

Michigan Interscholastic Horsemanship Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes

January 10, 2015 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Telephone Conference Call
Dial (862) 902-0250 PIN: 2340228

10:01 am

Roll Call:

Present: 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17

Not Present: 3, 7, 10, 16, 18, 19, 20

Executive Board:

Present: Chair, 1st VC, 2nd VC, Secretary, Treasurer, Rules, State Show

Introductions:

Call to the Public:

Agenda

Changes No

Motion To Approve D13

Second D6

Pass/ Fail

Minutes

Changes No

Motion to Approve D14

Second D2

Pass/Fail

Treasurer's Report

Discussion: No Report Discussed

Motion To Approve

Second

Pass/Fail

Old Business:

A. Key Chains: Can Districts Purchase?

Chair: How many did we get?

D5: 5000. She does not have the bill, but it should be under \$3000.

They are about \$0.62 per unit.

Chair: Why does the district want to purchase?

1st VC: He wanted to purchase them for advertising purposes in his district.

D12: Thought about handing them out at their banquet.

D14: She would like some too.

D11: Kids can wear them on their backpacks.

D5: There are red, blue, purple and black. She doesn't think they will have a problem with quantity if the district wants to purchase them.

Chair: He doesn't see any reason the districts can't buy them. Unless anyone has any objections we will let the district buy them.

D5: There were 248 pieces per district. As long as we have enough for our events this year and purchase more later. There is no setup fee with this next order.

Chair: How soon do the districts want them?

D15: Is fine for after the annual meeting.

D13: It can be good advertising for juniors.

D5: Order placed came in less than 4 weeks.

Chair: Let's place another order then. The biggest event will probably be the expo. The order should be in before then.

D5: Can she put an email out to everyone to find how many they want?

Chair: Yes. Are there any objections to that discussion?

B. Printing: \$1.34 Per Rule book

Chair: A local printing company in our area was contacted. They can print our rulebook can be done for about \$1.34 per book. There is about \$100 charge for formatting in our current format. That included setup proofing, revision and print. This includes stapling. The same format as we have.

Spartan printing is the vendor.

D6: Matt wants out due to his time constraints.

D2: He has been a great thing for us in the past.

D9: It sounds like you did a great job finding someone. Are you looking for a motion?

20150110-001 Motion to approve the new printing vendor, Spartan Printing.

Motion: D9

Seconded:

Passed

C. Registration Form: Approval

D5: The registration form looks really good.

D2: Thinks D19 did the last changes.

Chair: Any issues with the new registration form?

No

New Business:

A. Rule Changes

Rules Chair: Just 20 minutes ago got the rule changes up.

Rule 1: We talked over, the day coat issue. D19 sent in 12 rule changes. One of them is regarding this issue. Do we refund him his money?

Rule 2: Since we are adding this rule to hunt seat, dropped cavesson is required except in timed events.

D6: It should be put under timed events, due to anyone not normally showing hunt seat.

Rules: There is a spot we can add it.

Rule 3: Trail class. Are we going to offer a sheet to score on?

Rule 4: State Show Chair: He is still working on it, but thinks he's solved it. To be able to do full disclosure, in Wisconsin they published all the score sheets. It gives the kids the ability to see where they can improve. This is a tweaked version of the 4H rulebook. We will do a 0 score rather than a DQ for a missed obstacle. A 0 score cannot place above an above 0 score.

State Show Chair: He did say gymkhana attire would be appropriate. He wants to make sure the required obstacles are acceptable by membership.

D5: She likes the piece discussing a horse in gymkhana attire in trail must be in at least one gymkhana class. Can we change it from horse to rider? We need to make sure our coaches are aware of this change?

State Show Chair: Does this mean a rider can take their pleasure horse in trail in gymkhana attire?

D5: Sees the point, maybe it should be left as horse.

D13: She guesses she wasn't aware you had to register your horse as pleasure or gymkhana.

State Show Chair: You don't, but you need to ride in at least one gymkhana class to use the attire.

D8: Who is going to police that?

State Show Chair: The coaches will catch it. If someone does, another team will protest.

D14: The coaches will police that. She is sure of it.

State Show Chair: As a coach, he wouldn't do that. It's too easy to get caught. We have the same problem right now.

D14: This is the same issue we have with speed kids which have two horses. That has to be policed also. It's the same with trail.

State Show Chair: The rider is out there for 3 minutes all by themselves. He believes it would be caught.

State Show Chair: The only big difference in what is done normally and what we do it the 0 score. There will 4 boxes next to the score

box. Those will be for the 0's. He will explain the sheet in detail when the change is presented.

Rules Chair: Is everyone comfortable with the trail score sheet and wording?

State Show Chair: The penalties will be listed above to help with reading the scores.

D9: He likes what is done and it is long overdue.

Rules Chair: We will eliminate rule number 3 from the exec bd

1st VC: He recommends to leave 3 in and present the trail change first. If it passes we can drop 3.

Rules Chair: Agrees. The remaining changes are ones paid for and cannot be altered.

D13: The new program scores ties automatically. The cumbersome score angle will be a non-issue in the new app.

D14: One of our requests is that it will score ties. She knows her coaches would rather take the tie than a rerun.

Rules Chair: We have to leave it, but she will contact him and notify it is addressed with the new application.

Rule 7: D9: Is it really beneficial to go through all these and talk about them. We can't change them.

Chair: Agrees

Rules Chair: She will just skim through them.

Rule 41: Adding an additional board position for webmaster.

