

03/12/2011

Call to Order: 10:10 AM

Roll Call: Districts Present – 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19

Introductions:

Katie Deisler, Lisa Crowder, Stacey Toy, Karissa Dishon, Dave Carlson

Agenda:

Motion to approve with changes

District 4 – Motions

District 11 – Seconds

Passed with changes

Minutes:

Motion to accept the minutes

District 4 – Motions

District 11 – Seconds

Passed

Treasurer's Report:

\$30003.45 Balance

Balance is since the rental of the MSU meeting room and annual meeting room.

Still missing financials from some teams and districts. You were notified.

Treasurer – Beginning this year if the reports are not in on time the coach or DC of the missing report will be suspended.

The financial form will be revamped to be more user friendly.

District 17 – Wouldn't it be easier to send in bank statements monthly?

Treasurer – Yes as long as you notate the statement with itemized entries.

District 18 – Would like to see once in a while how we are doing compared to the previous year.

Treasurer – Has a CPA hired.

District 9 – Likes the balance sheet but would also like a breakdown of the report.

District 16 – Last year we were suppose to have the financial forms available to complete online.

2nd Vice Chair – It comes down to a place to hold the data submitted and the method of submission would have to be changed. Currently you can fill it out, save a copy and email it in.

District 4 – Knows why we changed it in the rulebook but would like to have the reviews and audits every two years. Have the audit every year the chairman is elected.

20110312-001 Motion to hold an audit on even years and a review on odd years.

Motion – District 4

Second – District 11

Passed

Old Business:

A. District Meets

1st Vice Chair – Get the dates and locations of your junior meets to the chair to for insurance and posting on the web purposes.

2nd Vice Chair – Has received calls on dates from other districts on dates for their district meets.

District 3 – At the January meeting discussion was had on how district 3 runs their three meets. They have followed the current layout for two years. She polled her coaches and the decision was made to run meets 2 and 3 in a regional type format with double judging. They get reviewed by the same amount of judges as any other rider.

There are about 27 teams; all but two agreed to this format. It was tried and liked with few complaints. The DC visited with coaches and received good feedback. There didn't appear to be any rule against running the meets this way.

In the spring of 2010 the MIHA chair pulled the DC from 3 aside and said there was a complaint regarding how the meet was run. No particulars were made available to her at that time and no letter was provided. Things were left as is. During the summer of 2010, the DC again talked to the coaches and received the same response on meets 2 and 3; all but two were for the current format.

The DC talked to one of the coaches against it and explained why they ran it this way.

The meets were run in a regional form in the fall.

Now, the DC is hearing there are multiple complaints. Where are the letters?

Rules Chair – Talked to Chair and he said it was handled. She received three emails and was approached twice.

District 3 – Why wasn't she notified or forwarded the emails?

Rules Chair – If she deems no rules were violated then why would she send the email?

District 11 – The person writing the email should send it to the person they have the problem with.

District 3 – So no formal complaint was filed?

District 9 – As far as going back to January, part of the concern is you are using a regional format not a district format.

District 3 – Respects district 9's opinion but doesn't follow that. She follows the rulebook.

District 16 – Agrees with district 3's DC. You have to leave the DC to run their own meets. He had run gymkhana on a Thursday due to rain.

Rules Chair – If you are having a Saturday/Sunday meet you can use those absentee rider slots. At regional meets you can't use them in the same fashion.

District 3 – You can use them on Sunday.

District 16 – If someone complains about his district he would appreciate some notice there is a problem.

Rules Chair – The email sent to her is personal unless stated it can be forwarded.

District 16 – So every time a coach isn't happy they can just email the rules chair?

Rules Chair – If a rule is broken she will reply with the direction toward the rulebook.

1st Vice Chair – Redirects discussion back toward district 3's issue.

The chair took some calls regarding the issue with how the meets were run and they were discussed in January initially as a general topic but turned toward district 3 after it was asked which district was running in a different format. Discussion continued even though the district in question was not represented.

District 3 – Why was the January meeting rescheduled? If there was no reason to change then don't change it. Notice was not received until 6 days before the meeting.

District 14 – The issue seems to be a definition of what a district meet is. The rulebook doesn't state it. Until we define it we can't do anything.

1st Vice Chair – That is what we were discussing.

District 4 – The chair was told by the BOD to contact district 3.

2nd Vice Chair – It was a topic of discussion originally not toward district 3.

Lisa – This began because our fairgrounds were flooded and there were no other available options before the regional meet. A vote was held to use the indoor arena and double judge. During this time the coaches were approaching the show staff telling how they liked this format. The DC checked the rulebook for any rule against it and found none.

There is a chain of command. If receive an email directed to you personally that is one thing, but if it is a MIHA thing then it should be passed on.

Why would you discuss anything about a district without their representation there? They have a right to know. People say they have approached the DC but haven't. The DC and assistants are trying to make improvements and feels they are being slapped for this. It is their business to know when concerns are being sent to the executive board.

District 4 – All there was in January was discussion. We made a motion about three years ago that anything coming through has to be forwarded to the DC or at least given to the chair.

The only thing the rulebooks says is 3 meets are required. There is nothing about how they are run.

1st Vice Chair – Disagrees about the rulebook comment. It does state information about the 17 classes.

District 4 – We've had to deal with rain outs in the last few years.

1st Vice Chair – Those are special conditions.

2nd Vice Chair – What if the double judged show gets rained out? Do you then have a triple or quadruple judged show?

District 18 – Believes we are looking for uniformity. It was not 3 meets by normal definition.

1st Vice Chair – This was the chairs idea that these were not 3 individual meets.

District 16 – Needs to know then how to run his meet.

Rules Chair – That is not what was said.

In our goals this is about the kids. Her concern was they don't get their 2 full shots at each class, only one. The chair was the one who said he received concerns.

District 4 – On page 10 bylaw Article 7 it shows suggested class order.

Rules Chair – It states suggested order not suggested classes.

District 17 – The classes aren't being run as suggested.

District 4 – It comes down to who shows up and who doesn't.

District 14 – What about the unforeseen?

District 2 – It's about the fairness of the rider. Maybe it was suggested but voted down. Their district had suggested a 3 day show on Labor Day weekend which would comprise 1 meet per day. It was voted down.

District 3 – For years they did 17 classes over two days. This is not a good argument to use, the unforeseen. What is the difference?

District 18 – Would like this issue tabled to allow time to put solutions together on paper.

Rules Chair – You state you are saving money on judges, how?

District 3 – On a typical meet they would use three judges but this way they only use two. Over a 3 meet process they would hire nine judges. This way they are hiring six.

20110312-002 Motion to table this subject until next month (Withdrawn)

District 3 – Is there any reason for it to be back on the agenda?

Rules Chair – We need the chair's information.

20110312-003 Motion to dismiss the issue. There is no rule infraction and district 3 can continue to run their meet as is. Clarification of what a meet is will be brought up in December to clearly define the rulebook.

Motion – District 14

Second – District 4

Passed with 1 Abstain

B. Letter Regarding St. John's Issue

District 4 – After the St. Johns issue was over and determined no rules were broken, the junior steering committee sent a letter to the plaintiff's lawyer and the plaintiff. His and the St. Johns coach's name were on the letter as CC'd. He never received the letter until the 1st Vice Chair sent it to him.

July 14th the letter was sent.

States an email is a formal complaint

Rules Chair – It isn't until a paper letter is sent.

C. SOP

District 4 – Coaches don't have to register but once. He would like it on the web.

2nd Vice Chair – Asked for the email to be sent to him.

New Business:

A. Coggins Law

Rules Chair – The coggins law expired. You still need one to transport out of state. Our rulebook states we need one each year. She is receiving questions

whether MIHA will require one this year. They don't want to pay for it if they don't have to.

There is legislation in the works to reinstate the law but it will be revamped a bit.

District 18 – We should leave ours as is. It at least gets the horse in front of a vet once a year.

2nd Vice Chair – Talked to a couple of people. It looks like it will be passed again. They are looking to change it to a rolling calendar year.

District 16 – Just as an organization, if the law doesn't exist then will the rulebook be changed?

20110312-004 Motion to leave the coggins requirement in the rulebook regardless of the law decision.

Motion – District 2

Second – District 5

Passed

B. Rulebook Printing

District 4 – When the junior rulebook issue was brought up he was talking to someone already about the printing.

Would like to print them in 8 ½ X 11 format for the coaches and the current format for the judges.

Rules Chair – Thinks the competition rules should be in the current format and all other governing rules be only on the web.

District 9 – If we are going to use 8 ½ X 11 then have the coaches print their own off the web.

Rules Chair – As a judge she likes the smaller rulebook.

1st Vice Chair – We need to find the cost first.

So far the company donates all the formatting. Let's talk to the company.

District 3 – Can we have someone here next month to discuss it?

District 11 – Can we get the rulebook put up on the web?

1st Vice Chair – Would like that done.

District 3 – Agrees with Amy.

District 4 – Can we refrain from using the 2011-2012 on the front of the rulebook and make it only 2011?

Rules Chair – We are following the same patterns as senior, pattern 3.

2nd Vice Chair – The reason the date was on the book like that was we were using the rulebook for two years. It can be changed back.

Rules Chair – We can't make those changes to the book on the web due to formatting. Last year she gave the changes to Chris in Word format and he sent them to the printer so to make a motion to put them on the web won't do any good as we cannot make the changes ourselves.

District 5 – Has software to convert a PDF document to different formats. She knows from experience the company will not give up their software.

District 4 – Christy told him if the changes are to her in Word format she can have them printed quick.

Rules Chair – Asked if she could proof the last rulebook but did not get to do that.

District 18 – We need to spend the time to convert it to 8 ½ X 11 format.

20110312-005 Motion to get the rulebook formatted to 8 ½ X 11 and placed on the web.

District 4 amends to allow the rules chairperson to proof the book and handle all printing.

Motion – District 11

Second – District 9

Passed

MIHA paid \$3393.48 in rulebook printing last year.

District 3 – Coaches will be responsible for printing their own rulebook.

C. Article X

Under organization of teams – “school district” is conflicting.

District 14 – The educational institution is the building not the entire district.

Rules Chair – Would like to change the rulebook as a misprint.

District 2 – It’s a misprint. It is individual high school.

Rules Chair – She has a district consolidating sports and the equestrian team wants to combine.

District 9 – You can ask for advice but we cannot change the rulebook.

District 16 – Asks for a clarification – Each school is separate in a district.

What are we trying to do?

2nd Vice Chair – Each school have its own team.

District 5 – Would like to make it more consistent, Article X b.

20110312-005 Motion to have DCs make it an SOP to treat “public school district” as a typo and state “public school” under Article X.

Motion – District 11

Second – District 3

Passed

D. Williamston Issue

1st Vice Chair – A complaint came out of Williamston.

The DC from district 4 did an initial assessment and made a recommendation to move it to the executive board. The chair took the lead and did some research. The coach during that time resigned.

The parent board is instructing the coach.

20110312-006 Motion to table the issue until the chairperson gives his findings.

Motion – District 18

Second – District 5

Failed

District 9 – We as a board have heard about it and hopes if it is still an issue it is done next month.

1st Vice Chair – None of the other executive board members had anything to do with the investigation.

District 9 – Shouldn’t you all be involved? Why are you allowing that to happen?

1st Vice Chair – As others have expressed concern with communication we experience the same.

District 9 – How many of you are on the executive board?

1st Vice Chair – 5 not including rules chair and state show chair

We do know some of the information but are not sure of the outcome.

District 9 – You have the right to be involved. If you don't insist on it you aren't doing your job.

District 16 – There is a small issue with the bottom line. Why hasn't district 4 asked the rest of the executive board for information?

1st Vice Chair – Due to the St. Johns issue, he is leery of getting into more trouble.

District 16 – The board should have not given it to the chair.

1st Vice Chair – In hind sight he should have made copies.

District 4 – The issue was brought up in September. He contacted all parties and the complaint was filed in October.

While they already know rules were broken the team went to states.

The 1st vice went to a meeting and advised the complaint get sent upward.

The coach found out how things were run and she agreed and resigned.

Chair told Terry not to investigate the issue after the regional meet. He asked why and was told it was due to the state meet.

Dave Carlson has been calling the chairperson every week. One of the responses from the chair was he hadn't received everything from the district chair. The chair stated he would call the DC. He has not done that.

