

March 8, 2009  
Executive Board Meeting

Call to order 10:30

Cindy (State Show Chair)

Denis hasn't heard anything negative about state show except the judges.

Concern about the judging of reining by fine horse judges. Both of the judges were reining judges.

Cindy would like to see the judges do the entire class group A-D. Scheduling is the reason for shuffling judges and classes.

Cathy Boggetta is happy to help with judge selection.

Mike makes a motion to appoint Cindy Tesolin as state show chair again this coming year.

Denis seconds the motion.

Passed with a unanimous vote.

Rules Chair – Chris will talk with both Joanne Kosanik and Lora Standen about the rules committee chair position.

The executive board would like to continue with the rules committee. A committee of approximately four people is desired. Ideas for members are Cathy Boggetta, Roxanne Mayfield and Joane Kosanik.

Mike makes a motion to ask Joanne Kosanik to be rules chairperson

Denis seconds the motion

Passed with a unanimous vote.

Committees – Finance – Chene

Rules –

Nominations – Denis

Membership – Pattie

Historian – Pattie

Judges – Mike

Patterns – Denis

Trophies – Mike

Regionals – Mike

Juniors – Chris

Mike will see about booking judges for next year and will work with the rules chairperson on this.

Denis will contact Cathy Boggetta for three sets of patterns for regionals and states.

Rulebook – Printing of the rulebook will not be ready for the junior meets. 2008 will be taken off the cover. Last updated February 2009 will be added.

Expo Table – BOD voted not to do the expo anymore and was stated in meeting minutes. MIHA will do expo this year and see how it goes.

Chene suggested a sign referencing high school and junior teams.  
Amy has a schedule for working the table at expo.

District 6 – Has no DC currently. Chris needs to meet with Arlene Koenig regarding this.

Round Table – Executive board is getting negative feedback due to lack of information being passed along efficiently or correctly. This includes the executive board internally. Chris states he gave all information to Larry. Larry did not appear to have all the data. There is a need for more than one person knowing necessary information. The executive board needs to meet on a regular basis. A possible meeting time is before BOD meeting.

A newsletter is being worked on.

Delegation of duties and information – Emails sent to the executive board should get a response right away even if it's to say, "We are looking into it." All emails and responses should be forwarded to all executive board members.

Agendas – Chris will send out but is not receiving any responses. How is he supposed to know what to add to the agenda?

Chene motions to adjourn.

Denis seconds the motion.

Motion carried with unanimous vote.

12:00PM

BOD 3/14/09

10:04

Present: Districts 1,2,3,4,5,7,8,9,10,11,13,15,16,17,18,19,20

Introduction of new executive board members and district chairpersons.

Guest Speaker: Susan Gregg affiliated with the Tennessee Walking Horse Association

Susan's daughter rides a Tennessee Walking horse and is a member of a junior equestrian team. She came to clarify rules regarding bits and bridles as it applies to the Tennessee Walking horse vs. MIHA rulebook.

Cindy suggested to Susan to have their coach bring up the involvement of gaited horses at the AM meeting. If the participant's parent is needed for clarification of breed specific attire they should be allowed to be present only for that purpose.

It was recommended to Susan to draw up a proposal for these desired clarifications or changes and submit it for the rules meeting in February.

#### Agenda:

Motion made to accept the meeting agenda.

1<sup>st</sup> – Cindy (District 1)

2<sup>nd</sup> – Adela (District 19)

Approve – Unanimous

#### Minutes:

Date needs to be changed to 2009 from 2008.

Motion to approve minutes with changes.

1<sup>st</sup> – Hidle (District 16)

2<sup>nd</sup> – Chris (District 18)

Approve - Unanimous

#### Treasurer's Report:

Financial Reports still missing for:

District 3, Barrien Springs and St. Joesph

District 11, Amy has and will turn in to Chene

District 20, Johannasburg-Lewiston

MIHA rulebook states regulations for financial reporting.

The executive board is allowing 7 more days for missing financial reports.

Reports must be in no later than 3/14/07 or the coach of the offending team will be relieved of their position.

Motion to accept treasurer's report.

1<sup>st</sup> – Cindy (District 1)

2<sup>nd</sup> – Hidle (District 17)

Approve – Unanimous

#### Junior Division:

Terry (District 4) – Inquiring about a second meeting for the junior division.

An email sent out from Annette on behalf of the junior steering committee stated if the district would like to have a second meet it was allowed if funded by the District.

If it's an MIHA show should it be backed financially like an MIHA show?  
What about the insurance?

Chris (Exec Board Chair) – Because the policy is so large the insurance company is looking into the cost per show. Cost has been narrowed down to \$30-\$50. It is the position of the junior steering committee to allow districts to have a second show as long as the district is funding the second show.

Terry (District 4) – District 4 is having enrollment issues in the junior division with only one show being offered.

Doyle (District 9) – This question of having a 2<sup>nd</sup> show was not intended to create concern or controversy. District 9 was looking to have their own second meet and assume the cost of the show within their district.

Chris Cook (Exec Bd Chair) – The size of the junior division has not increased enough to require all districts to have a second meet.

Steve (District 16) – The rulebook states the junior division has one meet. The rulebook should be followed, or it could cause other districts to follow their own agenda and not follow rules set forth by MIHA.

Joel (District 5) – Read the rule in the book for clarification. Expressed the rulebook should be followed and a rule change proposed for February.

Chris (Exec Bd Chair) – Likes the opportunity for another meet but not to mandate it for all districts.

Roxanne (District 7) – Feel MIHA should abide by the book.

Doyle (District 9) – States these are all valid points and is not arguing the rule. In MIHA's beginning there was only one meet and grew to three through the same type of process as juniors is expanding now. He doesn't want to see the junior division's growth stunted because it cannot expand.

Terry (District 4) – Has been asking each year since the founding of the junior division. Nothing has come of it.

Pattie (Exec Bd Secretary) – Each year the steering committee has discussed the expansion but did not feel the numbers could support the cost of a second meet.

Chris (Exec Bd Chair) – Doesn't want anymore than one mandated.

Cindy (District 1) – The first year the junior division had a meet was not sanctioned by MIHA. You could hold a second meet and govern it by MIHA rules.

Joel (District 5) - If a second meet is set what monies is the state going to require of the districts?

Steve (District 16) – How did the senior division progress from one meet to three? What stance does the steering committee take on this?

Chris (Exec Bd Chair) – The steering committee doesn't want to force all districts to have multiple meets.

Fred (District 2) – Makes a motion to have the steering committee propose a rule change to mandate the current one meet but allow districts an additional meet with corresponding fees paid by the district.

Joel (District 5) – Seconds the motion

Amy (District 11) – Second show should be allowed but look to MIHA for the Insurance.

Terry (District 4) – Likes Cindy's idea of choosing to have the second show but doesn't want to make it a fun show. He wants to have the exact format of the first junior meet and have the points count as a standard meet.

Chris Cook (Exec Bd Chair) – MIHA will get the insurance and pass along the cost to the districts wanting the additional show.

Adela (District 19) - A motion for an SOP to cover this year's change needs to be made.

Doyle (District 9) – Call for the vote on the rule change.  
Passed - Unanimous

Terry (District 4) – Motion made for SOP for a second MIHA sanction show to be funded by the district choosing to have a second meet.

Doyle (District 9) – Seconds the motion  
Passed – Unanimous

Information for districts having a second meet needs to be turned in to Chris for insurance purchase.

Junior Pins – Will there be pins this year?  
Yes

Cost?

About the same cost as last year

Old Business:

Deadline list – Pattie Martin is collecting information to develop one.

SOP's – Six were rewritten by Larry.

Chris will send these out to everyone via email and will also see they are posted on the web site.

Joel is looking for the SOP he rewrote. Chris will check to find where it stands.