2nd VC: This changes the constitution in the rulebook.

Rules Chair: Likes the way it was written.

B. SOP to Rules

Election of DC is Article VI I 3 B and c

Election of officers is Article V H-J

Redistricting is Article VI I B (all)

Sportsmanship trophy is Article VI I A 2

Trail is being worked on.

How to add How to remove a coach: Conflict with discipline procedure?

Excess funds, NSF checks, Volunteer registration: Not found in rules but look like they could go in as written.

1st VC: He sent out an email. Half of these are in the rulebook, but we haven't taken them off the web.

The SOP to add and remove a coach does have some changes which need to be made.

D9: We all need to keep in mind, any SOPs going to rules, if they get voted down they are no longer in effect.

D12: At this point they will have to go up next year not this year?

Chair: Why not?

D12: We aren't following our own rules.

D9: Doesn't think it applies to the exec bd.

1st VC: The SOPs aren't meant to change the rules but clarify.

D12: The rulebook is being changed. The SOPs are meant to address items not in the rulebook, and they are added to it on the next change.

1st VC: States we leave it as is and address it offline.

2nd VC: Agrees we should leave it as is and address it another time.

D14: Do we have it written down anywhere stating the SOPs have to put them in the rulebook.

1st VC: There is not written rule on this.

D14: So we can change our minds now.

2nd VC: Yes you can. Until we change it and make it a rule, it can be modified as needed.

Chair: It needs to be discussed in greater length in March.

D5 and D9: Agrees

Committee Reports:

State Show: Reservations for rooms and grounds are done. This year's one week later. No judges are hired yet.

Rules: She will get them in order and send them out. She cannot get D18s email to go through. After Wednesday the rules can be forwarded to coaches.

Junior Division: 2nd VC: The junior patterns will be posted soon.

Regional: Chair: Make sure your regional chairs are scheduled for the proper week.

D6: September only has 4 weekends so they are shuffling shows around.

Membership: No Report

Historian: No Report

Judges: Chair: Any discussion on this? No

Pattern: Junior patterns are sent over to be posted. HS patterns will be sent before the winter meeting. The regional patterns will be sent to the committee by April.

Awards: No report

Finance: Treasurer: She is still missing financials from some districts. She will get a list together. Also is missing some judge's payments.

D6: How would you prefer the financial forms mailed?

Treasurer: Just use regular mail. Most have been sending in electronic format, which is fine.

State Show Chair: Is there any way to streamline the W9 forms? Many are saying they are filling out the same for 6 times.

Treasurer: She does have an idea for next year.

Nominations: No additional nominations.

Scholarship: MHC has all the information.

Tracker Program: D13: A new revision was sent. She has gone through and put in the information. The scoring has a glitch. She sent that off to be fixed. The next thing to be done is the reports. Junior is being done first due to having the most exceptions. Once the junior is done he will have a couple days work to modify it for senior. At the February meeting, she will put a copy of the app on flash drives if one is brought for those who want to test in it.

Nationals: Today is meeting day for Wisconsin. Hopefully they will have more information next week.

2nd VC: He spoke with WIHA. They are very excited about the new venue.

District Reports:

1: She is the new DC.

2: New junior team and couple new coaches. It will be a coop team.

4:

5: Has a couple new teams working on coming in. She has 2 teams possibly moving to D16. Trying to get financial reports. Junior meet is June 6.

6: All is going well. Junior meet is May 9. All senior meets are in September. She received an email on Coleman. Are they going to 6 or 17?

7: NR

8: She needs to get another district trophy. What time does the annual meeting start? She's seen two different times?

Chair: 9:00am will be the annual meeting.

9: All is well.

11: Two teams returning for this year. Judge info will be mailed out. One trophy top needing to be exchanged. She needs year bars also.

Treasurer has them.

D12: Alumni show is being changed to an open show for turnout.

Did an operation recruit. It was pretty well taken.

D13: Will be having a meeting on the 15th. They may be adding a couple more junior teams.

D14: Has a meeting January 21st.

D15: All is well. Can we bring our gift to pass to the annual meeting? The one for the drawing. D5: Yes that will run. Spend no more than \$25. The calendar does have the wrong time.

D17: Doing well.

Correspondence:

None

Call To The Public:

Chair: Wants to thank the Koenig family for all the work they've done on the rulebook and printing. It means a great deal to the organization.

D6: Kristy and Laura are not going anywhere. They will still be part of MIHA. The city of Freeland put up a billboard for their team's state win.

Motion To Adjourn:

Motion D13

Second D6

Pass/Fail

11:25 am

Motions:

**20150110-001 Motion to approve the new printing vendor,
Spartan Printing.**

Motion: D9

Seconded:

Passed

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Michigan Interscholastic Horsemanship Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Agenda
May 13, 2015 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

6:08pm

Roll Call: ~~1~~, **2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20**
Executive Board: **Chair, 1st VC, 2nd VC, Secretary, Treasurer, Rules, State Show, Web Master**

Introductions: Meg Pearson-District 3 Treasurer

Call to the Public: No

Agenda

Changes Yes
Motion To Approve D17
Second D9
Pass/ Fail

Minutes

Changes No
Motion to Approve D9
Second D17
Pass/Fail

Treasurer's Report

Discussion: There wasn't a lot of activity. Only the balance sheet and profit and loss sheets were sent. \$136,000 up from \$113,000 from last year. We had two bad checks outstanding from teams. Vendor deposits, \$50 was collected to hold a spot.