Wouldn't you as the investigator contact the DC who has the knowledge?

As of March, nothing has been done.

This is an issue district 4's chair needs all of the BOD involved in. We have coaches and parent boards that make their own rules superseding the rulebook. In his opinion the team left district 11 to get better odds in competition. Their complaint against the previous coach was she didn't do enough to be competitive. Most of the team shows at Ingham County fairgrounds all summer. He feels rules are made which aren't right.

Kids are being told they cannot join because they did not start in April. There is a stipulation in MIHA's rules against this. The email list was a problem also. Everyone communicated by email. As soon as they went to regionals the emails stopped. No emails were sent in 2010.

District 14 – This is an area our rulebook doesn't address. This is where our coaches need to have leeway.

Secretary – In order to maintain control of the rules made out of the rulebook, the DC or the state needs to review them and have a current copy on file. If the rules are not on file they don't exist.

1st Vice Chair – The chairperson believes the problem is with the parent board. He agrees with the secretary that if rules are brought forth they need to be review to find if they are reasonable.

District 11 – The real issue is we need SOPs handling this. It resembles cutting; the requirements are set so high you can't meet them. An SOP to handle the team rules in the district.

One also should be created to control running of the investigative process.

20110312-007 Motions for two members of the executive board to take over the investigation of the Williamston complaint and report back with a resolution in April. (Withdrawn)

Dave Carlson – Mr. Larson still had time to meet the requirements. He did show all summer but wanted to change horses. He was told it didn't meet the requirements due to safety.

People are wanting an answer. It's been five months.

Rules Chair – Should the investigation be done by those in the district? (2nd Vice Chair and Secretary)

District 9 – Would rather see our rulebook reinforced and have the executive board handle the situation. It shouldn't matter there are two within the district.

District 5 – Proposed a friendly amendment to the above motion. Amend that Joann and Dennis handle the investigation and present the findings to the BOD.

District 2 – Isn't it just the executive board that makes the recommendation? It should be the executive board bringing back the resolution and presenting that to the BOD for final approval.

District 16 – It comes down to the same thing. It states in the rulebook the executive board and we have one person making the decision. Do we need to really put forth a motion to have the board do their job?

District 4 – Larry Flanary put in that the team has to vote on their rules annually.

Rules Chair – We have an SOP turned down to require teams to be by August.

District 18 – Believes we are trying to prevent the extremes.

District 14 – if this passes then the current membership committee should be responsible.

20110312-008 Motion for the membership committee to research possible solutions and changes to the rulebook to clarify team mandates and team rules.

Motion – District 4

Second – District 5

Passed with 1 Abstain

E. Judges List

2nd Vice Chair – A few judges are requesting to be on the MIHA approved judges list. We don't have one. The names on there now are ones who have judged MIHA before. The 4H judges list added an MIHA box. The concern is because those names are up on the web, MIHA approves those judges. Our options are to remove the list or form a committee to interview and approve or disapprove judges.

Rules Chair – The way it is on the web it looks like a valid list. Her recommendation is to remove it from the web.

District 5 – If their name is out there they get a rulebook, correct?

Answer is no.

20110312-009 Motion to remove the list from the web site.

Motion – District 16

Second – District 4

Passed

F. Executive Board

2nd Vice Chair – The membership including the BOD elects the executive board.

As an executive board it is important to be unified in decisions. Whether this is agreed by all or not.

Now there are things being brought up which puts us in a position of slamming another board member.

If the BOD feels there is a problem with the executive board, the BOD needs to make a decision on what should be done.

District 9 – Our bylaws don't state anything on this.

Lisa – As a board this all reflects on you. It's frustrating when things aren't followed through.

2nd Vice Chair – Conveys to the BOD the executive board may not agree on every issue but cannot relay that to you we are not unified on the subject.

District 14 – As the executive board do you operate by parliamentary procedure? As such you should be voting.

District 4 – Can the BOD make a motion for the resignation of the chairperson?

District 14 – It can be asked but the person does not have to comply.

District 4 – Our current chair is out of state and has his phone but does not respond. If he resigns the 1st vice chair moves up and possibly the 2nd vice chair.

20110312-010 Motion for the executive board to strongly ask the chairperson for a resignation. (Restated below)

Motion – District 4

Second – District 3

District 14 – Asking a member of the executive board to resign should not be placed on the executive board.

2nd Vice Chair – Would like district 4 to not make that motion in the chair's absence.

District 4 – Wants the motion.

District 3 – Seconds

District 14 – Doesn't think it needs to go that far right now. She would like to continue until February.

Rules Chair – What happens in February if he runs again for the position?

2nd Vice Chair – You have asked for that before and it did not happen.

District 16 – Before the vote, the executive board is in a hard spot. We had the same issue four months ago. If the chair were to leave would the executive board want to step up?

2nd Vice Chair – Won't promise the job would be any better done and isn't what he wants to do.

Rules Chair – Because she and the 1st vice chair are planning to meet regarding Williamston they will be inviting the chair and can talk to him at that time.

District 16 – The chair should not talk to a coach by himself. Refers back to district 3's issue. The bottom line is having one guy not doing his job and it being swept under the rug. How do we get beyond that?

The chair needs to speak for himself.

District 3 – Is everyone ready to do that?

District 4 – Is not trying to make everyone feel poorly. The chair has been breaking the rules, committees, rulebooks. Every month we argue about this. The hope was it going to be better. All he wants is a strong indication to the

chair that this is done and has to stop. He is asking for a strong voice stating such.

District 3 – We have to show some unity.

District 4 - Has been around MIHA for 20 years and is tired of getting in trouble and all he wants is some change.

District 9 – Along the same lines he strongly feels the chair should be here.

It's time to send a strong message to the chair.

Secretary – How do you want to handle putting him in front of a large group?

She does not want a person to be put into a situation where they are being attacked by a mob.

1st Vice Chair – Is not comfortable with non BOD input at this time.

District 11 – Is friends with the chair but does have differences of opinion.

She does not feel comfortable voting on this without his presence.

Rules Chair – We've talked about speaking freely. She has talked to the chair and knows he has good qualities. Her issue is communication skills, not that he is not doing his job. She is not sure they are totally on the same page but does appreciate his qualities. She does get frustrated at lack of communication. She wants us to have a mandate to have the discussion with him by the executive board.

District 16 – We were told his decision but it shouldn't have been his. It should've been the executive board's.

District 18 – Proposes a friendly amendment to the above motion. Allow the executive board to have a frank discussion with the chair.

2nd Vice Chair – Doesn't feel it is going to work.

District 18 – He has to see the discussion at the table.

District 4 – Would like a registered letter sent to him.

District 5 – Agrees with secretary on a method of handling the problem.

District 5 – There is a grievance policy. Why hasn't a letter been sent? We need to sit down and be specific. We ask our coaches and DCs to do this.

District 4 – Knows he will end up being responsible for the letter because no one else will.

20110312-010 Motion for the executive board to strongly ask the chairperson for a resignation.

Motion – District 4

Second – District 3

Failed (Pass – 3,4,16,17 Oppose – 5,11,14,18,19 Abstain – 2,8,9,13,15)

District 3 – Those abstaining, will you be silent next month?

District 2 – No, plans to call the chair.

District 9 – Feels chair should be here for discussion.

District 14 – Voted no believing there is a different way.

District 18 – This should not be done without the person here.

G. National Meet

Dan from WIHA approached the 2nd vice chair stating they are doing great.

They have been approached by Indiana asking to join Wisconsin teams.

Looking to the future Dan would like to expand and possibly have a national meet.

Committees

State Show Committee – Chair for 2011 not appointed yet

Rules Committee – Joanne Kosanic is reappointed to chair

Junior Committee – No Report

20110312-011 Motion to allow DCs to approve cooperative applications in their districts and send the documentation on to the junior steering committee

Motion – District 2

Second – District 4

Passed

Regional Committee – Minor changes made at the previous meeting.

District 2 – We are support have rotating regions and need to commit to that.

Membership – Gathering names for this committee

Historian – No Report

Judges Committee – Most judges have been hired for states. We are not announcing names yet.

Trophy Committee –Continuing to pass out trophies at districts and regional. Keeper trophies will be available at states along with loaner trophies. Trophy will be sent to Marie

Finance – No Report

Nominations – Two positions are up for reelection this year, 2nd Vice Chair and Chair.

Patterns - No Report

Scholarship – Winners will receive their scholarship awards this weekend.

Who from MIHA is handing them out?

1st Vice Chair – Hoping someone from MHC will in our absence.

November 30, 2011 is the deadline for this year.

District Reports:

1. Not Present
2. No Report
3. Good
4. Waiting for result from an investigation
5. Left prior to this time.
6. Not Present
7. Not Present
8. Good

9. All judges are hired and has expanded inquiry about the alumni show. Hiring two judges for the classes. This will be a money maker for the district. The flyer is almost done. Date is August 6th and 7th. 5:00pm Aug 6th & 9:00am Aug 7th.
10. Not Present
11. No Report
12. Not Present
13. No Report
14. Good
15. No Report
16. Junior numbers are looking good and has a new showing facility in Hudsonville.
17. Good. Judges hired
18. Good
19. Good
20. Not Present

Correspondence:

1st Vice Chair – If someone makes you aware of something but it's anonymous, how do you investigate? How serious of a anonymous tip do you get before exploring?

District 9 – If it is truly anonymous he doesn't believe it can go as far as even being read before the BOD. It could go to the DC.

Rules Chair – The idea there are some serious issues with safety may warrant a look.

District 14 – It says in the rulebook signed and dated.

Rules Chair – Where is the line on reporting it to the DC?

District 16 – Same as in his district, a person couldn't compete as a freshman but told him it couldn't be handled until it was a formal complaint.

District 3 – Can't you address it as a DC?

1st Vice Chair – As a DC he calls the coach to ask for validity. This was sent to the executive board and others. He can't investigate it as a complaint. He calls the DC.

Rules Chair – The letter was sent to the school.

2nd Vice Chair – You as DCs handle things very differently.

District 4 – it should be kicked back to the DC.

Rules Chair – Will forward the concern not the email.

Call to the Public:

Lisa – Doesn't feel the chairperson situation is being swept under the rug intentionally, but does feel he is biting off more than he can chew.

As far as the voting, they have a hard time getting people to the annual meeting. It is important to be at the BOD meetings and see what happens. You can't put things off every month. Appreciates the effort the DCs put in.

1st Vice Chair – Explains reasoning for the timing of visitor comments.

Lisa – It's really frustrating to have votes called before everyone has had their say.

Dave Carlson – Feels the Williamston issue should've never made it past the January meeting.

As far as the anonymous letter – His daughter was embarrassed by the coach and quit the team due to being put on the spot. This is why people don't want to be identified.

Motion to adjourn

District 9 – Motions

District 11 – Seconds

Passed

Adjourned 1:50pm

Motions:

Agenda:

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District 18 – Seconds
Passed with changes

Minutes:

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District 11 – Seconds
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Treasurer's Report:

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District 4 – Seconds
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Motion to adjourn

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Second – District 4

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Tasks:

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05/11/2011

Call to Order: 6:20 PM

Roll Call: Districts Present – 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19
Executive Board – Chair, 1st Vice Chair, 2nd Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer,
Rules Chair, State Show Chair

Introductions:

Lisa Crowder, Dave Carlson, Chris Pienta

Agenda:

Motion to approve with changes
District 1 – Motions
District 18 – Seconds
Passed with changes

Minutes:

Motion to accept the minutes
District 2 – Motions
District 9 – Seconds
Passed

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer – Decided to show transactions, however, she forgot about the comparison and will have it next month.

Treasurer – Met with the CPA and had to file an extension. She talked with them about I-Commander. It is based off their server and will upload to their company. She will review it.

Treasurer – Is finding many amounts not matching up.

District 18 – Asks the treasurer to inquire about software propriety when she speaks with the CPA firm.

Treasurer's Report

District 18 – Motions
District 6 – Seconds
Passed

Old Business:

A. Executive Board

District 18 – The topic of discussion dealt with a lot of work being taken on by the Chair which should be delegated. In his situations he has always tried to make sure everyone is aware of the issues.

District 4 – During the discussion two months ago there were a lot of decisions being made by the chair, not the executive board. District 3 is an example.

District 2 – There was a discussion on what a meet should be.

Chair – States he made no decisions on district 3.

