

# High Desert Hunter Jumper Association

## Board Meeting Minutes

11/11/25

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

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

**Committee Members:** Lisa Pleasance, Kay Lynch, Margaret Kolata, Lori Peterson, Marian Ehlers, Beth Breiten, Jennifer Delia, Selena Griffen, Moseley Maxwell, Nicole Leuck

1. Call to order – 6:35 pm
2. Roll call - Christy, Germaine, Ally, Lisa, Margaret, Selena
3. Approval of minutes – Margaret moves to approve, Selena seconds, all present were in favor.
4. Vote on Awards
  - a. Sportsmanship Award: voted
  - b. Volunteer of the year: voted
  - c. Katie Grundeman Grant: unanimous vote
  - d. HDHJA Scholarship: No one applied – but we are giving to the runner up for the KG nominate
5. Treasurer's Report – Will update on next meeting
  - a. Opt Out October – outcome was good, we raised \$4k and had fun participation
  - b. Final show – we saw average attendance
6. Show Rule Review
  - a. Cross-Rail Jump Specifications
    - i. No Fill/Flowers: Approved. Rationale: Improves safety and aligns with standard show practices.
    - ii. Pole Spacing: Approved. Rationale: Prevents poles from locking together, which can cause unsafe falls.
    - iii. Line Strides: Changed from "5 strides" to a specific distance. Rationale: Provides a clear, objective measurement.
      1. Decision: Set minimum distance at 68 feet.
    - iv. Simple Lead Changes ( $\leq 2'0"$ ): Approved. Rationale: Encourages correct horsemanship aligning with judge's discretion re flying changes at lower levels.
  - b. Show Management & Sanctioning
    - i. Show Management Definition: Updated to include HDHJA Officers, the Show Manager/Secretary, and the Facility Representative. Rationale: Clarifies roles and responsibilities.
    - ii. Facility Show Limit: The rule limiting facilities to two HDHJA-approved shows per year was removed. Rationale: Prevents potential scheduling conflicts if facilities become unavailable.

- c. HDHJA Medal Classes
    - i. Schooling: The "no schooling" rule will be enforced for the Medal Finals only.  
Rationale: Increases the challenge and prestige of the final event.
    - ii. One Final per Rider: Approved. Rationale: Ensures fairness by preventing riders from competing in multiple finals.
  - d. Point Accumulation & Membership
    - i. Horse Registration: Eliminated. Rationale: Simplifies the process for riders using multiple school horses.
    - ii. Membership Dues: Increased by **\$5** to offset the loss of horse registration fees.
    - iii. Rule Description: The description for the Timberline Farm HDHJA Scholarship will be added to the rulebook.
7. Banquet Update
- a. Tickets & Auction:
    - i. Sales: 45 tickets confirmed (35 paid + 10 sponsor).
    - ii. Auction Items: 40+ confirmed, including 7 barn baskets.
    - iii. New Items: Germaine will solicit a Jeff Cook lesson.
  - b. Prizes & Ribbons:
    - i. Champion: Show backpack (donated by Abby).
    - ii. Reserve: Options pending from Sam.
    - iii. High Point: Custom basket (assembled by Abby).
    - iv. Ribbons: Germaine will order the same "fancy" ribbons as last year.
  - c. Budget & Entertainment:
    - i. Food Cost: Riverhouse confirmed a 5% price increase.
    - ii. DJ: A DJ was approved for post-awards entertainment.
      - 1. Cost: \$500 for a 2–4 hour set.
      - 2. Funding: Germaine will ask Kalie to fund the DJ and flowers. If the budget is tight, Christy will sponsor the DJ instead of flowers.
  - d. Wine Pull:
    - i. Structure: Two tiers will be offered: "Basic" and "Premier" (for bottles >\$100 value).
    - ii. Pricing: The price for the Premier tier will be set closer to the event based on the value of donated wines.
  - e. Donor Recognition:
    - i. Jen will write handwritten thank-you cards.
    - ii. The board will order more custom mugs from DiscountMugs.com to give as gifts.
8. New Business
- a. IFAFIT - EFA clinic – April 2026 (<https://ifafit.com/equestrian-fitness-academy>)
  - b. Concept: An off-mount clinic focused on rider fitness, using trainer feedback to create personalized exercises.
9. Set date for next meeting – December 16, 2025
10. Adjourn – 8:00 pm