Profit and Loss: Rule Change income is our only income to date. The key chains were put under Marketing and Advertising.

Motion To Approve D9
Second D6
Pass/Fail

Old Business:

New Business:

A. SOP on Grooms

2nd VC would like to make it a standard procedure for grooms to fill out a registration form so we have the liability, concussion and medical treatment form on them. They will have the same items in their registration package except the coggins and the horse registration.

D16: Are we going to run into problems at regionals and states if trainers are riding the horses?

1st VC: Liability covers the spectators.

D16: Don't we have some kind of form or something? We are opening ourselves up for liabilities if trainers are riding the horse.

D5: Some facilities require a signed form, but other don't. 4H does not require it. Any open or breed show doesn't require it either.

2nd VC: Most of it is covered under the Equine Liability Act.

D16: Wonders if we aren't being aggressive enough. Do we have attorney's we can ask?

1st VC: We will ask the question of an attorney.

D11: Isn't that something as a DC you can make up as a rule?

D16: He does have a rule.

Motion 20150513-001 Create an SOP for registration of grooms including all medical and release forms outside of horse registration and coggins.

Motion: D5

Second: D16

Passed

D3: Are grooms included in a team's size?

Chair: No. They are only required to pay the \$2.00 to the state for the accident insurance.

D3: So a team will say they have 5 riders and 2 grooms. We need something in the rulebook covering this.

1st VC: The SOP will become a rule in 2016.

B. Regional and State Patterns

D19: Had a few coaches bring this up. They are having a lot of trouble getting those circuit riders because they have a pleasure horse which could do equitation rail class but cannot do patterns well. They feel we are limiting riders.

D3: What is your solution?

D19: Eliminate the patterns in the equitation classes since we already have pattern classes.

D9: Sees the point. At one time a pattern was asked only if needed. He feels MIHA has evolved to the next level. If we are

talking equitation, the equitation horses should be in MIHA. There are two sides to the subject. Breed shows are performing equitation the same way. It a direction we need to stay focused on. They do patterns at districts for some classes to prepare the kids for regionals. We need to keep in mind this is not 4H.

D19: Trainers are seeing a big push away from equitation patterns all equitation classes at breed shows. They see equitation can be mastered at the rail.

D4: It gives the kids something to work for to make it to the next level.

2nd VC: He fought doing patterns at districts for a long time, but realized he was doing the kids a disservice by not preparing them for regionals.

Rules Chair: Sees the point of rider elimination for those kids who have horses who do not do patterns. As a judge she would like to have patterns as she is judging one on one. It's easier as a judge to judge a pattern class.

D14: On the other hand we have a lot of kids who go in speed classes who are not fast.

D19: He is specifically talking about circuit horses who can't join MIHA, because their national champion pleasure horse cannot do a forehand turn or pivot.

D9: He has national champion equitation horses which come to MIHA leaving their pleasure horses at home.

D19: The idea is to increase numbers, and feels we need to open up to this for the increase.

1st VC: He has pleasure horses which quit MIHA because they are not being judged on pleasure.

D9: Brian's point is very valid. A judge will watch the rail but the majority will be judged on the pattern.

D6: They have a pattern but not for every class at every meet. There will be a different one each time.

D3: She would like to see if more evenly weighted.

D19: Then do the rail work first.

D5: You will have two or three spits at the rail then the pattern. Will that speed up the class.

Rules Chair: You won't be running 40 horses through the pattern. You'd only be running your top 10%.

D19: Even if we started with rail work then performing the patterns for those top picks, it will speed up the class.

Rules Chair: 95% of those riders will make the cut on the rail anyway.

D14: Under rules for competition. H3 Page 19.

1st VC: It doesn't say you have to rail work or patterns first.

We will table this until next month to retrieve more information from judges and ponder the suggestion.

D4: Are we trying to do a work around? You mentioned rail work first. If you can't put your pleasure horse into a pattern class then the rail work will get them to the pattern portion of the class. They still have to do the pattern.

D3: The idea is to take the emphasis off the pattern and put it on the rail.

Chair: How many districts feel we should do patterns we have been at regionals and states? 8 Yes, 5 No, Abstain 2

D16: At the district level you can run it the way you want it.

D6: Doing it differently puts your kids at a disadvantage at regionals.

Chair: This is tabled. Talk to your coaches and get a feel.

Committee Reports:

State Show: NR

Rules: Rules Chair: Rulebooks are here. There are few tweaks but overall looks very good. All the rule changes are in there. All the tweaks deal with formatting.

One other thing, according to the constitution, if your rule passes you get your \$10 back. She will get the information to the treasurer.

D6: Are judges getting rulebooks sent?

Rules Chair: All 4H judges will receive a MIHA rulebook. They went out today along with a letter.

D3: Is asking about the trail score sheet.

D14: Can't we use the 4H one?

D9: It is almost identical to the one created for MIHA.

Rules Chair: The scoring is verbatim from the 4H rulebook.

Junior Division: 1st VC: Remember to fill out a coop form if you have one. This just helps us keep track.

Regional: 2nd VC: Everything is going well at that level. We are leaving the fees the same as last year. Each one is a little different per what facility costs are and such.

Membership: NR

Historian: NR

Judges: D12: What is our plan for 1099s? Before he hands them their check he hands them a form with an envelope. He did have a number of judges who were concerned about filling out multiple forms.