Motion for SOP approval for website posting

1<sup>st</sup> – District 5

2<sup>nd</sup> – District 16

Passed – Unanimous

Rider Registration

Judy (District 3) – What is required for rider registration?

At the state meet the medical release form was required or the kids could not show. The rulebook states nothing about the medical release form being required.

Instances given where the form was required for treatment.

Doyle (District 9) – Does this leave the association liable? Whose responsibility is it to determine if a rider needs to be transported to emergency?

Mike – If an ambulance is dispatched and is treating a patient, EMS is not allowed to accept a refusal from a minor. If the situation warrants immediate transport EMS will take the patient regardless if there is a treatment form.

Dennis (Exec Bd Vice Chair) – As a DC you are responsible for the show. Medical treatment forms should reside in the booth.

Judy – If the form is required it needs to be in the rulebook.

Joel – Regarding terminology on the form, does a representative from MIHA need to be on the form?

Terry – If the form is to be mandated an SOP needs to be made.

Amy – Please have Mike look at the form to verify it contains adequate data.

Cindy (District 1) – Makes a motion. All rider registration is to include the registration form, disclaimer, coggins, photo and medical treatment form.

Joel (District 5) – Seconds the motion

Frank (District 2) – Makes an amendment to motion. Coaches must also retain a copy of medical release form.

Vote – Yes 17

No 1

Rulebooks: Do we order?

Steve (District 16) – Make a motion to no reprint rulebooks this year.

Hidie (District 17) – Seconds the motion

Vote: Yes 17

Abstain 1

New Business:

Positions:

Finance – Chene Godsey

Rules Chair – Chris is working to get Joan Kosanik

State Show Chair – Cindy Tesolin

Nominations Chair – Dennis Stanton

Membership – Pattie Yanz

Historian – Pattie Yanz

Judges Committee Chair – Mike Yanz

Patterns Committee Chair – Dennis Stanton (Terry is asking for a review of patterns every year.)

Trophy Committee Chair – Mike Yanz

Regional Committee Chair – Mike Yanz

Junior Steering Committee Chair – Chris Cook

District Reports

1 – Issue with junior coach Cindy met with the principal. The coach has the approval of the school. Cindy has had to turn all complaints back to the principal.

2 – One team petitioned to move to District 12.

3 – All is good.

4 – All is good.

5 – All is good.

6 – Junior meet needed to be moved from May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

7 – All is good.

8 – All is good.

9 – All is good.

10 – All is good.

11 – All is good.

- 12 - Not Present
- 13 - All is good.
- 14 - Not Present
- 15 - All is good.
- 16 - All is good.
- 17 - All is good.
- 18 - All is good.
- 19 - All is good. Maple Valley is calling to get information.
- 20 - All is good.

Correspondence:

Chris has information but cannot divulge the information contained.

Call to the Public:

Is there a need for an April meeting?

Doyle (District 9) – Make a motion to cancel the April Meeting

Chris (District 18) – Seconds the motion

Discussion – A tabled issue from August 2007 still needs to be addressed.

Chris will get the data together and present it.

Vote on meeting motion – Tied at 8 votes each. There will be an April meeting

Adjourn – 12:00 pm



5/13/2009

Call to Order: 6:23

Roll Call: Districts Present – 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, \*20 represented by 18\*

Introductions:

Joanne Kosanik – Rules Chairperson

Agenda:

Bill added item F to Old Business

Terry added G to Old Business – Patches and Bars

H to Old Business – Agenda and Minutes

Motion to approve minutes with changes

District 20 – Motions

District 1 – Seconds

Passed

Minutes:

Suggested page numbers on minutes, name and date correction.

Motion to accept the minutes with changes.

District 4 – Motions

District 19 – Seconds

Passed

Treasurer's Report:

\$33614.78 Checking and Savings Combined

Copies of minutes passed out.

Chene will meet with auditors this week or next due to financial reports being late. All financials are due in by August 15.

Question: Is the balance down from last year? By Chene's memory, yes it is down.

Motion to accept the meeting minutes.

District 4 – Motions

District 2 – Seconds

Passed

Old Business:

A. Four districts are left to hand in registration paperwork.  
There are no problems with the paperwork

B. Jumping

District 4 would like to clarify that walk-trot cannot jump even though it does not specify in the rulebook or patterns that a canter is required.

The rulebook does state what classes walk/trot riders can do on page 38.

Rules chair states it would be difficult to include all aspect of judging in the rulebook. For instance, not all gaited horses are ridden to canter but are able to jump. Many things not in the rulebook are judged. If it needs to be stated it should be addressed at the rules meeting. The preference is jumping should be done at the canter with proper leads. This should fall under clarifications. \*\*Joanne will draw up the clarification and present it at the next meeting.\*\*

C. Junior Saddleseat Follows Pattern 1

The pattern is set with correction and posted on the web. The rulebook is being worked on for corrections. Chris was hoping for it to be finished next week.

D. Removing a Coach

The minutes are vague.

District 4 indicates what we need is information for new coaches. This is a volunteer position. Prospective coaches need as much information as possible to determine if the duties are for them. Maybe a handout would be a place to start.

District 5 asking about the SOP Amy Husted wrote. Why not use that as a base?

Chair believes we should add to it.

District 4 asking for a procedure on how to become a coach. A package should be created.

District 9 inquires about a comment made earlier about ongoing problems. Is this a problem in other districts?

Chair indicates it seems as though some coaches are taking control as if they own the team. There were two parents attempting to over rule a coach.

District 2 explains there were two teams. One went to the state championship. The other did not. A parent with a member of the non-progressing team wanted the coach removed because their teen was not on the progressing team.

District 4 would like everyone to write down their suggestions on enhancements to the current proposed SOP.

\*\*Chair will send out the current propose SOP.\*\*

District 5 would like to make these two separate issues.

District 9 explains if someone wants to be a coach in that district he asks them for reasons why they want to coach in writing. Within this district and executive group makes the decision on coach selection. If a conflict exists the executive group meets with all the parties before any decisions are made.

District 4 believes the DC will usually know of the person asking to be a coach including the positive and negative aspects.

E. MHC Expo

Chair indicates MHC would like us to be more involved with their group to get young people involved and to keep them involved. A committee is being formed and they would like MIHA to have a representative on the committee.

As for the booth at expo the DC's did vote not to have a booth because they didn't want to work the booth. When the call came from MHC with a table opening the Chairperson accepted. The booth was to be manned by senior riders. It was a success.

Some DC's did not agree with having the table. What are the opinions of the remaining DC's?

District 1 felt it was a good decision. In January MIHA put an add in Saddleup magazine. The table was another advertisement for MIHA.

There were some new comers who stopped and asked questions about MIHA. Rules Chair reminds that MHC does support MIHA with scholarships where a table is only \$125.

Vice Chair feels MIHA should represent at the expo. The issue is the BOD voted not to attend and we did anyway.

District 4 sees the booth as a good idea but it turned out to be a complain station. MHC came to us about the scholarships. MIHA did not seek them.

Chair reminds it was all positive this year.

District 5 relays having the kids there was a good way to approach this year.

Having the teens man the booth keeps many from complaining.

District 4 reminds the vote was an overwhelming no to having the booth.

District 2 wants to have the kids continue to volunteer.

Chair asks to have a motion to participate in 2010.

**05-09-001 Motion to participate at the MHC Stallion Expo in 2010.**

**District 1 motions.**

**District 2 Seconds**

**Passed**

Passes will be available while volunteers work.

**F. Cooperative Teams at the High School Level**

District 10 has two class D schools. They are combined for all sports.

Wondering what the possibility of having a combine cooperative team for MIHA.

Vice Chair asks if their High Schools recognize equestrian team as a varsity sport? If the answer is yes they can be a cooperative team. If not recognized then no.