District 4 – Points out last year's signup in district 3.

District 3 - A mother called about late registration. States the chair told the mother he would see to it that it would be accepted. She has the emails pertaining to the situation.

Chair – Disputes this and would like to see the emails.

District 15 – Remembers the discussion about cutoff dates, including individual district cutoffs. He supports his coaches' deadlines.

District 3 – Believes the chair did not support the DC.

Chair – States he would not do that.

District 4 – A large discussion was had on this subject.

District 3 – A Niles parent called and wanted a refund. The parent was told by the chair they would get reimbursed.

Chair – Disputes this.

District 3 – Reads an email from July 31, 2009.

District 15 – Some teams have much earlier registration.

District 3 – States the chair told the mother she could get her child enrolled. The Niles situation, the person was not out any money.

District 2 – It sounds like old issues and doesn't want to rehash it. Concerns have been brought forward and would like to make sure when any one of the board gets overwhelmed they will delegate to the other board members.

District 9 – The question was asked if the situation would be discussed if the chair was present. The consensus was those attending were frustrated with the chair running the organization without executive board input. Points out the previous meeting minutes and he should have seen what the votes was by reading them. Believes if the chair doesn't feel there is a problem then there really is one. You can't have seven people on the executive board and have one person making all the decisions.

District 16 – A number of people had issues are not saying anything now. Issues such as Williamston, the issue kept getting tabled every month.

District 9 – We need to deal with all we discussed at the last meeting.

District 16 – Issues should be handled by the executive board and good communication should exist. We put off issues time and time again. Are we going to deal with the issue?

District 9 – The executive board doesn't have gumption to say anything now.

District 16 – That isn't known yet.

District 4 – This was brought up by the members of the executive board on the agenda, but it was pointing to district 4. The membership voted you in. What is your goal as a chair?

Chair – Doesn't understand the question.

District 4 – Sees that. Points out cancelled meetings in November and April.

Chair – Inquires about what is not being handled?

District 4 – What about State Farm? Larry Flanary picked up the check and was upset.

Chair – Again asks what issues are not getting handled.

2nd Vice Chair – Issues on the agenda were not addressed because we had no information. The B.O.D. was upset not having any information. It also frustrates the executive board who cannot carry on business due to lack of information on current issues.

District 4 – The rulebooks are another issue. Last year you, the chair, had the changes and it didn't get done until June. Joanne did the changes this year and we have them now.

District 3 – There was a large discussion about the executive board getting no information. The district 3 issue was supposedly happening but couldn't get any information without the executive board. The Niles issue was not known to any of the executive board.

Chair – He received a single email and he sent the question to district 3 for the DC to handle.

District 4 – The chair made a decision on how district 3 meets are run.

District 2 – There was no decision made.

District 1 – In January we all discussed it.

Chair – The very last question in the whole discussion was what district does it. Until then it was a general discussion.

District 18 – The follow-up was to show what violation when being done.

There was none. The rules don't prohibit it.

District 3 – Were there any complaints?

Chair – No. He doesn't like the way district 3 runs their district meets.

Chair – Inquires if district 4 has anything else and states he will make things better.

District 4 – Offers no more information.

District 16 – Knows things are very heated. The Williamston issue was brought up and the only thing that was asked is the executive board get involved. The executive board agreed and more information was brought forth since. If we can't get past the communication issues we are in trouble.

District 3 – According to the meeting minutes the chair was suppose to contact her regarding the district meet issues.

District 9 – Picking up on the chair's reaction to Williamston, this group had no clue what was going on. The B.O.D. pushed for the executive board to do something.

District 4 – Do you, the chair, have the information provided by district 4's DC?

Chair – Listed the documents in the folder.

District 4 – After the chair took the information the information went nowhere.

1st Vice Chair – Added the Williamston findings to the agenda.

District 1 – When a complaint comes in the chair should contact either vice chair and they contact the other board members. The vice chairs can run with it.

District 18 – Wants to see some checks and balances.

2nd Vice Chair – We did talk about frustration on communication. This gets into how the executive board looks to the B.O.D. We discussed this also at the executive board level. That information is not for public use.

District 14 – Are the executive board members satisfied with the outcome of your meeting?

1st Vice Chair – Feels there is better communication with the chair.

Rules Chair – The executive board met and believes there are things we can do for the chair. We all experienced frustrations. There are committees on the B.O.D. These committees need to take a bigger role. We need to set a meeting to restructure our board responsibilities.

District 1 – Agrees

District 18 – Signed up for the state show committee and would like to be involved but hasn't been contacted.

District 16 – The organization is only as good as its head. He hopes things are going better. His concern is about the tension between district 4, district 3 and the chair. That isn't productive. He hopes the executive board will work together. He doesn't see this kind of problem in his district.

B. Williamston Complaint

1st Vice Chair – Everyone have a copy of the two page handout? He and the rules chair met with the parties filing the complaint and the parent board. They had numerous questions and many were explained. The recommendation is the complaint be dismissed and no action taken. Many teams have early registration. There is nothing in our rulebooks stating about it. We are very across the board on this.

Rules Chair – Felt both meetings were productive. Always afterward there are what should've been done. She did wish there was more initial data. It was a fact finding mission and felt the kids were very candid and honest. She did call the school and pretended to be a perspective rider's parent. The information was provided within 30 seconds.

1st Vice Chair – It is legal to assign one slot to a rider.

District 4 – What about the email issue and the kids being dropped from the email list? They didn't feel they were reinstated.

1st Vice Chair – They were on a recent email.

District 4 – The main issue is the purpose and goals. He feels it isn't being followed. It's more than just Williamston. Transfer students can sign up until the DC registration date. He would like the membership committee to get moving on the team rules. This organization will do one of two things. We will have versatile riders or go back to a youth show.

1st Vice Chair – That is the problem with team rules.

District 14 – The coach resigned? She doesn't feel the kids should be punished. Her district is different. You won't get rid of it. Some coaches will stack and some won't. The change for slotting will be good.

1st Vice Chair – February 21st 2011 was the email date.

District 18 – Will the membership committee get moving forward?

Secretary – Will get the committee list updated.

Rules – These rules aren't made to keep kids off the teams.

District 3 – What if those kids can't get to those riding practices?

District 7 – She is positive she will find the same scenario 15-20 years ago. She has extraordinary loose rules and it doesn't hurt them.

District 9 – Agrees. The problem is we have something happening which shouldn't be. All his expectations can be met in August.

District 14 – We can't address this until February.

District 3 – Say a school signup dates are in April and the rider has to attend 3 meets. Is it legal?

2nd Vice Chair – Yes, The rulebook doesn't state anything.

District 3 – So Williamston doesn't have any rules broke?

1st Vice Chair – Stated he has a personal issue with this but it doesn't violate rules. His discussion w/Terry was does it go against the purpose of MIHA.

District 1 – Thinks all district chairs should bring a forceful, positive attitude that the guidelines can exist but until the district chair writes the check to the state they are to accept kids.

District 5 – Even if the school dictates it?

District 1 – It's the coach and DCs responsibility to go to the school.

20110511-002 Motion to close the Williamston issue and accept the report and recommendation of the executive board.

District 2 – Motions

District 9 – Seconds

Passed with one abstain

C. Rulebooks

Rules Chair – Books are in. She talked with Matt about reworking the web version to print on 8.5 X 11. He will see if he could do it and for no cost. If you are taking rulebooks tell her how many. They are \$2.25 per book and 1 given per team. She used her best guest on the number ordered.

District 8 – Do we email rulebooks to the judges hired?

Rules Chair – Yes and please include the judge's mailing address if they are not on the 4H judges list.

District 4 – It was his interpretation the rulebooks were going to be 8.5 X 11 whether they are on the web or not.

Rules Chair – That was if it was possible to reformat the book. The findings were the reformat would be more expensive.

District 4 – Thought all coaches were going to print their own. Eventually if the coaches were printing we would save money.

Rules Chair – Judges won't carry a large book.

District 4 – We've only had these books for five years.

District 6 – 8.5 X 11 was a pain.

District 18 – His only intention was to get the books done quickly.

Rules Chair – Taking the bylaws and governing out made a large difference. She has only had contact with Matt.

District 3 – Didn't think we were going to have them for their coaches.

Rules Chair – We are making money on these.

District 3 – How? Are we buying them?

Chair – The editing for the 8.5 X 11 would've taken another month.

District 6 – Don't think most people know Matt does this on his own time and works with the company to get us a best price.

District 7 – Most organizations are printing or they now make you buy a book.

D. SOP for Volunteers

District 4 – This was voted on 2 ½ years ago. Does everyone want to vote on it again?

2nd Vice Chair – The question was what copy was official?

1st Vice Chair – It's two years old. Do we want to review it?

20110511-003 Motion to put the SOP on the web.

District 9 – Motions

District 18 – Seconds

Passed

New Business:

A. Web Updates

District 2 – Wanted to make sure someone had ownership of it and minutes were on there in a timely manner.

District 1 – Does that restrict us on space?

2nd Vice Chair – Had issues getting access.

B. Rewrite of the Tracker Program

Chris Pienta – Believes the program can be rewritten using the database we currently have.

District 18 – Is there anything worth saving in what we have?

Chris Pienta – Hopes to be able to use the database.

Secretary – The program rewrite is being broke into two segments. Segment one will be the rewrite of what we currently have, the client. Segment two will work toward getting things more web based. The amount we are paying now will cover segment one. Segment two will be an extra cost.

District 2 – Are we using an access database?

District 10 – This may not work for everyone. Some don't have high speed internet access.

Secretary – There will be a standalone client which goes on the computer just like it does now.

District 15 – Time frame for completion?

District 3 – Will we have it by August?

Chris Pienta – That is what we are looking to.

20110511-001 Motion to expense the funds for starting the program rewrite

District 18 – Motions

District 1 – Seconds

Passed

C. Insurance

Chair – Is working on liability for fun shows. He is nervous about it, but we may create a whole new policy for it. He would like the dates of the fun shows to pass on to the insurance company. District 12 and 9 are the only ones having them currently.

2nd Vice Chair – Some schools have their own team shows as fundraisers.

Chair – Stated they are not using our insurance.

Chair – Accidental insurance policy on all our rider coaches and district chairs. He has been down to talk with American Income Life and they will give the same deal as 4H. It covers team practices and events.

District 18 – How would you assess that? Through registration?

District 14 – Is this voluntary or will it include all riders?

Chair – It would be all riders.

District 4 – Likes the idea but what about early signup?

2nd Vice Chair – Is a 4Her covered under a policy already covered for MIHA also?

District 14 – No.

District 2 – It has to be an authorized event.

District 4 – Would like to get it in September.

Chair – Will look into it more. We need to be diligent on incident reports.

District 4 & District 3 – Did not know those reports were to be sent to the chair.

All DCs were unaware also.

District 7 – Do we still have a board liability policy?

Answer: Yes

Committees

State Show Committee – Cindy Tesolin is our chair with Marc DeLisle as an assistant.

Chris Deisler is stepping up to help.

Rules Committee – Talked about the rulebook already and would like to read something. The rules states juniors can split a single A division team into 2 B teams or 2 or more C teams. The problem is a coach is not suppose to head two teams in the same division.

District 4 – Page 16 the number of riders for D division states four riders.

Rules Chair – Brought it up and it was voted down.

Junior Committee – Without District 12 the count is 734, 8-A, 41-B, 71-C, 51-D for a total of 170 teams. 2010 was 907 riders.

Regional Committee – District 1 – For regionals can you get the back numbers at the meeting and have them laminated?

Membership – No Report

Historian – No Report

Judges Committee – Have them and decided not to release the names at this time. Did pull the judges list off the web and put a link to the 4H horse judges list. On the 4H list there is an MIHA checkbox. This was there simply to show the particular judge agrees to judge MIHA. This was not an MIHA approved judge box.

Trophy Committee –Thank you to Candice for picking up the trophies. The sportsmanship trophies have the wrong year and were pulled. 2nd Vice Chair will get them replaced.

Finance – No Report

Nominations – No Report

Patterns - Has a question for the group. Instead of him relying on other judges for a login to the pattern website, can we get our own for MIHA? \$150 for 6 months.

District 9 – Since Joanne has a membership can't we just use hers?

20110511-004 Motion to purchase a membership.

District 2 – Motions

District 4 – Seconds

Passed

Scholarship – The website has a due date but no link.