Treasurer: Some judges sent W9's, but she couldn't match up what they were paid or to the right district. She suggests if you want to give her a list of all your judges, she will take on sending out the W9's. The DC will be required to send in the judging contract or what each judge is paid. Email her your list of judges now for districts, regionals and judges. This way they only fill out one form per judge.

If you've collected for Juniors, give her the current form and she won't have them fill out another.

We are not reporting accurately to the IRS.

D12: We are responsible for keeping social security numbers private.

Treasurer: She will send a cover letter with the form. If she doesn't receive the form we will have to come up with a penalty for not filling out the form and returning it.

D3: Are we collecting anything?

Treasurer: She needs judge's name and how much is paid. If they are not in the judge's list she will need an address.

Regarding financial statements, she would like a flash drive with a complete set of financial statements on them. She receives hundreds of emails and will miss something. She would like to store them electronically on a flash rather than printing financials.

Pattern: 2nd VC: Regional patterns have gone out to the committee and have received back most. The state patterns are all the state show chair.

Awards: 1st VC: Trophies are here tonight for your junior shows. Is there something there you don't need leave it with D5.

Finance: NR

Nominations: 2nd VC and Chair are up this year. You have until just before the winter meeting to nominate.

Scholarship: The names and colleges will be given to the treasurer. Their university will receive a check for the scholarship made out to the college and the recipient.

Chair: MHC is in a tremendous amount of turmoil at this time. Be aware they are in flux right now. They are working on taking

care of the problem. The 2015 leadership has been replaced to our knowledge.

We are still listed under their scholarships.

MHC does do a lot for Michigan's horse industry.

Tracker Program: D19: Tried to run the new tracker program in conjunction with the old program. It supported combining the division but didn't support two of the same classes. You either combined both division and classes or not combined.

He mentioned this to the developer and received a frustrated response stating this was a significant change and that he wasn't sure he had time to complete these changes.

1st VC: There was never an agreement on cost.

D19: The developer is going to think on what it would take to make the changes.

D19: He thinks we are really close. The reports look nice, and the app is very stable. He wanted to do a remote meeting to go through the whole thing step by step.

Chair: When the developer started working on it he was not employed. Now he is and time is short for him.

D9: We've put a lot of time and effort into this. He doesn't think offering more money is out of the question.

Motion 20150513-002: Provide the executive board do what is necessary to continue and complete work on the new application.

Motion: D9

Second: D14

Passed

D16: If we have to pay a good amount of money on this, put deadlines in place.

D9: We have the money. Let's get it done.

D14: Along the lines of the money, we need a workable product. Their 4H council looked into purchasing software. It was \$10,000. If we have to pay a bit more then we should do it.

D19: He doesn't think it's a lot more work outside of exports and other minor things.

D19: Will work on an upgrade installer. There is a version out on the web with a few bugs. There is a database linking problem.

Promotional: D5: Sent out a full page ad which will include a link to our web page. It was \$160 with color. She is putting information on the Facebook page to help the kids with health issues and shows. She has key chains here. They are \$0.65 each. There are 4 colors.

Logo: 1st VC: Publicize this to your kids.

D5: There is a lot of activity on the Facebook page regarding the logo contest.

National Competition: Chair: We are still looking for a venue.

D16: It's tough to find one, and is looking for one in Michigan.

2nd VC: Talked with Dan from WIHA. He is very hopeful for a venue in Madison, WI. It would be a very long haul for us. This would be a full blown competition. That venue would handle us, but be very difficult financially for us.

D16: Hears Ohio is pushing for a better program. Illinois and Missouri would like to start a program.

2nd VC: Ohio has a semi-mirror to ours.

D19: Mentions Champion Center in Ohio.

District Reports:

D2: Junior meet is this weekend. He is up a couple riders.

D3: Meet is on Sunday. Saturday is a no show clothes fun show.

D4: Meet is this weekend Saturday and Sunday. Drop from 55 to 42.

D5: Meet is June 6th. Down a few riders and a couple coaching issues. Everything else is good.

D6: Meet was last weekend. Had 52 kids. Senior will be later in Sept this year.

D8: Down 1 team. A coach asked if her MS rider can show.

Chair: The only issue we have is if the rider needs a header.

D9: Meets are May 30-31. Had a shaggy show the first Saturday in May.

D10: Down to 44 riders. Show May 31st.

D11: Meet is the last Sunday of June with a fun show the day before.

D12: Meet is this weekend with the same number of riders.

D14: First junior meet was last weekend, 2nd meet is this weekend. Down a few riders. Has a new coach. She has a home school student who doesn't want to ride on the school team. Can she form her own team? Answer: Yes

D15: Meet is this weekend. 56 kids

D16: Show is this Saturday. They are up a few. One team has 17 riders on it. This school is looking toward 25 riders in the fall.

Looking at 5 new senior teams this fall. He has a speed series this summer as a fund raiser in Hudsonville.

Has an amputee rider. In two hand riding will she get marked down for it?

D14: You tell the judge what you'd like to do.

D9: Thinks the precedence was set some years ago.

D5: If it's the person she believes it is, she is a very competent rider and have the judge score her accordingly.

D17: All is good. Junior meet is the 30th. About the same amount of riders.

1st VC: The kid probably knows how to handle the situation.

D19: Meet was last weekend. It was the largest meet ever at 70 kids. He took D12's idea of having an incentive membership drive. They will be having a junior high banquet this year.

Correspondence:

Chair: It has come to our attention we have two issues right now. Two agencies have requirements we need to meet, federal and state. Seems paperwork was sent to a previous leadership member which did not get forwarded. D4 went to open a district account and was told we were not in good standing with the state. Our corporation was dissolved in 2010.

