

## High Desert Hunter Jumper Association

### Board Meeting Minutes

1/24/23

6:30 PM

Zoom Meeting ID: 833 824 9136

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**Meeting Facilitator:** Germaine Dougherty, HDHJA President

**Board Officers:** Terry Morrison, Christy Gentry, Kalie Whitcomb

**Committee Members:** Simone Starnes, Lisa Pleasance, Jessica Karriker, Makenzie Harvey, Kay Lynch, Sunny Maxwell, Lori Peterson, Angela Keranen, Elizabeth Buchanan, Grace Pulver

1. Call to order – call to order at 6:40 pm
2. Roll call
  - a. Germaine, Terry, Sunny, Christy
3. Approval of minutes (will have to do via email)
4. **Treasurer's Report** (will wait for Kalie)

Germaine is the signer of the checks and Kalie is the keeper. Expense reimbursements will be done once Germaine and Kalie are together, maybe next week.

5. **(37) Survey Results** – Review HDHJA Survey Results

If money classes are available let's make the jumper/hunter classes money classes. We could add a special class, add a special derby for the low heights. Let's incorporate a clinic into the calendar. Donations, we may need to check with Lori Peterson regarding how we track/record donations. Suggest adding notes or a way to select specific donation opportunities. This is especially great when there is a fundraiser, like a money class \$500 jumper derby or a 2' hunter spectacular. Volunteers: Jen and Alexa would like to participate in fundraising. They had great ideas for next year. Sunny will coordinate meeting with them to get that committee going. The more money we have, the more fun things we can offer – such as clinics, etc. Important moving forward that we reconsider how much we spend on the Awards Banquet. What if we collaborate with Cascade Lakes, who is a nonprofit. There might be grants available if we collaborate with nonprofits. Just get creative with covering costs for the end of year party. Can we improve our communications with our members to get information out there? Erin and Ella is great with social media, we need someone who loves social and will be responsible and diligent about sending weekly posts. Emily Dunn is interested in taking pictures at HDHJA horse shows and events. The images would be for sale

with the opportunity to self-promote. The Google doc could house the sponsorship levels and benefits. We could add columns that clarify the promises we make to our sponsors. Let's ask Emily if she wants to do social posts. Ribbons and Prizes seem to be the most popular in terms of what people want at the end of the year. We can investigate collaborating with other non-profits, but overall, it looks like they like it all. Our members value price, shows, and practice. Feedback included wanting more money class, adding a lead line, adding a division in between 18" and 2'. Adding more classes for open riders and green horses. Possibly just making a note with an Asterix that anyone can enter a class, but won't be judged if they are a pro.

6. **February Show** – (MAY not be able to make this a HDHJA event) Germain may make this a jumper jack pot for February. Maybe add a hunger derby in the morning and the jumper jack pot in the afternoon. Germaine will check on our ribbons, if not maybe we can do a quick order to get some.

Some Day Farm has availability for a February show (3<sup>rd</sup> weekend). Germaine will send out an email to the other trainers and Lisa to see what dates are available. Allison is also interested in hosting a show, Rachel would like to host a show. That would give us more venues. (Email: Allison, Cat, Simone, Lisa, Rachel, Lori Hayden, D'Anza, Betsy – Horse Butte) Maybe the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> weekend in March. Carlton & Tracy Brooks do a great horsemanship clinic, feedback on the Suzie Hutchinson clinic was that it was hard for some of our people. Joe Fargis does great riding clinics that include horsemanship. Hope Glynn and Heather Caristo Williams are also great. Let's research the dates and costs for the clinics.

## 7. Rule Change Proposals

- Current Rule II - Facilities and Requirement

Show Manager must run 2 (two) arenas, weather permitting, at 8am with 2 judges respectively. Judges must be active members of USHJA at the Outreach level or above and at least 21 years of age.

### **Proposed New Rule**

Judges must be active members of USHJA at the Outreach level or above and at least 21 years of age.

- Current Rule 4 - Year-End Division Awards, Section E: Jumper Division Specifications

Schooling Jumper divisions are open to all riders, horses and ponies. Each horse entered will do a single round and if they are clear they will receive a blue ribbon. These divisions will not offer point accumulation or a year-end Championship.

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Notes: The rules will be voted on at the next meeting (**Tuesday, March 14 at Horseplay**) If the location changes, an email will be sent with the new location. Each HDHJA member gets one vote for each proposed rule change. Members may vote at the meeting (attending either in person or via Zoom) or you may vote by proxy sending your name and vote to the HDHJA Secretary.

**8. 2023 Fundraising**

- a. Address mobilizing a committee to spear head 2023 efforts. The idea that we can fundraise earlier in the year so that we have a better idea about the budget will be for year-end awards.

**9. New business**

- a. Should we consider renaming the Horsemanship Award to modernize it after someone more recently involved with HDHJA.
- b. Who is doing ribbons now? Julie Ditty was doing it – but we need to confirm who is and what we need. We might be able to get Charlotte into doing ribbons.

10. Set date for next meeting – **Tuesday, March 14.**

11. Adjourn – Meeting adjourned 7:52 pm