District 19 has a varsity sport combined.

One school has no one to coach a team.

District 14 has one coach heading two separate teams.

District 10 chair will take it back to the schools about the varsity sport.

District 4 believes the rulebook should be followed. The AD of the school has to send a letter if they are to deviate from the rules. You do not have to be affiliated with a school to be a team.

Chair suggests sharing a coach would be the preferred method.

District 9 asks for clarification on what District 10 should be returning to the schools to ask.

**G. Patches and Bars**

District 4 reminds BOD this issue was brought forth last August. Can we give a rough estimate so we can get patches and bars for the kids early? He gets inquiries them.

**05-09-002 Motions to take an educated guess on patch bars and pins to order early for the junior meets and the time of the meet.**

**District 4 - Motions**

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair asked for a response to how many were needed and received three replies out of twenty districts.

District 3 inquires if an educated guess can be made.

Treasurer reminds some districts do change dramatically. All the year bars are on the same order. Every patch per district is each a different order. Rush orders double the cost.

District 19 orders their junior patches the same time the senior patches are ordered.

District 1 wonders if we should go back to all black bars.

District 4 asks if we had 1000 riders last year could we order 1100 bars?

Treasurer asks about parents and coaches getting bars.

Chair inquires if we can get the numbers around by February.

District 4 reminds why we have two different color bars.

District 5 has a company which makes their district year bars for them.

Suggests having them made by the district.

**\*\*District 3 asks District 5 if he can check to see if this company can supply MIHA.\*\***

Treasurer reminds anyone can call to place an order.

**05-09-002 District 4 drops the previous motion.**

**H. Agenda and Minutes**

District 4 inquires again about time frame of receiving the meeting minutes and agenda.

District 1 indicates minutes are sent as a convenience and should not be sent out unapproved.

District 3 considers them helpful to have prior to the next meeting.

District 2 suggests making a notice that the early minutes are a draft and would like a list of tasks to be accomplished.

Chair will continue to send out the minutes.

District 3 would like the minutes two weeks after the meeting.

District 5 inquires if there is a problem with Secretary sending out the agenda.

All tasks should be listed under old business.

Chair states Secretary can do minutes and agenda.

Secretary will send a draft to the chair.

There are still issues with wording on SOP's for the web.

**New Business:**

**A. Article 7 Paragraph B**

District 4 is not sure why it was requested to be on the agenda.

B. Committees

State Show Committee – There will be a state meet in Midland in October. Patterns were forwarded by a judge working with the vice chair. They selected patterns for all the meets.

Rules Committee – Is responding to emailed questions.

Junior Committee – No Report

Registration Committee – Haven't processed everyone

Membership – No Report

Historian – No Report

Judges Committee – Patterns have been received and is talking with rules chair about the legality of them. Rulebook states they may be used but are not required. The show committee has the right to discuss them with the judge. District 19 inquires why they are in the rulebook. They are used for the less knowledgeable.

Trophy Committee – Junior trophies are slightly different along with the keeper trophies. A suggestion of trophies for all state eligible teams. District 3 suggests a trophy with placing at state level. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice chair asks what the trophy should have on it. Varsity sports are different in many schools. Non varsity sport trophies do not get displayed. District 14 would like a 2<sup>nd</sup> place trophy for the D division. Chair states this would raise the cost to more than \$3000. District 1 believes each coach should take care of their own trophies.

Finance – No Report

Nominations – No Report

District Reports:

1. All good. Meet June 6<sup>th</sup>.
2. Numbers are down. Meet June 7<sup>th</sup>
3. All good. Meet May 16<sup>th</sup>
4. All good. Meet May 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>
5. All good. Meet June 20<sup>th</sup>
6. All good. Numbers are down. Meet April 2009
- 7.
8. All good. Meet June 28<sup>th</sup>
9. All good.
10. All good. Numbers down.

11. All good.
12. All good.
13. All good. Numbers are down. Meet June 6<sup>th</sup>.
14. All good. Numbers up. Meet May 31<sup>st</sup>.
15. All good.
- 16.
17. All good. Meet June 6<sup>th</sup>.
18. Numbers are up. Meet June 6<sup>th</sup>.
19. All good.
- 20.

Correspondence:

Rules Chairperson – Every January there is a judge's conference. This year it is open to anyone. A lot of information is given about running a show. It is a good judge network. Some of the conferences are just for judges and show managers but there is time to interact with other judges and how they get on the judges list. The conference is January 8-10, 2010. Contact Taylor Tenlen or Karen Waite.

Call to the Public:

Information on junior numbers  
895 riders total  
A=18, B=51, C=68, D=37 Total 174 Teams  
Last year  
966 riders  
A=14, B=66, C=75, D=53 Total 280 Teams

Promoting MIHA by having an article in the Saddle Up magazine in August. A ½ page add with meet dates and locations.

**\*\*District 5 will get prices and layout and bring to the next meeting.\*\***

**Motion to adjourn**  
**District 1 – Motions**  
**District 13 – Seconds**  
**Passed**

**Motions:**

Agenda

District 20 – Motions

District 1 – Seconds

Passed

Minutes

District 4 – Motions

District 19 – Seconds

Passed

Treasurer's Report

District 4 – Motions

District 2 – Seconds

Passed

**05-09-001 Motion to participate at the MHC Stallion Expo in 2010.**

**District 1 motions.**

**District 2 Seconds**

**Passed**

**05-09-002 Motions to take an educated guess on patch bars and pins to order early for the junior meets and the time of the meet.**

**District 4 – Motions**

**05-09-002 District 4 drops the previous motion.**

Motion to adjourn

District 1 – Motions

District 13 – Seconds

Passed

Tasks:

- \*\*Joanne will draw up the clarification for jumping and present it at the next meeting.\*\*
- \*\*Chair will send out the current proposed coach removal SOP.\*\*
- \*\*District 5 will check to see if embroidery company can supply MIHA bars.\*\*
- \*\*District 5 will get prices and layout for Saddleup ad and bring to the next meeting.\*\*



6/10/2009

Call to Order: 6:06

Roll Call: Districts Present – 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19

Introductions:

None

Agenda:

Motion to approve

District 17 – Motions

District 11 – Seconds

Passed

Minutes:

Motion to accept the minutes with changes.

District 5 – Motions

District 2 – Seconds

Passed

Treasurer's Report:

\$32561.32 Checking and Savings Combined

Copies of minutes passed out.

Motion to accept the treasurer's report

District 11 – Motions

District 17 – Seconds

Passed

Old Business:

A. Jumping Rule Clarification

Joan started working on it and had another thought process. She reviewed the rules and also the entire stock seat section. She produced proposed changes in order to clean up conflicting and unclear guidelines.

Joan is proposing she go through a section a month and bring her suggested changes to the BOD meeting where the board will review with her and enhance those changes. These changes will be put forth at the February rules meeting. Seeing as they have already been reviewed by the BOD there should be less discussion and easier to pass.

Joan indicated in order to have good judging at our meets MIHA should stay on the mainstream of the larger associations. We are not big enough to have our own judges list and judges are not going to run through our rulebook cover to cover to pick out the differences between our rules and most standard association rules. There should be reasons to have differences.

District 11 questions pattern availability and time frame of them being available. Patterns are still available in the book.

What about run off patterns? Those are considered tests and therefore are always available in advance.

Should a clarification be made on the difference between the two? District 11 would like the terminology clarified.

No issues were brought forth with the suggested list.

Discussion was had over the asking questions to the participants as a way of weeding out riders during a class.

Joan explains a verbal question is not always fair as there is no set reference for the rider to pull from. Suggestion was made to remove the section.

