

Michigan Interscholastic Horsemanship Association
Annual Meeting
February 12, 2022, 9:00 a.m.
The meeting was held via Zoom invitation.

Call to Order 9:03 am

Attendance – All districts were represented at this meeting. Total participation in this meeting was over 200.

Welcome from Marc DeLisle and introduction of current Executive Board members and Board of Directors.

Marc DeLisle, thank everyone for attending the meeting. He thanked the Executive Board for all their time and hard work over the previous year. He expressed that the Executive Board works well together and very hard in all they do. 2021 was a better year than 2020, which was the Covid year. A couple of things need to be worked on in the coming year. We will be working on electronic registration, financials, and other things that can be moved to electronic. We would like to have more scholarships, and by the end of 2023, we should be able to offer that. We are all volunteers, and we do this because we love the organization; sometimes, this is not possible due to other life obligations; however, we appreciate everyone, and we will be working on being the most responsive we can be. In the end, we are going to work on making this organization what it should be, which is MIHA-strong.

Meeting processes and procedures were discussed as to how it would proceed.

Rule Proposals:

- 1) The individual who submitted the rule will be given 3 minutes to speak about the rule change.
- 2) Voting will take place upon the completion of the meeting
 - a. A survey link will be sent to the email address provided at the time of registration
 - b. The link will be open for 48 hours after the completion of the meeting
- 3) Results will be shared on the website as well as through your DC's
 - a. There will be an additional 48 hours following the closing of voting to allow for results to be tabulated

Meeting format:

- 1) Meeting is being recorded
- 2) All participants are on mute unless unmuted by the Executive Board.
- 3) If you wish to speak, you will need to raise your hand.
- 4) Individuals speaking should identify themselves and their district for the minutes.
- 5) The chat will only go to the hosts and will not be viewable by the general membership
- 6) Please be brief and considerate of other participants. Comment time is limited to 2 minutes, and you will be muted when your allotted time has expired.
- 7) Please minimize outside noise, especially if on a conference phone.

Once the link for voting is sent out, any invalid email address will receive a text message asking for a verification of your email address. Voting is limited to the registered coach or identified proxy. According to our rules, each team gets one vote (one for junior and one for senior). To better facilitate registered coaches, we will be instituting various methods for recording those.

Agenda

Changes – None
Motion to Approve 2
Second 10
Motion passed.

Minutes

Changes – None
Motion to Approve - 3
Second - 2
Motion passed.

The treasurer recapped the previous year's financials. Copies of the financials were provided to all registered members prior to the meeting. On the balance and rider registration sheets, in 2019 we had 1,932 riders and we ended the year with \$167,315.00. In 2020 during Covid, we were significantly down in rider registration due to no junior season and ended the year with \$136,400.00. For 2021, we are still slightly down with just over 1,600 registered riders and a total of \$127,350.00 on the balance sheet.

We are showing recovery and we are hoping that in 2022 we will reach somewhere close to the 2,000 registration mark. The treasurer gave an overview of the profit/loss sheet and individual expenses during the year. There was a question from Erin Webber in District 3 as to why all regions have the exact same amount allotted to pins and shirts. The treasurer explained that it is one invoice that is received for those invoices, and it is very difficult to discern how much is going to each region. For this reason, she divides the invoices evenly amongst the regions.

Financial Reports

Changes - None
Motion to Approve - 7
Second - 2
Motion passed.

Old Business:

State Championship Meet: We received a lot of great suggestions following our State Championship meet. Midland has some great changes coming to its facility in the coming year. These changes may cause additional changes to our State Championship in 2022. We were in the black this year due to not having to rent stalls, and we ran out of stalls for the State Championship. Overall, the State Championship meet went very well, and are hopeful for the future.

MIHA Logo Contest 2021: There is no significant change in the logo contest this year. The deadline for submission of logos is June 2, 2022. Logo submissions should be submitted to logocontest@miha.org. Submissions will be presented to the board of directors in their June meeting for a vote.

There was some confusion this year, unfortunately, with the change in Executive board members, the logo contest email was not being monitored. It did work out and will be monitored in the coming year.