Logo – An email needs to be sent out to coaches to submit logos.

District Reports:

1. 1 Jr meet of 79 and a clinic of 60 riders
2. Meets May 14 & 15
3. Good
4. Meets May 14 & 15
5. 40 riders, meet June 18th.
6. Meet was last Saturday. They liked getting their trophies at the meet. Had 34 riders.
7. Same
8. Issue with a team and removal of a coach
9. 1st meet was last Saturday and 2nd is on the 21st. Up a few riders
10. Good now
11. No Report
12. Not Present
13. 13 Riders. Trying to decide whether to wait for younger kids or to combine.
District 2 – Knows the concern on numbers. 30 is a break even number.
14. Good
15. Good
16. Numbers are up. Good things happening in their area.
17. 23 Riders
18. 39 Riders, meet June 4th
19. 20 Riders, down 19, meet May 21st
20. Not Present

Correspondence:

Call to the Public:

Dave Carlson – Re. Williamston - Did you talk to Marcy Best?

Rules Chair – The chair did; she didn't.

Dave Carlson – Some of the team members came and asked if Marcy's resignation will resolve it.

Rules Chair – She had no idea there was a complaint filed until the last day of the meet.

Dave Carlson – This shows a coach can make any decision they want as long as they resign at the end of the season.

This took too long and if he didn't make a call to the chair it wouldn't have happened. The rules are being overridden by team rules.

Lisa Crowder – Is frustrated because her questions aren't to be answered but only stated.

Rules Chair – Why can't you ask?

District 2 – It's a matter of protocol. The district chair is suppose to put it on the agenda.

Lisa Crowder – Why do you have a call to the public?

Chair – It is for statements only.

1st Vice Chair – Tells people on his other boards that is not a public meeting but a meeting held in public.

District 18 – Anyone can be represented at our meetings?

Chair – Yes.

District 2 – Came across a lady that brought up wounded soldiers doing therapeutic riding for physical therapy. If you have anyone who would like to volunteer get with Fred.

Motion to adjourn

District 8 – Motions

District 1 – Seconds

Passed

Adjourned 9:00pm

Motions:

Agenda:

Motion to approve with changes

District 1 – Motions

District 18 – Seconds

Passed with changes

Minutes:

Motion to accept the minutes

District 2 – Motions

District 9 – Seconds

Passed

Treasurer's Report

District 18 – Motions

District 6 – Seconds

Passed

Motion to adjourn

District 8 – Motions

District 1 – Seconds

Passed

20110511-001 Motion to expense the funds for starting the program rewrite

District 18 – Motions

District 1 – Seconds

Passed

20110511-002 Motion to close the Williamston issue and accept the report and recommendation of the executive board.

District 2 – Motions

District 9 – Seconds

Passed with one abstain

20110511-003 Motion to put the SOP on the web.

District 9 – Motions

District 18 – Seconds

Passed

20110511-004 Motion to purchase a membership.

District 2 – Motions

District 4 – Seconds

Passed

Tasks:

2nd Vice Chair – Put the volunteer registration SOP on the web.

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Call to Order: 6:11 PM

Roll Call: Districts Present – 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 15, 16, 19, 20
Executive Board – Chair, 1st Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Rules Chair

Introductions:

Bill Machiele District 16 Assistant DC

Agenda:

Motion to approve with changes

District 11 – Motions

District 8 – Seconds

Passed with changes

Minutes:

Motion to accept the minutes with changes

District 11 – Motions

District 5 – Seconds

Passed

Treasurer's Report:

Balance in checking \$11,443.54. She has the comparison from last year listed.

Treasurer's Report

District 8 – Motions

District 20 – Seconds

Passed

Old Business:

A. AIC Accidental Insurance Update

Chair has been working to get the accidental insurance policy. The company is generating a form for MIHA to use. Signup will be during rider registration for senior and cover August to August.

District 11 – Is this just for shows?

Chair – No, it's for practice also.

District 20 – For 4H they have to call and state when a practice is being held.

Chair – The coach needs to make it an official practice.

District 20 – Do we need to keep a log?

Chair – No. Any incidences have to be to, during or from an official event.

District 20 – Do we fill out the same incident form?

Chair – Wants to keep the forms the same.

District 19 – When does the policy start?

Chair – August. We can cover the juniors from August to August.

District 16 – Likes this but would like to be explicit to coaches on what a practice is.

District 20 – What kind of policy is it? Does it go toward hospital bills?

District 19 – It is an accidental life and dismemberment policy in which you would receive money based on the severity of the accident.

Chair – Hopes to have a form this week or next.

District 9 – Is rider enrollment information going to be needed by August 1st? He does not have all that information yet.

Chair – No it will be at September registration.

Rules Chair – It would be nice to incorporate this into the medical consent form.

B. Checking Account Change

Chair is having an issue adding Angie to the checking account. New law states it has to be in meeting minutes and voted on.

20110608-002 Motion to remove Chene Godsey from the check account and add Angie Tippin.
District 11 – Motions
District 16 – Seconds
Passed

New Business:

A. School of Choice

1st Vice Chair – Rulebook on page 7 in paragraph C is read.

This was voted in 2008 and then taken out as going against our bylaws. Larry Flanary had called and conversed with the rule originator about what the rule accomplishes. It was not what he intended. It was crossed out of the 2008 book but not removed from the rulebook officially.

District 11 – It says “may” not “have”.

District 10 – Because of an impending lawsuit it was removed from the rulebook. Also in the rulebook it states you will ride for the school issuing your diploma. They conflict.

Rules – Did we vote it out at the winter meeting?

1st Vice Chair – We didn’t at the rules meeting but did at the B.O.D. meeting.

District 16 – Attempting to understand the scope of this rule. If you do not do school of choice you ride for your school where you live. If you do then you ride for the school you attend.

District 9 – Why is this on the agenda? Is there an issue?

1st Vice Chair – No. He was reviewing and found it again. He can’t fathom why they would get the choice when others do not.

District 6 – If it’s school of choice they ride for who they get their diploma from. No questions.

1st Vice Chair – The suggestion we cross off the wording in the rulebook again.

District 20 – They have charter schools. What about them.

Rules Chair – They fall under homeschooling rules.

District 11 – Since there is no issue now can we table this and do some research to find when it was removed. Maybe an SOP.

District 10 – It was decided at the executive board level because of the situation at the time. Doesn’t that fall under their jurisdiction to handle it now? After the decision was made it was brought up at the B.O.D. meeting.

1st Vice Chair – Might have been in August or September of 2008.

20110608-001 Motion to table this until July and the secretary to search for information on the subject in the minutes or maybe an SOP.

District 11 – Motions

District 20 – Seconds

Passed

B. Executive Board Vote

District 16 – Talked to a couple of people and go through to the winter meeting with the executive board voting being removed and placed under the district chairs. With the executive board there are a lot of coaches looking to their DC on who to vote for. Some districts come to the meeting being represented by many teams. He feels the board of directors should elect the executive board. They would vote in January and the new board would be presented at the winter meeting. That is how most organizations do things. Right now it is who brings the most to the winter meeting. The executive board represents the board of directors much as the DCs represent the coaches in their district.

District 9 – Agrees with part of it. This organization developed this when there were few teams. Unfortunately we are bound by our constitution. It will have to go through the membership at the winter meeting. He doesn't think the membership will want to give up that control.

District 16 – He wasn't around in the beginning but knows some have been. If something came to him which made sense he will give them his input. The coaches look to the DC for who to choose. The chair got beat up last month by the DCs. He represents us. We need to clean a lot of things up on how we run. This is a way to change.

Chair – It's something to talk about at the meeting but is unsure of the support from coaches.

District 16 – Is looking for input on formulating this and sees its value.

C. Logo Contest

States – Number 10, Regionals – Number 5

Committees

State Show Committee – None

Rules Committee – Rules Chair – Needs to get with Mike on getting the bylaws on the web.

Junior Committee – Chair has been to a couple junior meets.

District 20 – The district 18 and 20 meet was very nice.

Regional Committee – None

Membership – Wants to have a committee meeting soon to get started on the team rules situations.

Historian – No Report

Judges Committee – Rules Chair – Remind Mike to get her the addresses of any judges not on the 4H judges list.

Trophy Committee –Trophies for senior are on order. District 9 returned their state loaner trophies.

District 19 – Hasn't received her name plates yet. **Secretary to check on.**

Finance – No Report

Nominations – No Report

Patterns - Is now successful on the patterns website.

Scholarship – None

Logo – Selected

Tracker Program – Work has begun on the database.

District Reports:

1. Not Present
2. Not Present
3. Not Present
4. Not Present
5. OK
6. OK
7. Not Present
8. Good
9. Good. Has another new team starting for senior. Had two jr meets in May.
Will be absent in July.
10. Junior meet last weekend.
11. Junior meet this weekend
12. Not Present
13. Junior meet was Saturday. All is good.
14. Not Present
15. Good junior meet. Unveiled the new timing system.
16. Had a good show at new facilities
17. Not Present
18. Not Present
19. Had junior meet on May 21st. Good show.
20. Lost one small team and gained two new.

Correspondence:

An official complaint was received from the Rockford team out of district 5. The executive board is going to work on it.

Rules Chair – Got an email from district 18 about a girl in alternative ed in another school district wanting to show with her previous school.

Call to the Public:

Motion to adjourn
District 8 – Motions
District 11 – Seconds
Passed

Adjourned 7:14pm

Motions:

Agenda:

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District 5 – Seconds

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Treasurer's Report

District 8 – Motions

District 20 – Seconds

Passed

Motion to adjourn

District 8 – Motions

District 11 – Seconds

Passed

20110608-001 Motion to table this until July and the secretary to search for information on the subject in the minutes or maybe an SOP.

District 11 – Motions

District 20 – Seconds

Passed

20110608-002 Motion to remove Chene Godsey from the check account and add Angie Tippin.

District 11 – Motions

District 16 – Seconds

Passed

Tasks:

Secretary to search for information on School of Choice wording from 2008.

Secretary to get an update on District 19's missing junior trophy name plates.

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07/13/2011

Call to Order: 6:10 PM

Roll Call: Districts Present – 1, 2, 7, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 19
Executive Board – Chair, 1st Vice Chair, 2nd Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer,
Rules Chair, State Show Chair

Introductions:

None

Agenda:

Motion to approve with changes

District 1 – Motions

District 10 – Seconds

Passed with changes

Minutes:

Motion to accept the minutes

District 10 – Motions

District 19 – Seconds

Passed

Treasurer's Report:

Balance in checking \$16,304.60. The review is almost done and will be submitted to the IRS.

D15 – Question was raised on whether the audit was needed every year.

Chair – Larry Flanary setup the audit each year to keep the Dunn and Bradstreet score up.

District 1 – Why do we care about that?

Chair – It gives companies looking to donate some information about the organization and our financial status.

Treasurer – The auditor is planning to join our August BOD meeting to go over our financial reporting.

District 1 – Is she going to develop a new form?

Treasurer – She is going to help the treasurer to develop the form.

District 14 – Do we have to open two accounts? One for junior and one for senior?

Treasurer – The auditor would like it that way.

District 14 – She borrows from the senior account to finish funding the junior.

The junior is self funding but may be short from year to year.

District 15 – If their junior has money left it goes into the senior account as a donation.

District 1 – Has one account for both.

Treasurer's Report

District 1 – Motions

District 10 – Seconds

Passed

Old Business:

A. School of Choice Information

September 3, 2008 – Committee Report – Rules: School of choice verbiage taken out due to complication. Larry spoke to creator of rule, never intended to exclude people.

1st Vice Chair – In 2008 we were instructed to scratch it out. It was never fully removed.

Rules Chair – Has a note in her copy to have it removed.

B. AIC Accidental Insurance Update

Chair – Spent a day at the insurance company. They would like to do all enrollment at one time instead of twice a year.

The MIHA can't afford to pay it all up front.

We may go with whatever the senior division shows then redo it in March. It will be difficult to get it started.

District 2 – Short of funding it and getting reimbursed in September we don't have many options. We could postpone it until January.

Chair – Thinking of funding it using the senior rider registration.

1st Vice Chair – We could easily say we have 2500 participants.

District 2 – We will have riders we need to add after registration is done.

Chair – There is a flux we deal with. The insurance company is looking for the gross number of participants. MIHA will have to maintain the list.