**\*\*Joan will get the sections drawn up and sent to the BOD with suggested modifications and clarifications. It will then be discussed at the upcoming meeting. The huntseat section is set for July's meeting.\*\***

**B. Coaches Removal SOP**

A. Suggestions: Chris found the SOP and would like how to select a coach included

B. Items 2 and 3: Vice Chair believes MIHA should have some rights to control over coaching. When the school has control it may be near impossible to remove a coach without removing the team.

C. Suggestion for paragraph 2: Remove "the MIHA does not appoint or remove coaches."

D. District 5 is concerned for the last sentence in item 2. Remove it from the SOP.

**\*\*Dennis will incorporate something for selecting a new coach.\*\***

**\*\*Amy, District 11, will clean up the current suggested SOP and resubmit.\*\***

**C. Patch & Bars**

Joel did not get to talk with his supplier.

**\*\*Joel will check on patches and bars for next month.\*\***

**D. Saddle Up Ad**

Deadline for the article is the 12<sup>th</sup> of the month.

**\*\*Pattie will draw up the article before July 12<sup>th</sup>.\*\***

Amounts for a one time ad: Full Page \$180, ½ Page \$120, Color is \$75 more.

**\*\*Joel will email out what it will look like.\*\***

**06-09-001 Motion for a full-page ad in the Saddle Up magazine.**

**District 11 motions.**

**District 17 Seconds**

**Passed**

Districts can go the SaddleUp site and put in an ad for their district meets.

Joel will use [INFO@MIHA.ORG](mailto:INFO@MIHA.ORG) for the contact on the ad.

New Business:

A. Fowlerville – Question on Article X, Section C, Page 14

A family has a student they want to send to a Christian school. They would like to ride on the Fowlerville team.

The rider can as long as there aren't 4 or more students from the school who wish to ride on an MIHA team. Fowlerville will have to give consent for the teen to ride.

Committees

State Show Committee – No Report

Rules Committee – No Report

Junior Committee – No Report

Registration Committee – No Report

Membership – No Report

Historian – No Report

Judges Committee – Would like a list of prior judges. We can use any except for last year's judges.

Trophy Committee – Need loaner trophies back.

Finance – No Report

Nominations – No Report

Patterns: Districts can forward patterns to Dennis if they would like.

District Reports:

1. All good.
2. All good.
3. All good.
4. All good.
5. All good.
6. Not Present
7. Not Present
8. Not Present
9. All good.
10. Not Present
11. All good.
12. All good.
13. Not Present
14. All good.

- 15. All good.
- 16. All good.
- 17. All good.
- 18. Not Present.
- 19. All good.
- 20. Not Present

Correspondence:

None

Call to the Public:

District 1 is working with a group in their area. They are organizing an emergency response course as related to the horse industry. This is a certification program.

They are suggesting MIHA may want to look into it.

**\*\*Benny will send the information to the Chairperson.\*\***

District 5 is getting sponsors for a district equestrian team program. The printing of the program is being donated. Patterns will be sold separately. A suggestion for other districts looking to do a fundraiser.

**Motion to adjourn**

**District 11 – Motions**

**District 17 – Seconds**

**Passed**

Adjourned 7:30pm

**Motions:**

Agenda

District 17 – Motions

District 11 – Seconds

Passed

Minutes

District 5 – Motions

District 2 – Seconds

Passed

Treasurer's Report

District 11 – Motions

District 17 – Seconds

Passed

**06-09-001 Motion for a full page ad in the Saddle Up magazine.**

**District 11 motions.**

**District 17 Seconds**

**Passed**

Motion to adjourn

District 11 – Motions

District 17 – Seconds

Passed

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**\*\*Joel will check on patches and bars for next month.\*\***

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7/8/2009

Call to Order: 6:06

Roll Call: Districts Present – 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 13, 15, 18, 19

Introductions:

None

Agenda:

**Motion to approve**

**District 5 – Motions**

**District 18 – Seconds**

**Passed with changes**

Minutes:

**Motion to accept the minutes with changes.**

**District 5 – Motions**

**District 19 – Seconds**

**Passed with changes**

Treasurer's Report:

\$32546.32 Checking and Savings Combined

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

**District 4 – Motions**

**District 5 – Seconds**

**Passed**

Old Business:

A. Rulebook Changes/Clarification (Huntseat Section)

Joan passed out the stock seat changes and the suggested huntseat changes.

District 19 questions the need for a list of applicable tests. Joanne explains this is a suggested list of appropriate tests. Other organizations have the same type of list. It also gives coaches and riders an idea of what could be asked.

District 18 asks the purpose of going over the sections. Joann explains if the board of directors goes over the rulebook section by section and approves of the changes at this level it will be better received at the rules meeting. There should be far less discussion. This also will help include changes for gaited horses, changes for patterns and tests, pattern cleanup, etc.

District 2 asks a question regarding trotting the jumping course. Joann believes as a judge the trotting of the course should be penalized.

Huntseat section was reviewed and changes were suggested. Joann requested any questions or issues regarding proposed changes be sent to her via email.



Saddleseat will be discussed in August.

B. Coach Approval and Removal SOP  
Tabled until August

C. Patch & Bars

Joel spoke with his supplier. They do not want to take on an order this size.

District 4 is under the impression all districts were to get patches and bars from MIHA.

District 5 has been getting their year bars from the same supplier for years. This company is the original one which created the patch. Mike Foote had setup the order for the last several years.

District 4 initiated talk of this because he wanted to receive his junior patches earlier.

It is stated all patches and year bars need to come from the MIHA chosen vendor.

Rules chair questions if the only underlying issue is receiving the patches and bars in time to hand them out at the June junior meets.

District 5 asks who the trophy person is and asks if the patches and bars should be handled by that person. Mike Yanz heads the trophy committee.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair explains the company we have is the best price we have found except for district 5's vendor. He also states he emailed and asked for approximate counts for patches and bars to order them earlier for the junior meets and received 5 or 6 responses.

Chair states we will have patches and bars at rider registration.

District 3 feels if we have them in June like this year it will be fine.

District 4 verifies we are to order patches and bars from the MIHA chosen vendor. Answer is yes.

D. Saddle Up Ad

The article draft is done and the picture is done. Any changes need to be sent to Joel by the date on his email. If there are any date changes to meets let Joel know. Added the web address to the article.

**\*\*Pattie will email Joel the article.\*\***

New Business:

A. District 3 – Rider Participation After Incident the Previous Year

A rider caused non-permanent damage to another rider's horse and set hers free stating it was insured if it got hurt. The rider pleaded guilty in court and was sentenced to community service. District 3 is hearing rumors the offending rider is planning to register with a different team this year. The question arises if there is any way to keep this rider from being accepted on any MIHA team this year.

District 4 sites information under purposes and goals in the rulebook

District 3 questions again if we can state the rider cannot register.

Chair states the executive board needs to meet on this issue.

District 3 adds the rider could not complete the last season due to a restraining order.

District 4 points out there is nothing in the rulebook about sanctioning a rider.

District 3 states the courts will release information if the rider does attempts to register.

District 4 reminds MIHA has not sanctioned the rider in any way.

District 6 asks if the new team is recognized by the school as a varsity sport. If so they may be able to help.

District 3 has a written rider agreement and hands it out for input on its content.

District 4 states MIHA does not belong to the school. The coach approaches the school and the AD has to send MIHA a letter for membership.

District 19 reminds the school does have a stance if the team is considered a varsity sport.

District 4 reminds that MIHA doesn't condone such behavior.

District 19 feels it makes sense to prevent the offending rider from participating if the school is fighting it.

District 3 adds the school does not have any input and questions if MIHA has any rules in place to prevent the rider from joining.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair asks where the incident occurred. If it did not occur during a meet it will be questioned.

District 18 points out Article 3 under goals in the rulebook.

Chair states the executive board will meet regarding the issue.

