Changes, By-Law changes, Rules and Regulations Changes

There were 11 proposals submitted for the 2021 season. Rules for speaking during this portion were reviewed with all membership. There will be no friendly amendments to any rule proposal this year. Voting will take place following the meeting via Survey Monkey. Disclaimer: If a district is not recognized below as commenting on a rule proposal it is because they did not provide their district information at the beginning of their comment.

1. Proposed by David Cox (D10). The rule proposal was to change the season to January 1 through December 31st. There was 1 individual from district 3 who gave comment and 1 individual from an unknown district, who had a question on this proposal.
2. Proposed by Steve Luyk (D16) regarding changes to slotting. Steve commented that the purpose of this rule was to give a more level playing field to the slotting of each team. Individuals from D1, D15, and D10 spoke regarding this rule proposal adding to the discussion.
3. Proposed by Amy Kotsch (D14) regarding individual riders advancing to Regional and State Championships. Individuals from D1, D5, D3, D10, D15, and D8 commented on this rule proposal adding to the discussion.
4. Proposed by Doyle Fenner (D9) regarding eliminating protests. Individuals from D7, D5, D6, D3, D1, D11, and D9 commented on this rule proposal adding to the discussion.
5. Proposed by Doyle Fenner (D9) regarding patterns and rail work. Individuals from D5, D13, D15, D1, D3 and Executive Board members commented on this rule proposal adding to the discussion.
6. Proposed by David Cox (D10) regarding helmets in Western performance and Saddle Seat classes. Individuals from D8, D12, D1, and D18 commented on this rule proposal adding to the discussion.
7. Proposed by Jordan Hewitt (D2) regarding adding English Pellham to appointment of a horse in Saddle Seat. Individuals from D5 and D1 commented on this rule adding to the discussion.
8. Proposed by the executive board regarding braiding of the tail in Hunt seat classes. This was to clean up the rule that was worded differently in showmanship. Individuals from D8 and D1 commented on this rule adding to the discussion.
9. Proposed by Laura DeHaan Homik (D16) regarding clarifying the types of boots allowed in equitation over fences. Laura DeHann Homik requested that the word wraps be removed from the rule proposal. It was explained that there were no amendments this year. Considering this, Ms. DeHann Homik withdrew this proposal.
10. Proposed by the executive board regarding penalty for stepping outside the confines of an obstacle in trail. Individuals in D16 and D8 commented on this rule adding to the discussion.
11. Proposed by dressage committee adding dressage to the list of classes offered by MIHA. Individuals from D1, D6, D9, D10, and D3 commented on this rule adding to the discussion.

Registered voters will receive voting invitation following this meeting and will have 48 hours to cast your votes for these rule proposals. Results of the voting will be recorded as an amendment to these minutes.

- C. Rider/Team Registration dates for 2021. Registration with the state for junior high meets May 12, 2021. Registration with the state for high school registration will be August 11, 2021, for early high school and September 8, 2021, for regular registration. At this time these meetings are listed as Zoom meetings, however, will be in person if we are able.
- D. Patterns for 2021 are set to be released on or about March 1, 2021, for junior high and August 1, 2021, for high school. We will be using pattern 1 this year from the rule book.
- E. Elections/Nominations –
 - a. Steve Luyk and Bob Clogg were nominated for the position of 1st vice chair prior to the winter meeting. The chair opened the floor for any new nominations, which there were none. Both Bob and Steve spoke a little to who they were and why they were seeking election to this position.
 - b. Susan Bannister was nominated for the position of secretary prior to the winter meeting. The chair opened the floor for any new nominations, which there were none. Since there were no other candidates for this position Susan Bannister will continue as secretary for a term of 2 years.

Election of 1st vice chair will be included in the voting for the above rule proposals. Results of the election will be included in the results of the rule proposals and added as an addendum to this report.

Call to the public: There was no response to the call to the public.

Closing remarks were given by Marc Delisle. Thank you to all who participated in this meeting.

Adjournment:

Motion to Adjourn 10

Second 12

Motion to adjourn passed at 12:05 pm.

AMENDMENT

Due to covid 19 protocols this meeting was held via Zoom and all voting and election was held after the meeting had adjourned. Voting for rules and election was held via Survey Monkey and distributed to registered voters directly following the winter meeting. Voters had 48 hours in which to cast their votes. Below are the results of that voting process.

Rule Proposals – There were 204 votes cast for these proposals

1. Proposed by David Cox (D10). The rule proposal was to change the season to January 1 through December 31st. There were 36 votes in favor of this change, 157 opposed and 11 abstained. Proposal failed.
2. Proposed by Steve Luyk (D16) regarding changes to slotting. There were 43 votes in favor, 155 opposed, and 6 abstained. Proposal failed.
3. Proposed by Amy Kotsch (D14) regarding individual riders advancing to Regional and State Championships. There were 26 votes in favor, 173 opposed, and 5 abstained. Proposal failed.
4. Proposed by Doyle Fenner (D9) regarding eliminating protests. There were 50 votes in favor, 145 opposed, and 9 abstained. Proposal failed.
5. Proposed by Doyle Fenner (D9) regarding patterns and rail work. There were 83 votes in favor, 110 opposed, and 11 abstained. Proposal failed.
6. Proposed by David Cox (D10) regarding helmets in Western performance and Saddle Seat classes. There were 39 votes in favor, 155 opposed, and 10 abstained. Proposal failed.
7. Proposed by Jordan Hewitt (D2) regarding adding English Pellham to appointment of a horse in Saddle Seat. There were 144 votes in favor, 38 opposed and 22 abstained. Proposal passed.
8. Proposed by the executive board regarding braiding of the tail in Hunt seat classes. There were 169 votes in favor, 27 opposed, and 8 abstained. Proposal passed.
9. Proposed by Laura DeHaan Homik (D16) was withdrawn prior to voting.
10. Proposed by the executive board regarding penalty for stepping outside the confines of an obstacle in trail. There were 173 votes in favor, 23 opposed and 8 abstained. Proposal passed.
11. Proposed by dressage committee adding dressage to the list of classes offered by MIHA. There were 59 votes in favor, 137 opposed and 6 abstained. Proposal failed.

Election of 1st Vice Chair – There were 204 votes cast for this election.

1. Bob Clogg received 118 votes (60%)

2. Steve Luyk received 80 votes (40%)

Bobb Clogg is elected as the 1st Vice Chair serving for a term of 2 years.