Treasurer: We are supposed to file an annual report. Ours hasn't been filed since 2010. Now he have to pay \$75 for each of the last 5 years filings.

D4's effort to open an account brought this to light.

The good news is our treasurer is on top of the situation. She will work to get this resolved.

1st VC: We changed how the information was sent into the executive board. Instead of one person getting the information the entire executive board gets the emails. More people are in the loop to avoid this type of gap.

Call to the Public:

D6: Midland fairgrounds has upgraded announcing equipment and added Wi-Fi to the campgrounds. The fee will be \$20.

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion D12

Second D11

Pass/Fail

8:02pm

Motions:

20150513-001 Create an SOP for registration of grooms including all medical and release forms outside of horse registration and coggins.

Motion: D5

Second: D16

Passed

20150513-002: Provide the executive board do what is necessary to continue and complete work on the new application.

Motion: D9

Second: D14

Passed

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Agenda
August 12, 2015 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

6:06 pm

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Executive Board: Chair, 1st VC, **2nd VC**, **Secretary**, **Treasurer**, **Rules**, State Show,
Webmaster

Introductions:

Call to the Public:

Agenda

Changes Yes
Motion To Approve D6
Second D13
Pass/ Fail

Minutes

Changes No
Motion to Approve D17
Second D13
Pass/Fail

Treasurer's Report

Discussion Covered
Motion To Approve D19
Second D6
Pass/Fail

Old Business:

New Business:

A. Alternative Education

D6: Kids headed to early college classes. The kids will get their diploma from the alternative school not the high school. Their issue is resolved by upholding the rulebook.

D14: This was discussed before for those attending an early college program. These students get four years on the team.

2nd VC: Another problem headed our way is the virtual schools.

Rules Chair: Is there another way to word this in the rulebook?

2nd VC: We may have to identify virtual high school is considered a home school program.

D14: Early college is a bit different.

B. Cutting Riders to Be Competitive

A school has cut riders to be more competitive after a coaching change. This goes against our rules. The only reason they can be denied is due to safety; however, the student can be a groom.

D6: The problem is if the school is a varsity sport, MHSAA rules state they have a try out and can cut.

D14: The difference with cutting is if there is a limit to the number of “players”. We don’t have a limit, so there is no reason to cut. If there are other rules like attending practices as part of the team’s rules, that can be used to cut riders.

Rules Chair: In this instance the riders were part of the junior team moving up to senior. They did all the fundraising this summer.

D1: Rumor has it, but not verified that if you don’t have your own horse you cannot ride for the team.

D3: We need to clarify this more.

D6: Instead of the word “tryout” use a word which doesn’t mean elimination.

D3: Maybe use wording such as qualification.

Webmaster: Teams use criteria such as number of shows attended.

D14: They have the ability to use practices as a substitute for shows.

D3: She is not sure our rules back up D14s processes.

D14: This is why teams submitted rules to the exec board.

D3: So the exec board will back up the team rules?

2nd VC: Yes, if the rules were submitted and approved by the committee, the exec board will stand behind the team rules.

D3: Where is it written what is given back after registration? It’s not in the rule book anywhere.

D14: It’s in the minutes.

Rules Chair: The exec board needs to complete research on the issue brought forth with cutting riders.

C. Wireless at Midland Fairgrounds

Webmaster: Had a colleague headed to Midland. He contacted to find how the wireless is functioning. He was told there was only one area with Wifi on the grounds. It is very likely we will not be using the ground’s internet for state.

They are working to find a way to pipe in the intercom sound to the stream.

D6: The sound system has all be redone at Midland.

D. Sponsorship for Webstreaming the State Meet

Webmaster: A sponsorship program was put together last year to offset the costs. The information is out on the web page. It's time to get teams to start fundraising for it. A reminder should be put out to begin the process. The biggest sponsorship would be one arena. Smaller sponsors can be a daily sponsor. The lowest entry is about \$100 and the largest is \$1500.

If you know someone who will sponsor a whole arena, let the Webmaster know so we don't get too many.

Committee Reports:

State Show: No Report

Rules: Rulebooks were sent out to all judges. A few things we may want to address later. The biggest question was can they ride in gymkhana clothes in trail. It is stated in the rulebook they can.

D14: We can address that in our coach's meeting.

Rules Chair: She is still trying to get with the state show chair to get a score sheet for trail.

2nd VC: D5 put together one for the junior meet which worked very well.

Rules Chair: We need to get it up online in the next couple weeks. It is a culmination of the 4H and AQHA sheet.

2nd VC: He will send out the one D5 put together.

D3: Is it approved?

Webmaster: Let's send it to the exec board first to have a once over before we post it.

Rules Chair: She is giving us her resignation. She will be with us for another month, but we will need to find another. She will not be at states. She will be at the September meeting to hand off everything.

Junior Division: No Report

Regional: 2nd VC: Regional chairs please send your packets so they can be posted to the web.

Membership: No Report

Historian: No Report

Judges: No Report

Pattern: 2nd VC: Be advised that pattern one on the web does not meet our requirements.

Webmaster: He believes none of them meet the requirements. He will look at them again. There are three required obstacles. If one is listed twice will they be counted in the three separately?

Rules Chair: Up to eight obstacles are required, 3 need to be from the mandatory and up to 5 from the mandatory/optional list.

D3: Are regional patterns going to be by our rules?