District 1 – An example: Suzie starts in September and is done in October.

Joey comes in June and takes the slot Suzie had.

District 10 – We should have some idea of junior numbers in the fall.

2nd Vice Chair – We have a ball park. We have to say the person is a registered rider.

Chair – There is a lot of give and take in the policy.

District 14 – Does it cover fundraisers also?

1st Vice Chair – This is an accident policy not liability.

Chair – Fundraisers are covered if they are a MIHA event. The coaches will have to be helpful and forthcoming with their team information. The coach will need to handle the list for their team.

District 1 – If we take the team roster form and remove the number of horses, pmt and grade and replace it with address and phone number, it could be used as the registration list.

District 2 – How would we pay for it?

District 10 – If we do it in September the rider registration would cover it.

Chair – Juniors could be funded by MIHA upfront and seniors from the registration money.

If the money was collected in September it still wouldn't be active until at least October.

District 2 – Collect at rider registration and start the policy in January.

District 1 – Is this something the DCs can choose how to fund it without mandating raising rider registration?

Rules Chair – We are looking at 769 junior riders. Some will be moving to senior in the fall. We can't double count them.

Chair – We are mostly consistent on numbers. We are just grabbing a ball park number.

District 2 – Angie might be able to get an average rider count for the last few years.

District 2 – Volunteering to help work the numbers.

2nd Vice Chair – Mandates each coach is paid for by the teams registration no matter how the team raises the money or receives it from the coach.

District 1 – Do we have DCs which will buck this?

Chair – Has heard nothing but good reports about it.

Does everyone have accident reports?

District 1 – They are on the website under forms.

20110713-001 Motion to raise rider registration to \$52 for senior this season and \$17 for junior next season to cover the insurance purchase. Each team will be responsible for the cost of each coach on their team for coverage.

Motion – District 14

Second – District 1

Passed

District 2 – Team Roster should have 2 sections, one for rider and one for coach.

****District 2 – Will work on the form****

New Business:

A. SOP for Coach Removal

1st Vice Chair – Would like everyone to review the SOP on the web for the removal of a coach. Some instances it is too easy for a team to remove a coach.

District 2 – Maybe an amendment to the SOP to have maybe an approval by the executive board or something along that line.

1st Vice Chair – The current problem with Rockford brought this to light.

Chair – Gives an example about a team splitting and then the larger part of the team voting to remove the coach.

District 14 – Someone did ask how many teams are school sponsored.

B. BOD Meetings

District 1 – Would like to remove some of our BOD meetings during slow times of the year such as June and July.

Chair – August is early registration

District 1 – Keep August, September, December, January, February, March, and May

**** Chair – Will look at the numbers and discuss this in August.****

Committees

State Show Committee – Midland fairgrounds is signed. Do we have costs?

Chair – Camping is going up a couple dollars.

State Show Chair – Would like a copy of the contract.

2nd Vice Chair has to hire one more judge.

Marie will help with judge placement during the state meet in Mike's absence.

Chris Deisler was asked to help the chair with vendor contacts and paddock help.

Rules Committee – No Report

Junior Committee – No Report

Regional Committee – The website was corrected and the logo is up on the web for the state winner but not the 2nd place winner. Chair hasn't heard from the T-Shirt vendor. Is expecting contact with him this week.

Membership – No Report

Historian – No Report

Judges Committee – No Report

Trophy Committee – Trophies for senior are on order. Still missing some loaner trophies.

District 19 – Hasn't received her name plates yet. A call is in to Action Awards.

Finance – No Report

Nominations – No Report

Patterns - The website is a big undertaking. District 1 suggests 1st Vice Chair contact Marc DeLisle for assistance. He is using level 1 for districts, 2 for regional and 3 for states.

Scholarship – None

Logo – Selected and on the web.

Tracker Program – Chris has the database structure complete and is working on the screens. Hoping to have a beta version in the next couple weeks.

District Reports:

1. Good. Had junior meet with 79 riders.
2. Good. Cranbrook school is forming a team but is has some confusion between districts. Believes it is resolved.
3. Not Present

4. Not Present
5. Not Present
6. Not Present
7. Sent an email to her coaches and has had 3 replies.
8. Not Present
9. No Report
10. Good
11. Not Present
12. Not Present
13. No Report
14. Junior meet went well with 42 riders.
15. All is quiet. Registration next month.
16. Not Present
17. Not Present
18. Not Present
19. Has August registration and judges are hired. One team practicing was inquiring about MIHA insurance for practices.
Chair – We do not cover that.
District 2 – Some grounds will take a waiver for it or charge a fee.
20. Not Present

Correspondence:

A response for the Rockford complaint is created and will be sent to the executive board for approval and mailing. The Rockford school district is handling the situation.

Call to the Public:

Motion to adjourn
District 1 – Motions
District 19 – Seconds
Passed

Adjourned 7:05pm

Motions:

Agenda:

Motion to approve with changes

District 1 – Motions

District 10 – Seconds

Passed with changes

Minutes:

Motion to accept the minutes

District 10 – Motions

District 19 – Seconds

Passed

Treasurer's Report

District 1 – Motions

District 10 – Seconds

Passed

Motion to adjourn

District 1 – Motions

District 19 – Seconds

Passed

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Motion – District 14

Second – District 1

Passed

Tasks:

****District 2 – Will work on the team insurance registration form****

**** Chair – Will look at the numbers regarding BOD meetings.****

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08/10/2011

Call to Order: 6:05 PM

Roll Call: Districts Present – 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 13, 15, 17, 19
Executive Board – Chair, 1st Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Rules Chair,
State Show Chair

Introductions:

Judy Dewitt

Agenda:

Motion to approve with changes
District 8 – Motions
District 4 – Seconds
Passed with changes

Minutes:

Motion to accept the minutes
District 1 – Motions
District 17 – Seconds
Passed

Treasurer's Report:

Balance in checking \$-3106.90. The negative balance is due to a miswrite of the check or the rulebooks. Once the previously written check it received it will be adjusted.

Motion to accept the treasurer's report
District 17 – Motions
District 4 – Seconds
Passed

Old Business:

A. SOP Coach Removal

1st Vice Chair – We talked about putting the SOP on the web. As he reviewed the document it appeared as though it was very easy to remove a coach, especially by small teams.

A suggestion to change the SOP to include something about mediation prior to a vote and the B.O.D. to approve the vote prior to it being held.

District 1 – Those two steps will help.

District 4 – Those are good thoughts but it adds time to the situation and to the DCs work load. Will a DC suffice as a mediator?

1st Vice Chair – Yes a DC would be fine.

District 2 – Thinks mediation is a good thing but in mediation both sides have to agree on the outcome.

District 4 – Suggests we put in the SOP the DC has the ability to approve the vote or move it to the B.O.D.

1st Vice Chair – If the DC can't work it out it will go up to the B.O.D.

District 8 – Does not like the ability for riders and parents to vote in and out coaches. It's too easy for them to make decisions which ultimately do not benefit the team.

District 4 – Believes it is already in the rulebook the approval of a coach goes through the DC and the executive board first.

District 2 – In situations where the team is a varsity sport we add the DC in lieu of the athletic director from the school can approve or disapprove?

Chair – These situations have been seen more lately.

1st Vice Chair – Do we want to eliminate the team vote in the SOP?

District 4 – Likes the idea of removing the team vote but wants to make sure it is written in such a way there is no question.

1st Vice Chair will change the current writing of the SOP to reflect some of the ideas put forth and bring it back to the B.O.D. at the September meeting.

New Business:

A. MIHA Review – Judy DeWitt

Judy works at CMU ad part time with Paige/Olson. She thanks Angie for all her work.

Three different reports were handed out. The bound copy is a review, not an audit. A review does not express an opinion, an audit does.

Treasurer – For this year we will include teams and districts in the review.

The cost for the review was almost triple previous years.

Judy covers the handed out materials with the B.O.D.

B. Teams

District 4 – Has a problem with a team and is looking for a solution. The junior coach for the Springport team is now the assistant coach for the senior team. He wonders what the consensus on the question of speed tryouts is. The parent of two riders has a problem with this as both his children ride speed classes normally.

The DC of district 4 received a complaint letter from this parent. In this letter there were implications of the assistant coach touching riders inappropriately. The assistant coach is a member of the school board and through questions asked by the DC cannot be founded.

This complaint was not sent to all interested parties including the assistant coach as required by MIHA rules.

Four months later the chair of MIHA receives a phone call from the parent. The complaint never moved up.

The kids are now in a charter school which does not have a team. They wanted to join the Eaton Rapids team but were refused and told they have to ride for the school of their residence which is Springport. The Springport Assistant coach does not want to open it up to allow these two riders back on the team.

Rules Chair – It says “may” in the rulebook. They have the option to form their own team for the charter school.

District 4 – They don't want to form a team, they want to join Springport.

District 1 – The charter school is issuing their diploma so they can form their own team.

Rules Chair – We need to review the whole section on this in the rulebook. It is very difficult to translate the rule.

District 4 – The rulebook states 4 riders. They can't form one until 4 riders.

Rules Chair – No the rulebook states at 4 riders they must form their own team.

District 4 – States he will be going to their next meeting.

District 10 – This could be as simple as the school stating no because they don't attend their school district.

Committees

State Show Committee – The showbill has been tweaked a bit so we don't have a really late night.

Rules Chair – Is requesting a pony jumping plan.

Chair – How did the lounging round pens work?

State Show Chair – They were great. There was enough of them.

District 6 – Are the Ads for the program still the same? She wants to give out the forms.

Treasurer – Will contact the colleges for advertisements in the program.

Rules Committee – Has been working at rewording and will go over what is out there. Would like it added to the November agenda. She has made a list of emails she has received. If there are any issues please email her.

District 1 – What about the front section of the rulebook on the web? When will it be there?

Rules Chair – It is done and will get with 2nd Vice Chair to have it posted.

District 1 – Liked having the changes grayed out to differentiate the old rule from the changes.

Junior Committee – No Report

Regional Committee – T-Shirt Order needs to be given to chair.

Membership – District 2 has the rider number information collected.

Juniors:

2008 Highest Numbers, 2011 Lowest Numbers

2008 – 966 Riders, 2011 – 769 Riders Down 197 with 2009 and 2010 having the largest drop.

Seniors:

2007 Highest Numbers, 2009 Lowest Numbers

2007 – 2111 Riders, 2009 – 1934 Riders, 2010 – 1879 Riders

2009 – Down 177, 2010 – Down 55 for a total loss of 232 riders

District 4 – Is it time to think about redistricting?

Rules Chair – We really need to think of the optimal size of a district before doing it.

District 4 – We have to look at facilities and distance also.

District 2 – Redistricting to make us financially viable?

The other districts in junior who did have good numbers offset the small number of districts who did not. There were only 3 smaller districts.

Chair – Believes we should start looking at it.

Rules Chair – We need to redistrict on senior numbers not junior and be consistent throughout the state.

Chair – If you have two districts with no A team, it brings down the state meet competition. We need to look into who and how we are sending teams to states.

District 4 – We need a plan.

District 1 – What about dropping down to 16 districts?

District 6 – Is looking to have information on the AIC insurance to hand out to her coaches.

Chair to send out information on the insurance to the DCs.

District 10 – Any way to activate the insurance sooner than December?

Chair – It all has to be done at one time and MIHA cannot fund the cost upfront.

District 4 – Can't we start this in April for everyone?

Chair – In December MIHA can pay for the juniors and collect their money in the spring.

District 6 – On the team roster do all the coaches have to pay?

Chair – All riders are required, coaches have the option.

District 2 – Thought last month it had to be 100% participation.

Chair – The riders yes, coaches it is optional.

District 4 – What if the riders have other insurance and don't want it?

District 1 – It is \$2 and there is no choice.

Historian – No Report

Judges Committee – No Report

Trophy Committee – The marble bases for the district trophies are on back order. Action Awards has about 30-40 of them and will check on the status of the rest.

2nd Vice Chair to check on District 19 junior plate and bring the junior sportsmanship awards to the next meeting. Also check on other options if the bases will not be available including going to a different company if needed.

Finance – Cost of the review \$8,125

Nominations – No Report

Patterns - 1st Vice Chair has district patterns to email if they are requested. He is getting better at navigating the website.

Scholarship – One school inquired if the kids qualified if the team was only 3 years old. There was no team prior to then. The answer is no.

