

SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA HUNTER/JUMPER
ASSOCIATION



2015 ANNUAL REPORT

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I would like to thank the membership for their continued support of SWVHJA. It is exciting and reassuring to see our membership enjoy another year of quality horse shows offering friendly competition. Our association offers a unique blend of both recognized and unrecognized shows to meet the needs of our members. It is exciting to see new relationships develop as both new and seasoned members compete throughout the season. Although it was a wonderful show season, it was not without hardship. Our equine community endured the loss of an invaluable friend and fellow professional. The loss of J.T. Tallon brings to light how important it is to embrace what we do with passion and live each day to the fullest.

The SWVHJA board members hope that you are enjoying our new banquet venue. We are very excited to be at the scenic House Mountain Inn.

Respectfully submitted Luanne Leonard

2014 FINANCIAL REPORT

Opening Balances 12/1/2014

Checking: \$8,140.99

Savings: \$16,190.08

Ending Balances 11/30/2015

Checking: \$13,655.06

Savings: \$11,191.27

See full P&L attached

ANNUAL SHOW COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE

ENTIRE BOARD

The 2015 Annual Show had new management and a new office staff. For the first time in the history of the Association, on-line entries were available. There were several un-recognized divisions added to the timetable which were well supported. Additionally, some other tweaks to the class schedule helped the Medals start mid-afternoon on Saturday. An on-line survey was posted after the show to seek feedback. 21 of 43 respondents rated it excellent and 17 of 43 rated it very good. After settling all payments related to the show, the revenue generated was slightly over \$17,500.

ANNUAL SHOW SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE

ENTIRE BOARD

The Association would like to extend its deepest gratitude to members, parents and the community for stepping up and ensuring that the Annual Show can maintain the highest quality staff, officials and management. A tremendous thank you goes out to Patty Lemon and Crissy Elliot who garnered sponsorship for the remaining classes as the show was drawing near. Crissy Elliot strengthened our horse show and Lexington business community relationship. Welcome bags for each barn included menus and other business information useful for our exhibitors as we explore the Lexington businesses. This was a follow up to a downtown bus transportation initiative introduced by the Virginia Horse Center.

Triple Crown Nutrition and Southern States continued to provide support as a corporate sponsor for the tenth consecutive year.

BY-LAWS REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE

ENTIRE BOARD

The by-laws committee continues to review and revise the rules as necessary, to align with current USEF rules. The rules and division specifications are available for on-line review or download on the SWVHJA web site.

JUNIOR COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE

Alicia Salo
Kristen Nelson
Tara Deckel

Not available at this time.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE

ENTIRE BOARD

The 2016 Board will consist of returning members: Luanne Leonard, Diane Hinch, Tara Deckel, Alicia Salo and Zach Parks. Finishing their 2-year term are: Heather Weaver, Cricket Stone-Morris, Gordon Reistrup, Brooke Kemper and Kristen Nelson.

Individuals who have accepted nominations for the 2016-2017 Board of Directors ballot include:

Heather Weaver

Gordon Reistrup

Tamara Wenning

Darlene Kemper

Cricket Stone-Morris

Jackson Schurtz

Kristen Nelson

Nomination will also be taken from the floor.

SHOW STANDARDS COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE

ENTIRE BOARD

The Show Standards Committee exists to enforce the Association's rules governing competitions. The committee monitors the horse shows to ensure that managers comply with these rules. This year, the committee worked diligently to assist managers in making much-needed changes in the quality, safety and efficiency of their horse shows. Horse show evaluations were reviewed monthly.

Comprised of the entire board, this committee depends on the feed back of exhibitors, trainers, and spectators. The horse show evaluation form is a valuable tool for identifying and correcting problems. The committee strongly encourages all participants to provide feedback in this manner.

SWVHJA CLINIC COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE

Cricket Stone-Morris
Gordon Reistrup

The SWVHJA held one clinic this year. The TCP Clinic was held on March 21-22, 2015 at the Virginia Horse Center with Mary Babick as Clinician. There were six sessions offered initially over the event period. The clinic was very successful and received good reports from participants. Plans are to host another clinic in 2016.