2nd VC: Yes they will. There will be 6-8 obstacles.
Regional patterns will be up the Sunday or Monday following the last district meet.
Webmaster: He will send out an email when they are up.
Awards: No Report
Finance: Covered
Nominations: Need to appoint a new rules chair
Scholarship: No Report
Tracker Program: Webmaster: Ring assignment scoring mechanism is fixed. He will run a test this weekend. This was a major code change. He will finish running through the junior then port it to the senior.
We will be using the current Tracker for this fall, but significant movement has been made.
Promotional: No Report
Logo: Logos have been voted on and chosen. The artwork needs to be formatted to fit our needs. Pins will be available at the September meeting. The logo winners have not been notified.
National Competition: 2nd VC: Venues for end of October beginning of November are slim. We have no place here right now. We are still waiting to hear back from Dan about the Madison complex. That is about the greatest potential for a location at this time. This will not happen this year.
D3: When do we potentially seeing the competition happening?
We don't get done with our season until October.

District Reports:

D1: All is good
D2: All is good. He will be stepping down as DC this year.
Karen Logan will be taking his place. He will continue with his 2nd VC position.
D3: Things are smooth on her end. She will know more later.
D6: Everything is fine. Sept 2nd is registration meeting.
D10: Team numbers are down by 3 but riders are up by a dozen.
D13: Down but brought back another team.
D14: One potential coaching issue which will resolve itself.
D15: Registration meeting, numbers are down a little. They will have their first double header in a couple weeks.
D17: All is good. Registration is next Monday.
D19: Follow-up on junior high. They had their first banquet and had 180 people show up. They had 78 riders for the district.
Senior numbers will be about the same. Had one participation issue.

Correspondence:

2nd VC: We talked about the cutting riders.

Call to the Public:

D13: Was recently talking with a group of barrel racers. There was a group on facebook bashing MIHA.

Chair: The biggest issue we have with barrel racers is that we don't allow them to run through the gate.

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion D13

Second D6

Pass/Fail

7:52pm

Michigan Interscholastic Horsemanship Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Agenda
September 9, 2015 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Roll Call: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20

Executive Board: Chair, 1st VC, 2nd VC, Secretary, Treasurer, Rules, State Show

6:30pm

Introductions:

Stephanie Walton – D3 Treasurer

Call to the Public:

Agenda

Changes Yes

Motion To Approve D14

Second D17

Pass/ Fail

Minutes

Changes No

Motion to Approve D19

Second D5

Pass/Fail

Treasurer's Report

Discussion Midland Region C, State Meet Checks for deposit

Motion To Approve

Second

Pass/Fail

Old Business:

A. Regional and State Patterns

D19: There is a desire to change the order in which patterns are done and regions and states. They feel there is too much emphasis on patterns. They would like to do rail work first then patterns.

State Show Chair: If you do a pattern first you may change one placing if you blow your rail work. You get more of a look on pattern than rail work. Rail work you get about 8 seconds, patterns 30-45 seconds.

It was tried at states. Half the kids could do rail but not patterns.

D19: Their thoughts were if you do patterns first many are losing out. We already have pattern classes.

State Show Chair: Kids ride pleasure classes all day long and only do rail. Breed shows do pattern first. We put ourselves among the elite.

D16: Agrees with patterns first. The judge looks more on a pattern than rail. How many kids come out complaining they didn't get a look. The kids aren't stupid. They know when they can get away with mistakes.

1st VC: The patterns give the judge a real good look at the rider.

State Show Chair: As a judge they prefer a rail class as the class go through quicker. However, the pattern classes challenge the kids. Most breed shows they just do the equitation pattern.

D19 is correct in the fact that the judge's decision is pretty much made unless they blow the rail.

D7: Sometimes the weeding out is needed. This is supposed to be about a varsity sport. It's not about everyone getting out there and doing. That is more like 4H. It shows you are doing your homework at home. It's about being prepared. Gets what is being said, but this isn't the venue for it.

D16: Sometimes it is used as a tie breaker also. The patterns are given over a week ahead of time. They should be practiced.

State Show Chair: There is no way everyone was getting viewed when there are 30 kids in the ring.

D20: Her kids never got viewed as they were in the corners every time the judge turned to look.

D3: So what if I make a mistake and go on the wrong side of the barrel?

State Show Chair: It's just like showmanship and going on the wrong side of a cone. Some judges don't DQ for it.

He sees what D19 is getting at, but the rider doesn't get the attention on the rail like they do in a pattern.

D14: They started doing patterns about 3 years ago.

D3: They are getting into it more as they are going to do this at the next level.

D19: Picks one discipline to do patterns.

1st VC: They do one discipline one week and another the next.

At this point there is no change.

D19: We could call for a vote, but it appears everyone is happy with the current setup.

New Business:

A. Interim Rules Chair

Amy Franks will be our interim rules chair. She will be involved until November.

D3: Is she knowledgeable of our book.

State Show Chair: Yes, she judges numerous MIHA meets.

There is someone in the wings we may be getting to take the position after November.

B. Trail

1st VC: The suggested trail patterns on the web for districts may not have the 3 mandatory obstacles. They can be modified to meet the needs. Pattern 1 needs modification, pattern 2 is good, pattern 3 is good when looking it over.

D20: What is the size of the trot around box?

State Show Chair: 10' box was used in district 9 and 12' in district 15.

C. Markers for Saddle Seat

State Show Chair: Wanted to pole everyone for the use of markers at states.