District 1 – Thought an exception had been made before for this.
Chair – No.

Logo – Selected and on the web.

Tracker Program – Showed a sample of what the program is going to look like. Chris is joining the database to the forms and is planning to have this completed in the next 2 weeks. The design is taking longer than he expected. We will not have the new program ready for districts.

District Reports:

1. Good.
2. Sent a preliminary email and found the district will be down about 20 riders.
3. Not Present
4. OK
5. Thinks the Rockford situation is worked out. May be down about 18 riders
6. First meet is August 27th. 87 riders
7. Not Present
8. Numbers not changing, 72 riders
9. Had the alumni show. Was much fun. Doyle's team had goofy neckties. As a funny note discovered speed classes should be banned for old people.
10. Down a few riders
11. Not Present
12. Not Present
13. 27-28 Riders
14. Not Present
15. 101 last year and down to 79 this year
16. Not Present
17. Good. Hoping to be up a little.
18. Not Present
19. 80 riders up from 70. August 27th is the first meet.
20. Not Present

Correspondence:

Rules chair received an email from Rockford parent that they were not showing and were disappointed the interstate meet with Wisconsin had been cancelled and they couldn't participate. We never knew there was an interstate meet.

Call to the Public:

Motion to adjourn
District 8 – Motions
District 1 – Seconds
Passed

Adjourned 8:15pm

Motions:

Agenda:

Motion to approve with changes

District 8 – Motions

District 4 – Seconds

Passed with changes

Minutes:

Motion to accept the minutes

District 1 – Motions

District 17 – Seconds

Passed

Treasurer's Report

District 17 – Motions

District 4 – Seconds

Passed

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09/07/2011

Call to Order: 6:25 PM

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Executive Board – Chair, 1st Vice Chair, 2nd Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer,
Rules Chair, State Show Chair

Introductions:

None

Agenda:

Motion to approve with changes

District 1 – Motions

District 17 – Seconds

Passed with changes

Minutes:

Motion to accept the minutes

District 1 – Motions

District 17 – Seconds

Passed

Treasurer's Report:

Balance in checking \$4,485.26.

Treasurer – Has reworked the financial statements and will email them out.

District 4 – Has a question on the profit/loss statement. At the bottom it states in 2009 there was \$12,000.00 and in 2010 only \$2000.00. Why is it so different?

Treasurer – There must be a misprint. She is not sure but will check into it.

Treasurer – Forgot the checkbooks for regionals at home but will mail them out to the regional chairs.

District 7 – Do you have all monies entered already?

Treasurer – Yes. We had some early registrations.

District 7 – In the 2010 statement shows January 1 – September 1. The rest of the year is not entered.

Treasurer – Is doing year to date not whole year.

District 7 – The current expense profit/loss are correct.

Motion to accept the treasurer's report for 2011 expenses

District 1 – Motions

District 11 – Seconds

Passed

Old Business:

A. Insurance

District 9 – Did see the insurance was explained and we are going ahead with it.

Chair – It's a pretty simple policy.

District 9 – Sells insurance and no policy is simple. He disagrees with this and how no information was given. If you want a policy in effect by September 1st it can be done.

District 2 – We could've done it by September 1st but decided to wait until January to get the paperwork in order. It the exact same insurance as the 4H has. It's an over and above insurance policy.

With the number of people who have lost insurance benefits or now have no benefits this policy will assist them in the event of an accident. It covers not only the meets but sanctioned practices and going to and from them.

At the last meeting we decided to start it January 1st. For the seniors leaving you will have junior riders coming in.

Chair – The decision was also based on pulling in the juniors. MIHA will cover that cost. We will have that money to pay after the state meet.

District 4 – It is the senior riders who pay for nothing. It's fraud to propose paying for something they don't get. His coaches voted it down if it doesn't start now.

District 2 – That's their choice.

District 4 – If the numbers fluctuate will you be short?

District 4 – Has 9 kids this will help.

District 16 – Thinks the insurance is a great thing but how do you pay for it?

Chair – It's based on the number of riders. The list is maintained by us.

District 16 – If he has 8th grade riders rolling in to senior, do the pay 2 times that year?

District 4 – Is worried about not having it this season and if a claim is filed and not accepted we will have issues.

2nd Vice Chair – The coaches need to let their people know. These people think they have coverage now.

District 4 – Why can it not be effective in September?

Chair – We have to pay for the juniors at the same time.

District 6 – Has already had two meets

District 16 – If he has an 8th grader pay in June do they have to pay again in September?

Chair – We will be paying for one year in advance.

District 6 – You are estimating each year how many riders there are. She has not seen any information passed along on this.

Secretary – Verifies email was sent with attachment of the coverage to the DCs.

2nd Vice Chair – Uses AIL for 4H events. It's a little different in that it only covers the day of the event.

District 14 – Their county pays at the time of 4H registration.

District 4 – Can't we start this in September?

We have X amount of money now, can we do it?

Chair – It's mandatory for all riders and optional for coaches and staff.

District 14 – We voted on this as a board.

District 4 – We have to run by Robert's Rules. We had 9 at that meeting, not enough for a quorum.

District 1 – It is 50% of those present.

1st Vice Chair – If it's not wanted have a vote not to do it.

District 4 – Also reads July minutes and sees it was motioned to raise rider registration to cover it. That can only be done at the February meeting.

Chair – Thinks district 4 is correct.

District 2 – The budget is voted on not rider registration.

District 14 – Believed in July we left it 2 separate things not to raise rider registration.

2nd Vice Chair – Does remember that conversation in July.

District 17 – How many have charged their kids?

Chair – It is up to the BOD if this is to go through at all.

2nd Vice Chair – Someone make a motion.

District 14 – The company can't wait until December for the juniors?

Answer: No

District 18 – This is the only time we will go through process getting things started.

District 4 – Shouldn't this be voted on by the membership?

Chair – He doesn't derive any benefit from this insurance. Whatever the BOD wants is fine.

20110907-001 – Motion to rescind the insurance fee that was voted on in July.

Motion – District 4

Second –

Motion recalled by District 4

District 9 – Can't second the motion only because he doesn't feel it is right to go backwards. He doesn't like; however, how it was presented.

20110907-002 – Motion to start the insurance September 9, 2011.

Motion – District 4

Second –

Chair – There is \$4000 in our checking and \$5000 due to liability insurance. All he is saying is he wanted to get through championships first.

District 18 – His district could loan up to \$800 to start the policy now.

District 1 – Her district will loan the other \$800.

District 16 – If we were to vote on starting this right now we could charge each district an extra \$100 to cover the junior costs.

District 2 – Likes the idea from district 16.

Keep in mind we will have to redo a roster with addresses and such.

District 14 – We don't have to turn in names and addresses to the company just numbers?

Chair – Yes, just numbers. We maintain the list of covered individuals.

Amendment to motion 20110907-002 to assess an additional \$100 to each district. Those not having the extra funds can be floated by the districts offering the loan. (8 districts cannot afford the extra \$100).

Amendment rescinded.

Amendment to motion 20110907-002 – Junior division will be funded by a straight loan from districts 18 and 1. Repayment to these districts prior to the February winter meeting.

Amendment Accepted

(Official Motion – Motion to start the insurance September 9, 2011. Junior division will be funded by a straight loan from districts 18 and 1.

Repayment to these districts prior to the February winter meeting.)

Motion – District 4

Second – District 2

Passed with one abstaining (D6)

District 4 – Asks about how it starts and adding junior riders.

District 20 – Only paid \$88 for the 44 riders. If she adds people will they be covered with the additional fee paid?

District 4 – Marked paid next to his coaches on the district form if they paid for the extra insurance.

Chair – This is going to be a group effort to maintain the list and be diligent filling out accident reports.

District 1 – Can 2nd Vice Chair put the web link on the MIHA website so the riders can see what is covered?

****2nd Vice Chair – Will put the web link to the flyer on MIHA's site.****

B. SOP

1st Vice Chair – Sent the SOP to executive board asking for suggestions for changes. Paragraph B and C were ones with issues. Suggestion were made and read.

District 11 – Why would you want to take control away from the team? Is the EB going to be ready for these issues to come? It's better we left it with the DC. What coach is going to want to stay with the majority of the team against them?

1st Vice Chair – Problems have arisen on a D team with 1 person. It went to a team vote and then was brought to the EB.

District 11 – Let's just dump it in the EB lap then.

1st Vice Chair – The DC still has a good part in it.

District 4 – Likes how the SOP is written. There are a lot of issues with popularity. We need to start backing our coaches. If we don't we won't have any coaches.

1st Vice Chair – Also, had issues with a team pitted against each other after the vote.

District 9 – Agrees with district 11. If a team is governed by the school they don't have a say. If not they should have a voice in who is coaching. Why shouldn't a rider be able to choose? If the EB is taking that away, take it all.

1st Vice Chair – We haven't had much time to think it over. We will decide at the November meeting. If there are any suggestions or wording changes, please email him.

New Business:

A. Absent Riders

District 18 – A couple of coaches asked if a rider could be benched.
 District 2 – States yes as long as they rider at least one class at one meet.
 District 11 – A coach could choose not to put a rider in any slots.
 2nd Vice Chair – If a kid is allowed to be a manager so as to be eligible for the scholarship, how is that documented?
 District 1 – If they are an MIHA member they have to pay the fee.
 District 11 – Documents on the roster but does not charge them.
 District 16 – Charges their grooms/managers \$10 which covers a patch.
 District 2 – That would be good for insurance purposes also.
 District 18 – We don't have a non rider slot.
 District 6 – She understands that at the state meet only riders get patches.
 1st Vice Chair – Grooms don't get them at state meet competition, correct?
 State Show Chair – If they are on the sheet they do.
 District 20 – Are we saying we need a section on the team roster showing non riders? Do we charge them something?
 District 2 – As the state organization we will get charged the \$2 insurance fee.
 District 20 – Wouldn't it be easiest to add a non rider section?
 Maybe they should fill out a rider registration form.
 District 2 – To update the team form for non riders.

B. 2012 Dates

District 18 – Looking back at meetings and attendance.

20110907-003 Motion to cancel the April, July and August and November meetings.

District 2 – August is early registration.
 Chair – November we discuss rule changes.
 District 4 – Doesn't mind losing April and July meetings. August is early registration and November is for rule change discussion.
 District 11 – Anyone who has to do early registration can do so by mail.
 District 19 – Is frustrated rehashing issues brought up in July at the August meeting.
 Chair – If you drop August there would be two months with no meeting. That is too long to go without a meeting.
 Poll – April: Not Wanted, July: Not Wanted, August: 11 still want it
 District 1 – Asks to keep the August meeting.
 District 4 – Agrees with district 16 about skipping 2 months in a row.
 District 1 – Can we change the August meeting to an "if needed" meeting?

Amendment to motion 20110907-003: cancel only April and July meetings.

Motion – District 18

Second – District 16

Passed

2012 Dates: Meetings – January 14, February 11, March 10, May 9, June 13, August 8, September 12, November 10 and December 8
 Regionals – September 29-30, States – October 11-14

Committees

State Show Committee – Chair talked with T-Shirt vendor and preorder forms will go into packets this year.

Rules Committee – Working through a lot of questions and emails regarding team affiliated people running the show office at a regional meet. The question is are those office people slotting differently knowing how other teams are slotted? It causes hard feelings.

There are also questions about stacking.

Even though we publish the rulebook without the constitutional portion, we should put the purpose and goals in print.

District 4 – Stacking has been an issue for years. This is a competitive sport and it's coaching strategy. It's not fair to a kid who shows all summer being forced to be on a team with someone who shows only for equestrian team.

District 9 – An easy fix is to develop terminology stating the method which should be used.

Rules Chair – What if the tracker program could print out how many are in each class to be posted?

District 10 – Every team in his district has to be host team in the office. There is a different coach from a different team in the office at each meet.

District 16 – Doesn't pass out any information about what teams he has until all the registration is in.

District 6 – The people that find out go who is in what class go and ask.

Those that don't ask don't get the information.

District 1 – Their secretary for the district handles all the input. That can all be done ahead of time. They aren't allowed to switch slots unless there is a lameness issue.

District 18 – Has two coaches do the input and offer an audit of the office to the teams.

District 12 – Everyone in his district can see what everyone else is doing.