District 5 believes until the rider signs up they are not considered MIHA  
MIHA has no authority until the rider registers.

Chair wants to table the issue until the next meeting.

District 3 states the meet is August 30<sup>th</sup> and registration is July 27<sup>th</sup>.

Chair states the executive board will meet prior to registration.

**B. Proposed Home School Team – Unified Home School**

The home school students of Unified Home School Curriculum want to form a team.

District 19 asks what is listed on their diploma.

Rules chair has been in contact with the person requesting.

Rules chair has read the rulebook regarding private school and schools of choice.

District 4 reminds what is in the 2008 rulebook is wrong and the 2007 book should be reviewed.

Rules chair reads the initial request.

District 6 states the D division was formed for this purpose.

District 7 asks if it is the understanding that they are a member of the home school umbrella. Wouldn't that also be under the private school rule?

District 18 shows on page 14 of the rulebook the rider may ride for the school corresponding to writer of the diploma.

District 19 inquires where the rider's tax bill comes from.

District 4 believes in the 2007 rulebook it states geographical location.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair cannot find that mentioned in the rulebook.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair asks if the kids are enrolled in any school. If so they have to ride with that team.

Rules Chair reviews the rulebook and finds it states the rider will ride with the school from which they receive the diploma.

Chair states this will have to be clarified.

District 4 believes it should be handled at this moment.

Executive board will meet to review the issue.

#### C. Coaches Registration

District 4 asks if coaches have to register every year and why do we have to do all the paperwork every year.

Chair states the yearly paperwork is for the CSC checks.

District 4 inquires if only the new or changing coaches need the paperwork. Existing coaches should have one form signed stating the CSC check can be done automatically each year.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair suggests a list of current coaches be sent each year to the DC and this list verified and returned to have the CSC's done. Any new coach will require the full paperwork.

District 5 sites the rulebook which states each year the forms will be filled out.

District 4 asks if a rule change would be beneficial for this.

**\*\*Tabled pending changes\*\***

#### Committees

State Show Committee – No Report

Rules Committee – No Report

Junior Committee – No Report

Registration Committee – MIHA chair would like chairs from last year to send standings from last year.

**\*\*Mike will check for standings but believes he only has the winners.\*\***

Membership – District 4 coaches form handed in.

Historian – No Report

Judges Committee – Joann and Mike are working on retaining the services for state meet.

Trophy Committee – Still don't have all the trophies back.

Finance – No Report

Nominations – No Report

Patterns: Dennis has patterns available.

District Reports:

1. Not Present.
2. Not Present.
3. All good.
4. All good.
5. All good.
6. All good
7. All good
8. Not Present
9. All good.
10. No Report
11. Not Present.
12. Not Present.
13. All good
14. Not Present.
15. All good.
16. Not Present.
17. Not Present.
18. All good.
19. All good.
20. Not Present

Correspondence:

Discussed in New Business

Call to the Public:

District 4 states US DOT dropped gross vehicle weight from 16,000 to 10,000 for commercial vehicles. Any reasonable expectation to earn money makes it a commercial vehicle.

**Motion to adjourn**

**District 18 – Motions**

**District 5 – Seconds**

**Passed**

Adjourned 8:00pm

**Motions:**

Agenda

District 5 – Motions  
District 18 – Seconds  
Passed with changes

Minutes

District 5 – Motions  
District 19 – Seconds  
Passed with changes

Treasurer's Report

District 4 – Motions  
District 5 – Seconds  
Passed

Motion to adjourn

District 18 – Motions  
District 5 – Seconds  
Passed

## Tasks:

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**\*\*Dennis will incorporate something for selecting a new coach.\*\***

**\*\*Amy, District 11, will clean up the current suggested SOP and resubmit.\*\***

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8/12/09

Call to Order: 6:13

Roll Call: Districts Present – 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 17

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:

\$33169.72 Checking and Savings Combined

The 2009 audit is complete. Treasurer is expecting it in the mail today and will send by the 15<sup>th</sup>.

**\*\*Treasurer will email it in PDF to DC's\*\***

Farm Bureau corporate sent a check for \$5000. D1 asking for the email to send thank you's.

D4 was inquiring if there was additional money each year building in the account if it could be distributed to reduce rider registration fees. Treasurer indicates the account is steadily declining. A few years ago MIHA received a grant which gave MIHA a surplus but is being used each year. This year's deficit may bring the account down to approximately \$15,000.

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

**District 2 – Motions**

**District 4 – Seconds**

**Passed**

Old Business:

A. Rulebook Changes/Clarification (Saddleseat Section)

Saddleseat tabled until September

B. Coach Approval and Removal SOP

Dennis sent an email asking for changes and received none to date.

Suggestions are being brought forth at the meeting.

D5 – Add team financial reporting to the duties of the coach.

D1 – Asks if it would be more prudent to reference the rulebook Article 11 Page 6.

D4 – Would like to have DC input added. In the rulebook it only references the executive board's ability to approve or deny coach membership. He feels the DC is more likely to know the perspective coach and would like to have input in the executive board's selection process.

D1 had a situation where the DC input was vital.

D4 reminds of schools appointing coaches but MIHA has the final say in appointment. The new request should follow the chain of command and have the paperwork go through the DC and a recommendation come from them to the executive board.

D14 suggests leaving the majority of the write up as is but add "For More Information" statement.

D1 would like to add the coach will support the DC.

Chair would like it to state the coach will support MIHA and it's goals.

**\*\*Dennis will add changes and resubmit for review\*\***

C. D3 Rider Situation – Resolved?

The rider did not try to enroll.

Chair sent a letter to the coach just in case the rider tried to apply.

Should there be something in the rulebook regarding situations like this?

Consensus is no they are too few to make a change to the book.

D. Home School Team Formation

Chair has been in contact with the parent trying to form the team and, and he will be meeting with her.

D5 – This could be a problem for every district.

Chair – This is a school, which supplies a curriculum. The rule change needs to prevent the formation of teams with riders coming from all different areas.

D10 had a family of home school children, which wanted to form a team.

They were told they could ride for the team where they pay their taxes or of their residence. This should really be by residence.

D4 has always gone by this thought, but it is not outlined in the rulebook.

D5 wants the rules chair to write up the change for submission to the BOD.

Chair includes there is another group coming up with the same ideas on forming a team.

D1 asks if it would be easier to incorporate in the rulebook if a SOP was written up.

**\*\*Chair will write up the proposed SOP.\*\***

D2 - SOP can be submitted for rule change in February.

D1 asks what all DC's feel about having a high school cooperative program similar to juniors.

Consensus is no. It would open up more incidences of team stacking.

D4 – Junior cooperative program was to promote and grow the junior teams.

D9 – This district does not allow the juniors to form coop's.

- E. Coaches Registration Forms – Yearly or By List?  
D4 feels a coach is a coach until they decide to leave or is removed.  
D5 indicates the change will have to be directed in the rulebook.  
D4 asks if everyone agrees with using a list except for new coaches.  
D14 states their district is just now stopped arguing filling out the form each year and doesn't want to change back.  
D3 – Give DC's the option on what is required.  
D1 – Makes a coach roster and sends it to all the coaches each season.  
D3 – Sees the possibility for lost rosters or ones not received.  
Chair – Create an SOP for the choice of roster or forms.  
D5 – The SOP was already created and voted in.  
Copies of the SOP handed out indicating a form will be filled out each year.  
\*\*Terry will write up proposed changes to the SOP for September.\*\*
- F. State Logo  
D1 did not vote as she knows the names of all the entrants.  
Logo is voted on and chosen.  
Treasurer posted the winner and logo on the website.  
D9 – Believes logos depicting both stock and fine horses are more appropriate.  
\*\*Chair will get the logo placed on some sample shirts and present them to the BOD\*\*  
Winner of the logo contest is Sarah Streeter, a sophomore, from Lawton High School.
- G. Saddleup Magazine  
D5 brought extra copies to the meeting.  
Chair has received 4 calls so far after the ad was placed.  
D1 points out on page 68 how equestrian kids are giving back to the community.
- H. SOP's and Rulebook  
The SOP's and rulebook are now on the web under rules.  
Chair is hoping to have the converted copy of the rulebook soon.  
D5 – Has the book already converted.  
\*\*Joel will work on getting it to print in booklet form.\*\*
- I. Team With No Coach  
D8 has a team with no coach. Can they join another team?  
No they cannot. They can have an assistant coach from another team be their head coach, or a head coach can with executive board approval and the teams are not in the same division.
- J. Saddleseat Pattern 1  
D8 questions the diagonal change at K. Wonders if it should really be at X.  
Pattern is not incorrect and will remain the same.