D3: They are optional right?

State Show Chair: In the real world they would not use them.

1st VC: In his district there is no problem without markers.

D9: Without the markers it truly makes it a saddle seat pattern.

D20: Similar to reining right?

D5: At juniors they used markers and had numerous kids get messed up. The coaches voted not to use markers.

D8: Isn't there a misprint on one of the patterns? One pattern has a halt another doesn't.

State Show Chair: Looks and find the problem on pattern #3 between 6 and 7.

D14: Assumes the entire arena is used for the pattern. Sandusky is huge.

1st VC: Used cones to mark off the ring

1st VC: Consensus is the halt is common sense. There is no need to change the pattern.

D14: We are assuming we are halting repositioning and picking up their irons or halting pick up their irons and reposition?

D9: At their meet it wasn't an issue.

20150909-001 Motion to not use markers at regional or state meets for saddle seat pattern.

Motion: D5

Second: D9

Passed

Committee Reports:

State Show: Has the same ring and gate crew. We are doing something a little different. We are going to have 10 golf carts on a first come/first server basis. \$135 for the 4 days. There are no raise in the state fees. State camping went up a bit but we did not change the price. Audrey Karnes is doing the trail this year.

D9: Gate for trail?

State Show Chair: He has stated we need a rope gate.

1st VC: T-shirts will be up for pre-order on the web in the next few days.

State Show Chair: We have a real photographer this year who has done many horse shows.

Rules: NR

Junior Division: NR

Regional: All back numbers are passed to regional chairs. Two sets of numbers for each rider were delivered.

D9: How many numbers for state?

2nd VC: 4 as normal.

D19: Has a call out for regional packets. He has two so far.

1st VC: Regional trophies to pick up.

Membership: Hanover-Horton sent in a set of rules.

1st VC: Encourage your teams to have rules and submit them to the state. Send them to the secretary.

D3: If you have team rules include them in your registration packets.

D14: Have each rider sign with the date they received them.

Historian: NR

Judges: Hired

Pattern: 2nd VC: No new information. Remind your coaches the region patterns will be up by the Monday following the last district meet. They will be up by September 28th.

D19: Will send out an email.

Awards:

Finance: Treasurer: She ordered the same amount of year bars as last year. Please make sure you are only taking the year bars you need. Our numbers are down, but we have less year bars left.

Nominations: Chair and 2nd Vice Chair are up this year. We have one nomination for rules chair for next year. 2nd VC is going to add his nam again.

Scholarship: 1st VC: Checks went out for the winners. We need to update the application and dates on the web.

Tracker Program: D19: Finished a major update. It was run through a full meet and errors tracked. They were submitted to the developer. Once we give approval for the junior meet he will use the code to build the senior application.

D19: He will update the scripts to clear out the database on windows 8 and 10.

Promotional: D5: Does have key chains, \$0.65 each.

Logo: 1st VC: Winners are out. Regional T-Shirts are handed out.

National Competition: 2nd VC: Hasn't heard from Dan on the new Madison location.

District Reports:

D2: All is OK. First meet is this Saturday. About the same number of riders. This will be his last year as DC. Karen Logan will be his replacement.

D3: Things are going along smooth. Still need to wrap up the ex-treasurer situation.

Treasurer: She has her number and will be getting a hold of her.

D5: Had some drama with coaches and teams. First meet is this Saturday, one more rider. She is changing up how the meet runs.

D6: Both meets are this weekend, 85 kids. All are evenly distributed amongst divisions.

D7: District is down to an all-time low. She went after teams which aren't showing. A lot of teams went over to D10 due to traveling distance. She will be doing patterns this year.

D8: Down about 15 riders. 1st meet was in August and the next two are over the following two weekends. Teams are adjusting so they have competition.

D9: Down this year which is a little surprising. Juniors were up but they are 6th and 7th graders.

D10: Down 2 teams but up 6 riders from last year. The problem in his district is resolved for this year.

D12: Riders are up about 10% from last year. The promotion helped a little.

D14: Up two teams to 20 and 3 rider increase.

D15: Two shows are done. One of the biggest concerns was if there was an injury Saturday, what do they do for Sunday. They are up to 77 riders.

D16: Numbers are down 10 riders. He may have 3 teams looking to start next year. Has a team which is trying to open a checking account.

Arend Smith, 616-406-2068, Huntington Bank. The organization's charter is requested.

Treasurer: She will contact the bank tomorrow and have the information out to those requesting by Friday.

D17: All is good. They had one meet already. Numbers are about the same as last year. They lost 3 teams to volleyball.

D19: One meet is done. Last two weekends in September are the last two. One team issue, a team for a charter school was setup. The rider is now not going to the charter or does she need to sign up under a home school. He will just change the name.

D20: They are down riders even though recruitment was done. They may have more coming up from juniors.

Correspondence:

Hanover-Horton issues are resolved.

Call to the Public:

None

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion D19

Second D12

Pass/Fail

7:56pm

Michigan Interscholastic Horsemanship Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Agenda

December 12, 2015 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Conference Call: 712-775-7031

Meeting Code: 999-889-361

10:07am

Roll Call: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20

Executive Board: **Chair**, 1st VC, 2nd VC, **Secretary**, Treasurer, **Rules**, State Show

Introductions: None

Call to the Public: None

Agenda

Changes Yes

Motion to Approve D17

Second D6

Pass/ Fail

Minutes

Changes No

Motion to Approve D14

Second D19

Pass/Fail

Treasurer's Report

Discussion **NR**

Motion to Approve

Second

Pass/Fail

Old Business:

A. Coach Code of Conduct Form – D12

D12 – The coach's code of conduct is not on the website yet.