MIHA, MHC, and Lighthouse Scholarship Announcement: We have \$10,000 in scholarship opportunities through MIHA. We had over 50 submissions this year. The 2021 scholarship winners were recognized and provided an opportunity to speak at the meeting.

New Business:

2022 MIHA Fees: Fees will not be increased this year. Unfortunately, every venue we utilize as an organization has increased its fees so that may change in the next year. We will work to strive to keep our fees as low as possible. It should be noted that individual district fees may raise this year, but the state level will not change.

Dates for Next Year's Regionals and Championship Meets: The five regional meets will be September 30 -October 2, 2022, and state championships will be October 13-16, 2022. District meets are set by each individual district chair.

Rule changes that may affect technology or tracker program: There are several rule changes that will affect our tracker program. These rules have been submitted to the individual that handles programming for our program. He is working on each of these rules to determine the cost, time, and effort in instituting these changes. If one of these rules passes, it will not go into effect immediately. There will need to be time to institute the changes to our program before they can be made effective. Additionally, we will need to pay for those changes, and all that has to be taken into account when instituting the rule changes.

Rule Proposals

Constitutional Changes: There were no constitutional rule changes submitted for this meeting.

By-Law Changes: There were no by-law changes submitted for this meeting.

Rules and Regulation Changes:

- 1) Proposed by Mary Ivaniszyn (D1). The rule proposal is to add walk/trot English Equitation and Western Equitation classes to high school. Stephanie Volk spoke on behalf of Mary Ivaniszyn in support of the proposed rule change and gave closing remarks. The main objective of this rule change was to provide safety to riders without the ability to canter at the senior level. An individual from D2 noted that the one-year suggestion was not written into the actual rule. Individuals from D16, D9, and D2 spoke against this rule. Individuals from D11, D1 and an unknown district spoke in favor of this rule change proposal.
- 2) Proposed by David Cox (D10). The rule proposal is to change the season to January 1 through December 31st. David provided rationale for his proposal. D7 and an unknown district spoke against this rule change.
- 3) Proposed by Katie VanDyke (D5). The rule proposal is to change the point system to a prorated system in classes where the class size is less than 8 to 10 riders. Katie VanDyke did a presentation and closing for this rule proposal. Individuals from

D16, D15, D19, D1, D3, D11, and two unknown districts spoke against this rule proposal. An individual from D9 spoke in favor of this rule proposal.