New Business:

A. District 3 – Late Registration Allowances

District 3 has a rider who missed registration. A confusing email was sent out by someone other than the coach of the team. The parent did not contact anyone for three weeks after the email arrived.

DC had their parent board look over the email and discuss the situation and decided the rider should not be allowed to register as their district has a rule against late registration.

The parent contacted the chairperson and asked if anything could be done.

Chair states the email sent was very confusing and asked if the coach sent out this email. Also asks how a freshman finds out about equestrian team?

D3 also asks how freshman in other districts finds out about registration.

Some districts post flyers for the team and others go through the school.

This particular team has nothing to do with the school.

D3 reminds at the end of the email was the coach's contact information.

Chair believes the rider should be given every opportunity to register even after the deadline. An incoming freshman does not have any clue how to apply or what to expect.

D3 indicates she spoke with all parties involved.

D4 has had the same situation but in the end didn't receive the necessary paperwork. There is a deadline in district 4. It has cut down on the number of registration problems. He reminds the executive board has deadlines DC's have to follow.

D1 had an exchange student they made an exception for. They base it on each incidence.

D3 DC is looking for input and only heard from the chairperson. Their 8-person committee felt they had plenty of time to make inquiries.

D9 has mixed emotions on the subject. The organization has grown over the years and sees the potential for declining numbers due to the economy. A deadline is a good idea but should have exceptions for the growth of MIHA.

D14 has the same feeling. If the paperwork is in by the time rider registration comes the rider is allowed to participate. This district also takes into account rules teams may have for riders.

D2 has had an entire team register on the day teams were due.

D4 did the same in the past but found it created more problems.

D14 also uses the time after school starts to accept new forms.

D3 thanks for the input from the other districts.

D14 also backs coach's deadlines.

Chair's answer is D3's decision will be backed but feels strongly the rider should be allowed to enroll.

## Committees

State Show Committee – The schedule is 95% the same as last year. She is still looking for office staff. She would also like to hand out the splits at the morning coaches meeting.

Rules Committee – No Report

Junior Committee – Please send any suggestions, questions, or problems to Chris or Annette.

Regional Committee – Pins are on order

Membership – District 3 and District 15 rider and coach registration handed in

Historian – No Report

Judges Committee – Joann and Mike have most of the judges confirmed for the state meet.

Trophy Committee – Handed the remainder of the keeper trophies to the DC's but indicated the teams do not get them until the loaner trophies are handed to the DC.

Finance – No Report

Nominations – No Report

Patterns - Nothing New

## District Reports:

1. Rider Registration 9/1
2. Rider Registration 8/26 1 New Team
3. Rider Registration handed in. Rider enrollment down.
4. Rider Registration in the next couple of weeks. Junior numbers up, seniors down.
5. Rider Registration 8/18. All good.
6. Rider Registration 8/31 All good
7. Not Present
8. Rider Registration 8/13 Enrollment is down.
9. Rider Registration sometime between now and team hand in. 2 new teams.
10. Rider Registration 9/2. Team numbers up.
11. Not Present.
12. Not Present.
13. Rider registration is down.
14. Rider Registration 8/26 Hoping for 75 riders
15. Rider Registration 8/4 Riders down to 87.

- 16. Not Present.
- 17. Rider Registration next week.
- 18. Not Present
- 19. Not Present
- 20. Not Present

Correspondence:

None

Call to the Public:

B division reserve champion winners are needed for 2005 and C division champion for 1999.

**Motion to adjourn**  
**District 1 – Motions**  
**District 5 – Seconds**  
**Passed**

Adjourned 8:00pm

**Motions:**

Agenda

District 1 – Motions  
District 5 – Seconds  
Passed with changes

Minutes

District 5 – Motions  
District 1 – Seconds  
Passed

Treasurer's Report

District 2 – Motions  
District 4 – Seconds  
Passed

Motion to adjourn

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11/14/2009

Call to Order: 10:13AM

Roll Call: Districts Present – 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10, 15, 17, 19

Introductions:

Chris Forbes – District 2

Agenda:

**Motion to approve**

**District 17 – Motions**

**District 1 – Seconds**

**Passed with changes**

Minutes:

**Motion to accept the minutes**

**District 1 – Motions**

**District 17 – Seconds**

**Passed**

Treasurer's Report:

Copies are passed out. Balances in the National City Account are correct.

There are some regional funds waiting to be added. Balance is \$29,689.39.

State championship financials were discussed.

\$3548.00 came back from the Screen Printing Company at states.

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

**District 6 – Motions**

**District 11 – Seconds**

**Passed**

Old Business:

A. Rulebook Clarification

Joann did get a program to make changes to the rulebook. She is working on getting it formatted.

The front of the rulebook was review this month. There were changes to the class order and clarification to what immediate family is regarding sharing a mount.

Review of mount replacement brought discussion. Should a mount be deemed unfit to compete it may be replaced by another providing it is not already competing with another rider unless an immediate family member.

District 9 – Objects to the clarification. If the team does not progress to the next level then the horse is no longer competing in the current season. The season is considered over for the horse.

District 4 – Has witnessed veterinary slips being forged and passed. This can be completed easily.

Rules Chair – Was contacted by people at the beginning of the season regarding mount sharing. One child is on a team and the other is on another team in a different division. They both wanted to use the horse for trail. The horse would then be competing twice in trail but under different divisions. Seeing as the horse is being used in two separate divisions and the classes for divisions are not combined at the district level, it would be considered two different classes.

Should there be a rule stating the horse cannot be on two different teams?

Answer – No.

District 3 – In a pattern class the horse could be ridden twice.

Absent Rider Allotment –

District 11 – Declares a time limit for slot replacement.

Rules Chair – This is defined in the rulebook but is vague.

District 11 – Has a cut off before the first class of the meet.

District 4 – Has the same policy.

The clarification should state before the show starts.

Declaration of Divisions – Does the declaration comes at registration or before the first meet?

District 9 – Had this issue. A team was input as a C division instead of a B.

District 4 – Early registration in August should alleviate this problem.

Rules Chair – If you have two kids drop before the meet, it is an Executive Board change and a paperwork change.

District 4 – Would like to have the declaration at registration.

District 1 – There are legitimate situations. The declaration should stand for regional and state competitions but have a clause for extenuating circumstances at district level.

Conduct of Rider – There is nothing about the treatment of the animal listed.

Slot Sheet – Classes on the slot sheet and in the rulebook are different. Both need to be consistent.

Rules Chair – An updated copy should be available in two weeks.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair – Back to rider/mount allotments asks what is an event? Is it considered a “class” such as trail or something else? Is Division A Trail and Division B Trail two separate events? Or is trail considered one event and Division A, B, C, D considered separate classes within the event?

Chair reminds of rule change deadline.

#### B. Coach Approval and Removal SOP

A few copies were handed out. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair added changes suggested.