District 1 – Along that line of stacking she has felt moving 2 teams to regionals would help alleviate that problem.

Rules Chair – The splitting on many teams causes hard feelings.

Junior Committee – No Report

Regional Committee – District 2 – Still looking @ 1st and 2nd place teams coming to regionals. They are looking at stall numbers and locations. Looks like there are enough places we could do the 1st and 2nd place teams. Now we need to look at additional costs for the facility.

District 4 – At Ingham the indoor arena and facility is about \$15000.

Membership – Secretary still planning on having a committee meeting to start on the team and district rules outside of the rulebook.

Historian – No Report

Judges Committee – Will let you know who the state meet judges are after districts.

Trophy Committee – 2nd Vice Chair – The teams receiving the state trophies signed a form stating it would be back by the end of May. Some still are not in and it is September. What do we do?

Secretary reads the form.

2nd Vice Chair – The DC is responsible for getting the trophy.

District 1 – No it's not the DC's job, it's the coach's.

2nd Vice Chair – But the DC is in charge of the team and coaches.

District 2 – What if we away with the loaner trophy?

20110907-004 Motion to amend the trophy form to state if the trophies are not turned in by the date due the team will not be allowed to register in the fall.

Amended to state by your normal registration. (D9)

(Official Motion - Motion to amend the trophy form to state if the trophies are not turned in by the normal registration date the team will not be allowed to register in the fall.)

Motion – District 16

Second – District 20

Passed

District 2 – It's disrespectful to the staff's time to wait on these trophies. It's about guidelines.

2nd Vice Chair – What about teams that change coaches?

District 2 – The DC would know about the change.

Finance – Working on the new team and district financial form. Email her with suggestions. Hopes to have it sent out this week to the DCs and would like to use them this year.

Nominations – No Report

Patterns - State patterns sent to the pattern committee today.

Scholarship – No Report

Logo – No Report

Tracker Program – Talked with programmer. He is doing some revamping of the app so the flow is easier. Will call him in the next day or two to find when a beta will be sent.

District Reports:

1. 171 riders, stayed about the same and is up to 6-A teams, 11-B teams, 3-C teams and 3-D teams
2. 1st meet is Saturday. Down riders 20-23, 107 riders
3. Not Present
4. 2 years ago he had 220 riders this year 122
5. Had 1st meet 2 weeks ago and was done by 6pm.
6. Had 2 meets on the 27 & 28th of August. Went good
7. Left before reports.
8. Last meet was 2 weeks ago and next meet is Saturday
9. Down a few riders. 1st meet 16th and 17th. Had the alumni open show.
10. Down 3 teams and 20 riders
11. Left before reports
12. 1st meet is Saturday. Had an alumni meet with 79 riders
13. 1st meet is Saturday
14. 1st meet is Saturday. Down 7 or 8 riders. Concerns about fall volleyball conflicts. Juniors are growing and seniors are shrinking. Working to educate coaches and administration of equestrian team.
15. Good 1st meet, 2 weeks ago and went well
16. Junior up 10%, Senior up over 10%
17. Good
18. Good
19. Good
20. Lots of juniors, all is good

Correspondence:

None

Call to the Public:

Motion to adjourn
District 1 – Motions
District 18 – Seconds
Passed

Adjourned 8:39pm

Motions:

Agenda:

Motion to approve with changes

District 1 – Motions

District 17 – Seconds

Passed with changes

Minutes:

Motion to accept the minutes

District 1 – Motions

District 17 – Seconds

Passed

Treasurer's Report

District 1 – Motions to approve for 2011 expenses

District 11 – Seconds

Passed

Motion to adjourn

District 1 – Motions

District 18 – Seconds

Passed

20110907-001 – Motion to rescind the insurance fee that was voted on in July.

Motion – District 4

Second –

Motion recalled by District 4

20110907-002 – Motion to start the insurance September 9, 2011. Junior division will be funded by a straight loan from districts 18 and 1. Repayment to these districts prior to the February winter meeting.

Motion – District 4

Second – District 2

Passed with one abstaining (D6)

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Motion – District 18

Second – District 16

Passed

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Motion – District 16

Second – District 20

Passed

Tasks:

****District 2 – To update the team form for non riders.****

****2nd Vice Chair – Will put the web link to the flyer on MIHA's site.****

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11/12/2011

Call to Order: 10:08 AM

Roll Call: Districts Present – 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20
Executive Board – Chair, 2nd Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Rules Chair,

Introductions:

None

Agenda:

Motion to approve with changes

District 17 – Motions

District 18 – Seconds

Passed with changes

Minutes:

Motion to accept the minutes

District 18 – Motions

District 17 – Seconds

Passed

Treasurer's Report:

Balance in \$12,447.41 with money from regionals.

Treasurer – Grand Ledge accounts got mixed with the state. She would like to verify the address for the correction.

Motion to accept the treasurer's report for 2011 expenses

District 2 – Motions

District 4 – Seconds

Passed

Old Business:

A. Insurance

2nd Vice Chair – Any of the districts have issues with using the insurance?

Chair – Payments are being received as he is getting notices of such.

District 20 – Is it to pay the deductible? Is there a time limit for filing a claim?

2nd Vice Chair – 52 weeks. When he spoke with AIL last they would almost prefer the bills be sent to them first before submitting it elsewhere.

District 6 – Has people waiting for their bills to arrive.

2nd Vice Chair – They need to submit a claim to receive a claim number now.

The company will work with providers.

We need some documentation as to when activities are being held.

District 2 – On every team? 4H doesn't have that.

District 14 – Do upcoming members need to fill out a registration form to be covered?

2nd Vice Chair – Have them fill out a registration form so they are on file.

B. SOP

Tabled until December for review

New Business:

A. 2012 Meet Dates

2nd Vice Chair – Verify with your grounds on dates. Regionals is

Regional Meet – September 29-30, 2012

State Meet – October 11-14, 2012

B. Rule Changes

Rules Chair – Purpose and Goals be printed at the front of the hard copy.

Review of Proposed Changes

Article XII – Rider Mount

District 4 – Likes the rule but didn't like it being implemented at the time it was.

District 11 – It doesn't say you can bring back the original horse, but it doesn't say you can't either. We need to get on the same page.

District 5 – Didn't like the timing of mid season and felt it was wrong to change it.

District 14 – If you have a kid out in any other sport they come back when they are healthy enough to compete. At no time did she think they couldn't come back.

District 3 – But in any other sport you can't bring on a new kid as a replacement.

District 14 – You can bring a kid up.

District 4 – It says a horse has to be vetted out. If the other horse (replacement) is to be replaced it has to be vetted out. It's the only way to do that.

District 3 – Likes the clarification

District 18 – Over the course of a season can you make multiple swaps based on health? Do you have to bring in a new horse?

District 2 – What if it's prior to the first meet?

District 4 – The horse is registered they have to have a slip.

District 2 – The horse is not registered with the state.

District 6 – Mount sharing – An exchange student is considered part of your family. The book doesn't state that.

District 4 – That was voted on.

Rules Chair – Will add legal family to the wording.

General Rules: A protest was filed regarding back numbers at a regional meet.

District 11 – Why are we spending money on back numbers?

District 4 – It was voted on to use the number issued to you, meaning the placard. It's always been that way.

District 14 – Has no problem using the placard.

Rules Chair – Has issues with a 0 size kid wearing a large number on their back. Sometimes the laminated numbers are hard to read due to glare. At any other sport kids are dressed in team apparel.

C. WIHA

Larry Flanary – Chris and Larry went to the Wisconsin state finals.

A challenge was put down to see who's state is better. Anyone interested in putting something together?

Would like when, where and how. There is a 2 hour period during each of 3 days to use the colloseum.

District 18 – Likes the idea and would like to take all 4 divisions.

District 20 – Do they have all divisions like MIHA?

Larry – Probably not.

Chair – They pick 3 classes and 2 man relay and we do the same.

In regards to the rule of speaking, as a past member of the BOD he is allowed to speak.

District 20 – Should each district send a rider? An application process as to why they should be chosen to go?

20111112-001 Motion to create a committee to research and put together options to participate in a multi-state competition and have by the February meeting.

Motion – District 5

Second – District 20

Passed

Committee: Districts 5, 18, 8, 14, Rules Chair and 2nd Vice Chair

Larry Flanary applies for chairman of the committee – Accepted by BOD

Committees

State Show Committee – 2011 Chair absent. Stated it was a great time with no protests. Marc Deslisle did a wonderful job. The boot race was a lot of fun.

Rules Committee – Covered Previous

Junior Committee – No Report

Regional Committee – Proposed a meeting before the December BOD meeting. He would like something ready for the February meeting. 8 or 8:30am before the normal business meeting?

District 18 – What is the discussion?

2nd Vice Chair – Placement of regions and general discussion.

District 5 – Will the BOD vote on this prior to the February meeting?

2nd Vice Chair – Would like to have something ready in December.

District 4 – Needs to check his dates for the fairgrounds.

Membership –

District 11 – Would like an SOP that flat lines that every kid get to show one class at minimum at one of the meets.

District 4 – Feels we are trying to get the ball rolling on team rules but it will have to go in front of the membership.

Larry – The coach is the coach. You have to give them the opportunity to do what is best.

District 11 – There is still plenty of room to coach using grades, etc. We are setting a very low minimum requirement.

District 14 – Other areas may need to be considered imposing rules which go against the rulebook.

District 11 – We could do away with a lot of team requirements which can be addressed with a single rule. There are simpler ways to do this.

District 4 – We would like to see how bad this is and want to see what is out there.

Rules Chair – The concern would be a kid that would normally do 4 classes now gets one.

District 11 – So the whole one slot and one meet is the minimum. It would solve the cutting problem. Trying to find an easy solution.

Treasurer – The other side they are going to find 2 kids to make an A team and those two kids will show one class at one meet.

Historian – No Report

Judges Committee – Start looking to next year's judges

Trophy Committee – Plates are done for the districts needing them.

Finance – District 2 – Would like to see if others will start hunting up more corporate sponsors.

Secretary – Is there anything written up for others to hand out?

Answer – No.

District 4 – Meijer donated soda for their regional dinner.

District 18 – One of the tack shops at the state meet, Rick's, wanted to do something special at the next state meet. Maybe have a drawing or something.

Nominations – No Report

Patterns - No Report.

Scholarship – No Report

Logo – No Report

Tracker Program – Another update was sent to the secretary who is going to test it. Hoping to have things wrapped up in the next few months so to be ready for juniors.

District Reports:

1. Not Present
2. No Report
3. No Report
4. DC election
5. Banquet. They have a booth at winterfest. Working on rewriting MIHA's brochure.
6. Banquet and having a coaches' meeting
7. Not Present
8. Banquet
9. Banquet. Planning for next year.
10. Not Present
11. Banquet
12. Not Present
13. Banquet. Losing 3 coaches
14. Banquet and election of officers
15. Not Present
16. Steve still DC
17. Hidi still DC, banquet, dates set, one coaching issue
18. All is well
19. Banquet, Brian Bode new DC, Leanne to assist for a time.
20. Banquet, new school from Sioux St Marie with 6 or more riders, making contacts in the UP.

Correspondence:

None

Call to the Public:

Motion to adjourn
District 11 – Motions
District 6 – Seconds
Passed

Adjourned 12:00pm

Motions:

Agenda:

Motion to approve with changes

District 17 – Motions

District 18 – Seconds

Passed with changes

Minutes:

Motion to accept the minutes

District 18 – Motions

District 17 – Seconds

Passed

Treasurer's Report

District 2 – Motions to approve for 2011 expenses

District 4 – Seconds

Passed

Motion to adjourn

District 11 – Motions

District 6 – Seconds

Passed

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Tasks:

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12/10/2011

Call to Order: 10:03 AM

Roll Call: Districts Present – 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 6, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 17, 19
Executive Board – 1st Vice Chair, 2nd Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Rules
Chair, State Show Chair

Introductions:

None

Agenda:

Motion to approve with changes
District 17 – Motions
District 8 – Seconds
Passed with changes

Minutes:

Motion to accept the minutes
District 17 – Motions
District 1 – Seconds
Passed

Treasurer's Report:

Balance in \$173.20.

Treasurer – Money will have to be moved from CD. She has not handled the Farm Bureau donation.

District 1 – Clarifies the chair has not handled the Farm Bureau donation.

Larry Flanary – Asks if we received the \$5000 for this year.