- 4) Proposed by Steve Luyk (D16). The rule proposal was to make clarification language to riders participating in homeschool or other non-traditional schooling institutions. Steve Luyk gave opening and closing remarks for this rule proposal. Individuals from D11 and D15 spoke in opposition to this rule proposal. Individuals from D18 and an unknown district spoke in favor of this proposal. There were clarifying questions from D9 and D7.
- 5) Proposed by Jo Kosanic (D9). The rule proposal is to change the slotting number for divisions B and C to three for Western Riding/Reining, Trail, Saddle Seat Pattern, Equitation Over Fences, and Two-Man relay. Division A will be limited to four slots in these same classes. JoAnn gave opening and closing remarks for this rule proposal. There were clarifying questions from unknown districts and two supporting comments from unknown districts. Individuals from D6, D11, D18, and D14 spoke against this rule proposal.
- 6) Proposed by Jo Kosanic (D9). The proposal is to change the HS Reining Pattern #2 to the Michigan 4H Reining Pattern #2. JoAnn gave opening and closing remarks for this rule proposal. D3, an unknown district, and D6 spoke against this proposal.
- 7) Proposed by Jo Kosanic (D9). The proposal is to add language to the registration process, which allows for a color picture on Coggins to count towards the color picture on the registration. There was no discussion.
- 8) Proposed by Jo Kosanic (D9). The rule was to change team structure and slotting rules. JoAnn gave opening and closing remarks for this rule proposal. D11, D8, D12, D4, and an unknown division spoke against this proposal. An unknown district did speak in favor of this proposal.
- 9) Proposed by David Cox (D10). This proposal would change the requirements in Saddle Seat and Western classes to require a helmet. David gave opening and closing remarks for this proposal. Individuals from D16 and an unknown district spoke against this proposal. Individuals from D1, D18, and an unknown district spoke in support of this proposal. There was a clarifying question from D6.
- 10) Proposed by Jo Kosanic (D9). The proposal is to change the appointments of the horse in Hunt Seat classes to include curb, bradoon snaffle, D-Ring full cheek, and D-Ring half cheek. JoAnn gave opening and closing remarks regarding this proposal. There was no discussion.
- 11) Proposed by Jo Kosanic (D9). The proposal was to change the appointment of the rider in gymkhana to eliminate the belt rule if belt loops are visible. JoAnn gave opening and closing remarks regarding this proposal. Individuals from D10 and two unidentified districts spoke in support of this proposal.
- 12) Proposed by Jo Kosanic (D9). The proposal is to change the disqualification of the rider from a fall on the timed course to a fall anywhere in the arena. JoAnn gave opening and closing remarks regarding this proposal. D4, D6, D8, D16, D1, D12, and individuals from unidentified districts spoke against this proposal.
- 13) Proposed by Sue Snoevink (D19). The proposal is to add the word intentional to the rule regarding hitting the horse in front of the cinch in timed events. Sue gave opening and closing remarks regarding this proposal. Individuals from D4, D16, and D1 spoke against this rule proposal.
- 14) Proposed by Jo Kosanic (D9). The proposal is to add language instructing that the lip of the barrel be lip-side down. JoAnn gave opening remarks for this proposal. No discussion was had.
- 15) Proposed by Jo Kosanic (D9). The proposal is to add causes for disqualification in Speed and Action. JoAnn gave opening and closing remarks regarding this proposal. There were clarification questions from D14 and D6. An individual from D1 spoke in favor of the proposal. D7, D6, and unidentified districts spoke against the proposal.
- 16) Proposed by Mary Ivaniszyn (D1). The rule proposal is to allow single-rider D teams to participate in two-man by recruiting a ghost rider. Stephanie Volk spoke on behalf of Mary Ivaniszyn in support of the proposed rule change and gave closing remarks. Individuals from D1, D5, D2, D11, D14, and unidentified districts spoke against this proposal. Individuals from D4 and unidentified districts spoke in favor of this proposal.

Rider/Team Registration Dates: The deadline for district chairs to register junior high teams is May 11, 2022, and high school teams are September 14, 2022. For those districts that have early meets, there is an early registration available on August 10, 2022.

Patterns 2022: The patterns for junior high will be posted by April 1, 2022, and high school will be posted by July 1, 2022. We will be using pattern #2 for the 2022 season.

Nominations: There are two Executive Board positions open. The current nomination for the position of Chair is Marc DeLisle. The Current nominations for 2nd Vice Chair are Steve Luyk, Michelle Goshorn, and Susan Bannister.

The floor was opened for nominations for the Chair. There were no new nominations from the floor and the floor is now closed.

Motion: Having no other nominations from the floor it is motioned to accept Marc DeLisle as the Chair for a 2-year term

Motion to Approve - 1

Second - 2

Pass/~~Fail~~

The floor was opened for the position of 2nd Vice Chair. There are currently three nominations. With no further nominations, the floor is closed.

All three nominees presented why they would like to serve in this position.

Call to the Public:

- There will be a volunteer form sent to the district chairs regarding help at the Stallion Expo.
- Kelly from D4 wanted to know if there was a maintenance schedule for State trophies.
- Jeanna from D18 noted that she has a co-chair in her district and wanted to recognize her for all her hard work.
- Bob clarified whether his wife would be taking the secretary position if it became available.
- Thanks to Lauren Fetner and Amy Franks for all their hard work over the years in the organization.

Adjournment:

Motion to Adjourn: 6

Second: 15

Pass/~~Fail~~

The meeting was adjourned at 12:06 pm

Minutes submitted by Susan Bannister, Executive Secretary

AMENDMENT

Due to the meeting being held via Zoom and all voting and election was held after the meeting had adjourned. Voting for rules and elections 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.

- 1) Proposed by Mary Ivaniszyn (D1). The rule proposal is to add walk/trot English Equitation and Western Equitation classes to high school. **This proposal failed.**
- 2) Proposed by David Cox (D10). The rule proposal is to change the season to January 1 through December 31st. **This proposal failed.**
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Election of 2nd Vice Chair – Susan Bannister