District 4 – Reminds MIHA is not associated with the school, the coach is.

District 11 – MIHA retains final say over the coach.

District 4 – Verifying the team membership does the vote for the coach.

**11-001 – Motion to approve the “Coach Removal” November 2009 Draft as SOP.**

**District 11 - Motions**

**Rules Chair - Seconds**

**Passed            Opposed=1**

Add a Coach proposal was reviewed.

**11-002 – Motion to approve the “New Coach Approval Process” as written.**

**District 17 - Motions**

**District 4 - Seconds**

**Passed            Opposed=0    Obstain=1**

**C. Coaches Registration SOP**

Covered in September, 2009

**D. Home School SOP Formation**

**\*\*Chair will form the SOP for this by the December meeting.\*\***

Rulebook states more than four riders need to form their own team. When division D the change was not made to the rulebook reflecting the 1, 2 and 3 person teams.

**\*\*Chair will check on the rule change with Larry Flanary.\*\***

**E. District 8 Slotting Resolution**

Rules Chair took care of which slots were in question. She placed them in a bowl and pulled at random.

**New Business:**

**A. Rockford Un-Sportsman Like Conduct**

No official investigation was done. There was no written complaint. The situation was handled at the state meet and is now considered resolved.

**Committees**

State Show Committee – State meet was successful. The one issue was resolved. The judges loved the show. The support during the show was appreciated. Suggestions for next year’s meeting are requested.

Rules Committee – Covered earlier in the meeting.

Junior Committee – No Report

Regional Committee – Do we need to look at geographic locations again? It’s been two years since it has been done. It is supposed to be reviewed each year.

District 9 – Are regionals following along school sports guidelines? Some teams coming to Ludington travel up to 200 miles.

District 19 – Do we want to consider the best of the best for the state meet?

District 4 – Would like the option presented again each year as it used to be.

District 1 – Are there simple solutions to travel issues?

District 3 – Do we want revolving or permanent regions?

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair – Asking for suggestions but will assume no changes are wanted if he receives no emails.

Membership – No Report

Historian – No Report

Judges Committee – No Report

Trophy Committee – We are still waiting on a few district trophies.

District 4 – When Crowne Trophy was used the trophies were received much faster.

District 9 – Is a large supporter of Action Awards but is looking for another supplier.

**\*\*Trophy Committee Chair will call for prices and also check on where the statues are made.\*\***

There is no interest in changing the design of the trophies just something comparable to what is already being used.

Finance – No Report

Nominations – Two positions are up for reelection this year, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair and Chair. Both current seat holders are running for reelection.

Patterns - Told the regional patterns were good but the state ones were not so great.

Scholarship – Two scholarship applications have been received.

#### District Reports:

1. Good. Cindy is voted district chair for 2010.
2. No Report
3. Good
4. Good
5. Not Present
6. Good. Arlene is voted district chair for 2010 with two assistant DC's.
7. Not Present
8. Good
9. Good
10. Good
11. Good
12. Not Present
13. Not Present
14. Not Present
15. Good
16. Not Present

- 17. Good
- 18. Not Present
- 19. Good
- 20. Not Present

Correspondence:  
None

Call to the Public:

District 9 – Had an opportunity to go to youth show at MSU. The participation was good but not great.

District 4 – Is the junior steering committee going to make a change to the rulebook allowing districts to have more than one meet? This would also have to include the second meet would be funded fully by the district and would not receive any state funds toward additional shows.

**\*\*Secretary – Will write up a proposed SOP for the option of additional junior meets funded by the district.\*\***

District 11 – Is there any way to get insurance if a district would like to have a fun show as a fundraiser? This would be an open show.

Chair – The insurance for additional meets is \$50 per show.

**11-003 – Secretary will write up a proposed SOP for district to have the option of additional meets in the junior division.**

**District 4 - Motion**

**District 17 - Seconds**

**Passed**

**Motion to adjourn**

**District 11 – Motions**

**District 1 – Seconds**

**Passed**

Adjourned 12:08pm

**Motions:**

## Agenda:

District 17 – Motions  
District 1 – Seconds  
Passed with changes

## Minutes:

District 1 – Motions  
District 17 – Seconds  
Passed

## Treasurer's Report:

District 6 – Motions  
District 11 – Seconds  
Passed

## Motion to adjourn

District 11 – Motions  
District 1 – Seconds  
Passed

**Motion 11-001**

**Approve the “Coach Removal” November 2009 Draft as SOP.**

**Motion – District 11**

**Second – Rules Chair**

**Passed            Opposed=1**

**Motion 11-002**

**Approve the “New Coach Approval Process” as written.**

**Motion – District 17**

**Second – District 4**

**Passed            Opposed=0    Obstain=1**

**Motion 11-003**

**Secretary will write up a propsed SOP for district to have the option of additional meets in the junior division.**

**Motion - District 4**

**Second - District 17**

**Passed**

**Tasks:**

**\*\*Chair will form the Home Schooler SOP for this by the December meeting.\*\***

**\*\*Chair will check on the D division/team formation rule change with Larry Flanary.\*\***

**\*\*Trophy Committee Chair will call for prices and also check on where the statues are made.\*\***

**\*\*Secretary – Will write up a proposed SOP for the option of additional junior meets funded by the district.\*\***



12/12/2009

Call to Order: 10:10 AM

Roll Call: Districts Present – 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 13, 14, 15, 18

Introductions:

Candace Russell – District 5

Larry Flanary – Former MIHA Chairman

Kristie Stecker – Assistant DC District 6

Agenda:

**Motion to approve**

**District 1 – Motions**

**District 2 – Seconds**

**Passed with changes**

Minutes:

**Motion to accept the minutes**

**District 1 – Motions**

**District 4 – Seconds**

**Passed with changes**

Treasurer's Report:

No Report

Old Business:

A. Rulebook Clarification

a. Joann not present

b. District 4 is requesting an executive board rule to dissolve the junior steering committee. Anything changed in the last two years has been done by the board of directors.

Chair reminds the junior steering committee handles all the items dealing with the cooperative program.

District 4 – Feels this can all run through the district chairs.

District 1 – Asks if the steering committee handled everything regarding the junior program.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair – The junior program is running smoothly. Is there a need for the steering committee anymore?

District 19 – What will be missed without it?

District 4 – When was the last time the steering committee met?

Chair – Last meeting was in August

District 4 – BOD hasn't seen anything come out of the steering committee in quite some time and believes it should be dissolved before the end of the year.

Secretary – Is there a reason the steering committee needs to be dissolved before the end of the year? Can it wait until after the 2010 rules change meeting?

District 4 – Wants it done now.

Chair – Table this subject until the March meeting.\*\*

**B. Home School SOP**

Chair – Handed out Rules Organization of Teams.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair – Has had students transfer for the equestrian team season then transfer back once the season is complete. Why is the host school allowing this?

District 4 – Likes the proposed SOP as it is written.

District 6 – Private schools should have their own team.

District 14 – We are eliminating kids that are trying to legitimately switch at the end of a school year. This also happens when kids switch homes.

Secretary – How often does the switch happen because of equestrian team?

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair – Some do switch for program purposes. The proposed change should not affect legitimate kids.

District 6 – This is not following high school athletic association rules.

District 1 – States the last line of item B should be eliminated also.

Chair - Eliminate C and the last line.

Visitor – How does this affect foreign exchange students?

Chair – They are considered late transfers. They are allowed.

District 14 – This information may not get through to the kids. It will then be too late for the season.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair – Districts handle late registrations differently.

District 4 – The kid should be looking in the summer for a team.

District 14 – Late registration would be after district registration.

District 1 – Letter D sounds good. The term also states they can ride on more than one team. This should show a list of three options.

\*\*Chair – Will make the changes.\*\*

District 5 – How about reading it as forming a team as long as the team Members are within the school district boundaries of the MIHA district.