District 4 – Chair was suppose to back in September.

Larry Flanary – Asks if the BOD would like him to check into it as it is suppose to be received annually.

Answer: Yes

District 9 – If we get that money we won't have to move money from the CD.

Treasurer – Is going to look for a less expensive CPA this year.

District 9 – Knows someone locally who does this and charges them a token fee and is willing to ask her if she would consider doing the same for MIHA.

District 14 – Has no problem paying less but in 4H the review is done with 4H superiors, meaning the board.

Rules Chair – Are we under state stipulation?

2nd Vice Chair – As long as we don't have to let's not spend the money.

Motion to accept the treasurer's report
District 17 – Motions
District 14 – Seconds
Passed

Old Business:

A. Coach Removal

1st Vice Chair – Sent out the current and proposed SOPs.

District 11(Amy) is ill and cannot present her proposal.

1st Vice Chair – Are there any comments? There are 3 different options.

District 4 – Most of the issues were discussed and would like the 1st Vice Chair's proposal as the SOP.

1st Vice Chair – This proposal drops the vote from the team members and knows district 11 felt the vote was important. He sees problems with the team vote especially with D teams voting out their coach on a whim. He also knows a team was split due to a team voting issue.

District 1 – Even if voted down it is our SOP?

2nd Vice Chair – Was there a time this has to be an SOP before a rule?

District 14 – No it does go before the membership as a vote.

2nd Vice Chair – Put proposed SOP on the website

20111210-001 Motion to move ahead with proposed motion for coach removal.

Motion – District 9

Second – District 4

Passed

New Business:

A. Speaking During Meetings (Robert's Rules)

1st Vice Chair – Several months ago a person was asked not to speak as her DC was present in the meeting and was the spokesperson. Last month we had the same issue. What is the rule?

District 9 – That is what a call to the public is for.

1st Vice Chair – Thinks he offended her and had no comments at call to the public.

District 1 – Thought it was very beneficial to have the past BOD members' input.

District 14 – The only concern is if someone has interest in being here and has a valid point they should be heard. They may have beneficial input.

District 4 – Agrees with district 9, if the DC is here the DC represents the district.

1st Vice Chair – What about public members?

2nd Vice Chair – Roberts Rules does address ex-officio

Secretary – Thought Robert's Rules also addresses the chair allowing the public to speak during topic discussion.

Mark DesLisle – Shouldn't motions be directed through the DC?

District 3 – Didn't realize her assistant wasn't allowed to speak. Sees no reason why the assistant DC shouldn't be allowed to provide input.

2nd Vice Chair – The assistant is not a member of the board.

District 5 – Parliamentary procedure states only representatives are allowed to speak and prefers to hold all others until call to public.

2nd Vice Chair – Are we clear? BOD speaks not the assistant DC when the DC is present? You can't allow the public to speak as the meeting will get out of order.

District 9 – We could do what some of the school boards do and have a call at the beginning and end of the meeting.

2nd Vice Chair – District 9 is right on with this point.

District 9 – It gives you the opportunity at the beginning to give input on upcoming topics.

District 2 – There needs to be a time limit on comments, 2 minutes is normal.

2nd Vice Chair – An agenda item like saddle seat pattern may have someone who brought in the pattern to give knowledge on the subject.

1st Vice Chair – They are then a speaker on that subject only.

2nd Vice Chair – Is it OK to do a call to public at the beginning and end?

20111210-002 Motion to add call to the public at the beginning of the agenda. Call is limited to current agenda items, comments only and is limited to 2 minutes per speaker. Only BOD members may add agenda items.

Motion – District 9

Second - District 4

Passed

District 5 – Some other boards only recognize immediate past presidents.

That is a good idea.

District 4 – You will need a time keeper on the above call to public.

2nd Vice Chair – We are not in agreement of the past officers are allowed to speak or not.

20111210-003 Motion to amend membership article IV adding immediate past chair as an allowed speaker. Rescinded

20111210-004 Motion to allow immediate past chair to speak on agenda items but have no vote.

Motion – District 5

Second – District 9

Amended to Motion to allow past chairpersons to speak on agenda items but have no vote.

Motion – District 5

Second – District 9

Passed, Opposed – District 4 and 3

District 4 – Would like to see it go to just call to the public.

B. District Change

District 14 – Letter was emailed to Chair from Rochester. They have 1 rider with a horse stabled in Kingston. Would like to move the team from District 2 to District 14.

District 2 – Stipulation – Will support the move but if there is another student who joins in Rochester High School the team would have to move back to district 2.

District 9 – Coaching two teams is addressed and has to be in front of the board.

District 2 and 5 – You can't be a head coach of two teams.

Rules Chair – Is the other team a D team?

District 14 – Thinks so.

Rules Chair – Reads the rule.

District 14 – So if they petition the BOD they can coach 2 as a hardship?

2nd Vice Chair – Any other discussion?

District 14 – Accepted by district 2 and district 14 with the stipulation.

C. Traverse City St. Francis

District 9 – DC from 18 is not here and ask this be brought up.

Ginny is the coach of the team and was called to the office of the school to be told she was removed as coach of the team with no reason other than it was time for a change. As of yesterday, the chairman has not responded.

District 9 – Asking the executive board to contact the school. Even if they are a varsity sport maybe a call from the board will bring forth a reason.

1st Vice Chair – Will make the call to DC of 18 and the school.

Committees

State Show Committee – Brief of state show was given last meeting.

Placings: Division A: Hartland-Champion, Oxford-Reserve Champion

Division B: Howell – Champion, Williamston-Reserve Champion

Division C: Traverse City St. Francis-Champion, Alma-Reserve Champion

Division D: Lakewood-Champion, Clinton-Reserve Champion

Thanks to Marc DesLisle for his efforts, Chris Deisler for vendor help, Marie Currel for judge transport, Fred Stockley for IT Support, the office staff, District 6 for parking and camping guide.

District 9 – It was nice with the early entrance and had a good flow, everything was up on the web for easy access.

2nd Vice Chair – Stated a few people were difficult to deal with for their parking.

2nd Vice Chair – Clarifications for state show patterns?

District 2 – On the list of things to do maybe scan them and email.

Marc DesLisle – Equipment Judge was very beneficial

Suggestion to open the gates at 8 and invite each region at ½ hour intervals. It might help with traffic. If we can change the name of the regions it would be beneficial. Parents and riders can't tell you what region they are in.

Rules Committee – Sent an attachment of proposed rule changes. The whole rule is present with changes X'd out and the change is in gray. There are 3 SOPs not in the packet.

The constitution is not on the web.

*** Rules chair will email the constitution to the 2nd VC to put on the web.***

Refers to Annual winter meeting change to Annual Membership Meeting.

Rules: The executive board is weighed down. We aren't using our committees. Do we want committees to be comprised of BOD members only or do we allow non BOD members? Also, looking for a Rules Infraction Committee who knows how to run an investigation.

Added: Adding a state show manager if needed.

District 2 – Annual Membership Meeting- add "or as announced by the board" Rulebook changes covered.

Equipment Check:

District 1 – Would like it to be an SOP for one year or more.

Rules Chair – Wording in the rulebook stating we can?

District 4 – Leave it out. There is nothing saying we can't.

Junior Committee – No Report

Regional Committee – 2nd Vice Chair – The committee had a productive meeting. From the numbers there is a belief we could support two teams coming up from districts to regionals.

Recommendation: A rule change proposed to allow 2 teams per division to advance from district level competition to regional.

Ties for 1st place: Both 1st place teams move on.

Ties for 2nd place: The team which won 2 of the 3 meets will advance.

District 5 – Doesn't like the word "win".

2nd Vice Chair – The team holding more head to head points in 2 of 3 meets of the 2nd place teams.

New Region Setup:

Regional Groupings:

Barrien A – 3, 16, 19, 15

Shiawassee B – 11, 14, 12, 1

Midland C – 17, 6, 8, 13

Ludington D – 9, 18, 20, 5

Ingham E – 4, 10, 2, 7

This is the Regional Committee Recommendation

District 9 – Suggest a vote.

20111210-005 Motion to accept the regional division setup for 2012.

Motion – District 9

Second – District 17

Passed, Opposed-D15, Ab-D4

Membership – Secretary – SOP started but not done.

Historian – No Report

Judges Committee – Started compiling a list and will get with Marc and the committee

Trophy Committee – All trophies are out

2nd Vice Chair – Is searching for quotes and possibly a change in vendor.

2nd Vice Chair – Likes to order the current trophy.

Email 2nd Vice Chair if junior sportsmanship trophy is not wanted.

Finance – Districts 1, 19, 15 are scheduled for audit this year.

Nominations – None so far for 2nd Vice Chair or Chairman

Patterns - Did not receive any complaints from DCs on the patterns. Had no feedback.

District 5 – Liked the patterns.

District 9 – Point of mention – Hopes the trail pattern is a trail pattern not an obstacle course.

2nd Vice Chair – How about patterns being available online a few days before?

No emailing of patterns. Preordering of patterns was nice.

Scholarship – Committee met and had the top 10 drawing. Winners will be announced at the February meeting. MHC will contact their winners. The essays were extremely good and some were nice stories. We had 34 applicants, about ½ of last year.

District 6 – Remind your coaches about the date due. Questions the number of years.

District 15 – The coach writes the recommendation and we rely on them for accurate number of years.

Logo – No Report

Tracker Program – Looking to ask about team roster form and importing rather than retyping. Form would have to be specific in order to pull data from it.

WIHA – Larry Flanary – Committee is formed. Dates available are August 25th and 26th. It is right before our season or in the season. More discussion on it but we may not ride until April of the following year.

District 9 – There are options.

District 4 – Only a couple hours are available during each day.

Larry Flanary – There are going to be 1000 horses there that is why we picked that location. Alliance Fairgrounds, Madison, WI. We will have 5 hours over 2 days.

District 9 - Proceed

District Reports:

1. Lauren Fetner elected new DC
2. No Report
3. No Report
4. No Report
5. No Report
6. No Report
7. No Report
8. No Report
9. Had meeting and set dates. 6/23/12 alumni show. Have 3 new teams
10. No Report
11. Not Present
12. Not Present
13. No Report
14. Good

- 15. Meeting had and relected Dennis as DC, Define under control in Gymkhana
- 16. Not Present
- 17. No Report
- 18. Not Present
- 19. No Report
- 20. Not Present

Correspondence:

District 16 – Person is asking for a provisional district as Allegan County Fair is on the weekends in September.

Rules Chair – District 16 is already small due to fairs.

District 9 – Have you talked to Steve? Maybe he has some ideas.

Rules Chair – Hudsonville fairgrounds won't show on Sundays unless he will go to another facility.

2nd Vice Chair – We will work with district 16.

District 19 – Was contacted and asked for their meet dates.

Call to the Public:

Motion to adjourn
District 8 – Motions
District 4 – Seconds
Passed

Adjourned 12:47pm

Motions:

Agenda:

Motion to approve with changes

District 17 – Motions

District 8 – Seconds

Passed with changes

Minutes:

Motion to accept the minutes

District 17 – Motions

District 1 – Seconds

Passed

Treasurer's Report

District 17 – Motions

District 14 – Seconds

Passed

Motion to adjourn

District 8 – Motions

District 4 – Seconds

Passed

20111210-001 Motion to move ahead with proposed motion for coach removal.

Motion – District 9

Second – District 4

Passed

20111210-002 Motion to add call to the public at the beginning of the agenda. Call is limited to current agenda items, comments only and is limited to 2 minutes per speaker. Only BOD members may add agenda items.

Motion – District 9

Second - District 4

Passed

20111210-003 *Motion to amend membership article IV adding immediate past chair as an allowed speaker. Rescinded*

20111210-004 *Motion to allow immediate past chair to speak on agenda items but have no vote.*

Motion – District 5

Second – District 9

Amended to Motion to allow past chairpersons to speak on agenda items but have no vote.

Motion – District 5

Second – District 9

Passed, Opposed – District 4 and 3

20111210-005 Motion to accept the regional division setup for 2012.

Motion – District 9

Second – District 17

Passed, Opposed-D15, Ab-D4

Tasks:

2nd Vice Chair – Put proposed SOP on the website

1st Vice Chair – Will make the call to DC of 18 and Traverse City St. Francis school.

*** Rules chair will email the constitution to the 2nd VC to put on the web.***



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