

**SWVHJA Board Meeting
October 9, 2017**

Call to Order: The October meeting of the SWVHJA board was called to order by President Emily Guyer at 7:20 PM on Monday, October 9, 2017 at the home of Molly Moore.

Present: Present at the meeting were Emily Guyer, Heather Weaver, Darlene Kemper, Tara Deckel, Catherine Daniel, Sarah Irvine, Molly Moore, and executive secretary Anne Johnston.

Meeting Minutes: The minutes from the September 11 conference call board meeting were read. Sarah moved to approve the minutes. Darlene seconded. There was a discussion of more detailed minutes to be kept on record. Minutes approved as read.

Treasurer's Report:

Checking: \$12,692.77

Savings: \$11,193.26

The treasurer's report was read by Darlene. The checking account balance was \$12,692.77 and the savings account balance was \$11,193.26. Tara moved and Catherine seconded to approve the treasurer's report as read. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Annual Show: Anne reported that sponsorships were continuing to come in and that the amount was "looking better". There was a request made to have the height of the Invitational Derby lowered to 2'6". The board agreed to deny the request. Anne reported that the various awards had been ordered and that the sponsor bags were being made by Marsha Pillet. A "Pizza Party", sponsored by Hollins, has been organized for Friday night.

NEW BUSINESS

Sarah brought up the idea of SWVHJA considering having exhibitors and horses qualify to show in the finals show like VHSA does for their organization. She felt that it would make the show more special if everyone had shown in five shows prior to the finals show like VHSA requires. Anne reminded everyone that exhibitors do have to qualify for the medal classes, but that is possible at only one show. Tara suggested that we require three shows. Emily asked that the board consider these ideas and others, and that future discussion would be held concerning this matter.

Tara suggested that SWVHJA consider changing how its yearly show calendar is set up. Tara brought copies of calendars used by USEF and SWVHJA for comparison. She proposed that we consider changing the SWVHJA calendar to coincide with the USEF calendar which is based around Memorial Day. Tara proposed that we present this idea at the show manager's meeting to be considered for implementation in 2019. This will be discussed again at a future meeting.

A member, Rebecca Smith, suggested that the board consider having a "parent award", like the one presented at the VHSA Awards Banquet, which honors parents whose sacrifice and support lead to a rider's extraordinary accomplishments. This will be discussed at a later board meeting after board members have had time to explore the idea.

It was decided that the letter to the Virginia Horse Center concerning the finals show date for 2018 would be drafted by Anne with input from the board.

There was a brief discussion of problems that have occurred with various shows throughout the year. It was decided that these things would be discussed at the show manager's meeting.

Darlene presented the idea "to beef up" communications on line so that hopefully members would be more interested in SWVHJA.

Adjournment:

Darlene moved to adjourn the meeting and Catherine seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:44PM. It was decided the next meeting would take place after the annual show.

Respectfully Submitted,
Molly Moore