District 1 – Add all enrollment requires final approval by the district chair for all non conforming teams.

District 5 – Points out in A that the school you attend may not be part of the school they attend now.

District 1 – Asks what is junior high school? Believes A should be removed.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair – Would like the verbiage for home school to be added but leave all other alone.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair – Is seeing an increase in questions regarding this subject.

Larry Flanary – Home schoolers should ride for the home school they attend.

District 4 – Questions if this should be an SOP first .

District 1 – Agrees

Chair – There are no issues with the home schoolers right now. We are just trying to head off future problems.

\*\*Chair will make the changes for an SOP.\*\*

**12-001**

**Creation of a home school SOP**

**District 1 Motions**

**District 4 Seconds**

**Passed**

C. Trophies

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair – Checked on prices and availability for our current trophies. The statues we use are made strictly out of the country. With the economy as it is now the cost for these statues may go up.

Larry Cushion Trophy, Crowne Trophy and Action Awards are waiting until the first of 2010 to give price quotes.

All companies were asked if there was a comparable statue made in the USA. All are made over seas.

Online catalogs were also consulted in search of a US made statue. None look as good as we are getting now. The horse we purchase is distinguished.

All the prices are about the same.

District 4 – Went through books and found the current statues were the best.

Maybe changing bases would help the price. We just need to get things ordered earlier.

Larry Flanary – What is the possibility of ordering an abundance and just having the plates created?

Secretary – Who is housing the extra trophies?

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair – Will start the order in January for next year. He will get prices in January. Are we continuing to do keeper trophies? Do we need to change them?

District 1 – The base was almost too big.

Larry Flanary - Why don't we make the keeper trophies look like one of the others?

District 4 – The reason was so teams could have a keeper resembling the loaner trophy. The base can't be different. We keep them because the money was allocated and so that there was something left behind for remembrance.

Chair – Brought a reserve keeper trophy.

Larry Flanary – Aren't we trying to decide what trophies to purchase?

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair – We like the way the current trophy looks but want the champion to be different than the reserve.

Pictures taken of the current trophy.

D. Junior Meet Rule Change

**12-002 Motion to approve proposed junior meet rule change**

**District 1 – Motion**

**District 6 – Seconds**

**Passed**

New Business:

A. Registration Fees

Fred Stockley – Handed out spreadsheet with proposed district payback.

As the numbers decrease district budgets are negatively impacted.

District 4 – Likes proposal 2 on the schedule hand-out as it cuts down on the budget gap.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair – With the decline of the riders our state funds are down also. Do we need to keep it in mind that an increase might be necessary?

Chair – Of the two proposals why did the numbers on #2 have an increase to 2000 for 0-74.

Fred Stockley – That was probably arbitrary on his part. How do the smaller districts make it on the funds they get now, \$1500?

District 19 – They can't make it on \$1500 very easily.

Larry Flanary – The money from earnings in the past is being eaten away on amenities with the state meet. Maybe more cuts should be made.

District 4 – Doesn't want to raise rider registration fees, but does like proposal #2.

Chair – Is not comfortable giving more money to the smaller districts.

District 14 – Judge costs are what uses much of the money.

District 13 – Has to get judges she may not normally have because they are close enough to not need a hotel room. She cannot afford to get judges she may like.

District 4 – Can the scheduled be revised?

District 15 – Has included a \$100 cancellation fee for judges in the case he needed to cancel the contract. This reduces the hit his budget would take.

Chair – Feels this needs to be changed and would like it reviewed again in January.

\*\*Fred Stockley to make the changes to the schedule and bring back in January.

District 2 – Would like to have a registration fee range instead of a set \$45.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair – Add the \$3 this year and the remaining \$2 next year.

District 19 – Would like to see the raise now as he believes it necessary.

District 4 – Before we ask for the money can we go through and find the "pork" we can cut out. He wants to be sure we have cut our extra. He would like to look at the state meet first.

District 6 – How much is regionals?

Chair – There are no guidelines.

Larry Flanary – Have we heard anything from Farm Bureau?

Chris – Not yet.

District 6 – Wants the email list for the farm bureau reps to send thank yous.

District 1 – Do most districts charge more than \$45?

BOD – Majority says yes.

District 1 – What about taking the extra \$5 and put it into the state?

District 4 – Would not benefit from giving the money to the state.

#### B. 2010 Meeting Dates

January 9, February 13, March 13, April 10 @ 10:00 AM

May 12, June 9, July 14, August 11, September 8 @ 6:00 PM

November 13, December 11 @ 10:00 AM

October 2-3 Regional Meet

October 14-17 State Meet

#### Committees

State Show Committee – No Report

Rules Committee – No Report

Junior Committee – No Report

Regional Committee – Asked for information on regionals and received 3 replies. Current regions are:

A – 5, 9, 16, 19

B – 1, 2, 7, 12

C – 6, 11, 14, 17

D – 8, 13, 18, 20

E – 3, 4, 10, 15

Districts 3, 9, 13, 11 will be impacted by a move if approved.

District 3 would move from A to E

District 9 would move from D to A

District 13 would move from C to D

District 11 would move from E to C

District 12 – Worried about the distance

Regional grounds would be at:

A – Barry

B – Shiawasee

C – Midland

D – Gaylord or ?

E – Ingham

The other option is to keep regions the same.

**\*\*2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair – To send out the proposed and current\*\***

Membership – Please make sure to fill out new volunteer forms in black or blue ink or typewritten.

**\*\*Secretary will work on changing the volunteer form to be emailable.\*\***

Historian – No Report

Judges Committee – No Report

Trophy Committee – Discussed previous

Finance – No Report

Nominations – Two positions are up for reelection this year, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair and Chair. Larry Flanary declined to accept a nomination.

Patterns - No Report

Scholarship – Six scholarship applications have been received.

District Reports:

1. Good
2. Good
3. Not Present
4. Good
5. Checking Budget
6. Good
7. Not Present
8. Not Present
9. Not Present
10. Not Present
11. Not Present
12. Not Present
13. Good
14. Banquet was nice. Lynn Kople was in a serious accident.
15. 16 year old killed was a coaches daughter
16. Not Present
17. Not Present
18. Good
19. Not Present
20. Not Present

Correspondence:

None

Call to the Public:

District 2 – Junior coach has been accused of criminal sexual conduct. He has been involved with MIHA from the student level. Allegations were made and he called Fred Stockley immediately. He is being prosecuted on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> degree sexual misconduct. This did not happen during an MIHA event. They were neighbors.

How long do we keep the information on file? All information is handed back to coaches on rider registration. As a group do we need to keep information for a period of time?

Secretary – Is beginning to scan information. This can be kept on CD for many years.

**Motion to adjourn**  
**District 1 – Motions**  
**District 6 – Seconds**  
**Passed**

Adjourned 12:43pm

**Motions:**

Agenda:

District 1 – Motions  
District 2 – Seconds  
Passed with changes

Minutes:

District 1 – Motions  
District 4 – Seconds  
Passed with changes

Treasurer's Report:

No Report

Motion to adjourn

District 1 – Motions  
District 6 – Seconds  
Passed

**Motion 12-001**

**Creation of a home school SOP**  
**District 1 Motions**  
**District 4 Seconds**  
**Passed**

**Motion 12-002**

**Motion to approve proposed junior meet rule change**  
**District 1 – Motion**  
**District 6 – Seconds**  
**Passed**

## **Tasks:**

**\*\*Chair will make the changes to the home school rule change instead to make an SOP.\*\***

**\*\*Fred Stockley to make the changes to the schedule and bring back in January.**

**\*\*2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair – To send out the proposed and current regions\*\***

**\*\*Secretary will work on changing the volunteer form to be emailable.\*\***