Web Master – He wasn't aware of that form, but can write one up.

D12 – Is there a form, or is it up to the district?

2nd VC – Doesn't remember see one?

D5 – Has never seen one either. There is something on the adult volunteer form regarding following the rules and constitution?

Why would we need something different if they already acknowledge it on that form?

D12 – That is just fine.

Chair – Will check into having the constitution added back to the rulebook.

B. District Chair Packet

Web Master – Sent out the first draft on the new DC packet and received no feedback as of yet.

D9 – Likes it except it says August is time to get ready for junior rider registration.

D12 – Didn't see it.

D19 – Will send out an updated copy today.

C. PO Box

Chair – 11X11" box is 310.00 per year. How does everyone feel about it? We chose the Collin's Rd post office so it would be close to our meeting place.

PO Box approved for size determined by the chair.

New Business:

Committee Reports:

State Show

Rules – Chair spoke with rules chair. She has only received rules changes from D19.

D5 – Are we taking any of our SOPs and making them into rule changes.

Chair – Looks through the SOPs on the website.

D5 – Would like a wording change for the financials and will send the change to the rules chair.

Chair – The calendar has been set up.

Web Master – Treasurer's address is updated on the web.

Rules Chair – Has those from the previous rules chair and D19. She has them all in one document and would be happy to forward them to the exec board when she gets home.

Chair – At the January meeting we will go through each one so the districts can take them back to their teams to review.

Junior Division - NR

Regional – All financials have been forwarded on to the treasurer. Looks like all regions made money this year.

D5 – Are we staying the same or rotate?

2nd VC – Will say probably stay the same this coming year. Next year may change things for 2017. He is making no recommendations to move anyone.

20151212-001 Motion to leave regions as they are for 2016.

Motion – D9

Motion – D5

Passed

Membership - NR

Historian - NR

Judges - NR

Pattern – 2nd VC – District patterns will be up right after the winter meeting.

D5 – For juniors can we make sure there is a canter element in the patterns for the W/T/C riders. A couple patterns last year did not have a walk-trot-canter element in them.

2nd VC – He will look for that.

Chair and 2nd VC – The district patterns are optional.

Awards – Chair – Does every district have their bars? No

15, 6, 17, 19, 12, 11

1st VC - The bases are on backorder for the tie trophies.

2nd VC – So she can send them directly to the coaches? She will need the Grosse Isle and Holland Christian

Finance - NR

Nominations – No additional nominations thus far.

Scholarship – 1st VC – All have been read through and 10 selected.

The 5 winners will be announced at the winter meeting.

Tracker Program – Web Master – He is working to get through bugs and looking for any new ones.

2nd VC – Are we close?

Web Master – Feels like there is a good possibility we can use it in tandem with the old program. There are a few things which could cause issues.

The biggest one is an override for scores for an existing meet.

Promotional – D5 – She did the SaddleUp add in December announcing the championships. There will be a half page add in the January issue with a link to our site. The next one will be in March. She would like pictures to use for that one, both action and casual team pictures.

Web Master – Has a number he could share.

D5 – Can we put those on the website as a photo gallery?

Web Master – He is working to revamp our website and has a development site up.

D5 – Looked into the hoof picks but found a decent one it was \$2-4each. She is looking at a small face brush, but those might also run \$2-4 each.

D5 – Asks about the expo

Chair – He has not, but will make a phone call.

Logo – NR

Chair – Let's see if we can get more in earlier.

National Competition - NR

District Reports:

1. NP

2. New DC is confirmed, but will be in a fast track schooling until March.

3. NP
4. NP
5. Had their banquet and coach's meeting
6. Had some new inquiries for new teams.
7. NP
8. NP
9. Put together some rules changes.
10. NP
11. NP
12. The registered letter sent to the coach by the previous DC was refused twice. There will be no action against her at this time. She will be allowed to coach for now. District 12 will be adapting a strict adherence to the constitution. They will have to sign a copy of the constitution in addition to the volunteer form.
Chair – His concern is there was a registered letter which was rejected twice.
D12 – He doesn't want to be the new DC who kicks coaches out. However, if the state wishes to intervene he will go along with it.
Chair – If the problem coach refuses the registered letter, it doesn't look good. If she refuses to take the letter she should be removed.
D12 – As he is new to this he wants to know how to communicate it to her. He will send the registered letter personally stating because she refused the last registered letter she is being removed as a coach.
D5 – Is concerned that the team she was a coach for will be affected.
D12 – He will make sure the riders are not affected. There are other parents who can step up.
D9 – There is no problem with a registered letter, but she should receive a non-registered letter also.
D12 – They will do both. He appreciates the help as a new DC. This isn't something he wants to do, but appreciates the support from the board.
13. NP
14. No Report
15. No Report
16. NP
17. All is good.
18. NP
19. Will have another dressage rules change this year.
20. NP

Correspondence:

Chair – Received from Lighthouse our royalties. We get 20% of their gross sales. \$4087.40 was received this year.

Web Master – Asks if their sales were better this year based on their location.

D6 – When they bought theirs, Lighthouse was delighted they were there and would like that spot again. They had more patrons this year than ever before.

1st VC – He also was told the same.

Call to the Public:

Motion

Motion to Adjourn: D15

Motion D6

Second

Pass/Fail

10:55am