

SWVHJA Board Meeting
September 7, 2021 7PM
Zoom

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 by President, Cricket Stone Morris.

Present:

Those board members present were Cricket Stone Morris, Emily Guyer, Holly Morris, Sherri West, Anne Lesko, Luanne Leonard, Phillip Williamson, Gordon Reistrup, Jason Berry, and Executive Secretary Anne Johnston.

July Meeting Minutes:

Minutes from the July board meeting were reviewed. Gordon Reistrup made a motion to approve minutes. Anne Lesko seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

Treasure Report:

The Treasurer's report reflected a balance of \$11,301.19 in the checking and \$21,797.23 in savings. Phillip Williamson made motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Gordon Reistrup seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

Old Business:

- **Jumper Sub-Committee Comments:** Recommendations from the subcommittee include:
 - Define jumper specifications more thoroughly, possibly consulting with VHSA to find alignment.
 - Accept points accumulated in this show year for those divisions that were within specification heights, and to begin the 2022 - 2023 show season with clearly defined division heights.
 - Provide clarification for the Executive Secretary role outlining when the Board should be consulted for interpretation of prize list language compared to association division specifications.
 - Philip Williamson will circulate a recommendation regarding edits to the Low Jumper specifications to ensure the language meets the intention of the division.
- **Thoroughbred Division:** Division specifications for the 2022 – 2023 show season: The SWVHJA Thoroughbred Hunter is limited to horses who are registered or eligible to be registered with the Jockey Club. To be judged on performance, manners, and way of going. To be shown at 2'6" or 3' in height.
- **Amateur Eligibility Question:** This is an evolving concern previously presented and discussed by the Board and Executive leadership. Further information is being collected and reviewed to inform any decision that will be made regarding this issue.

New Business:

- **Hollins Medal:** The pandemic has presented significant hurdles with holding a Hollins Medal Finals event at the Riding Center at Hollins University. Discussion was held regarding holding the Hollins Medal Finals on Friday in the East Complex during the Annual Show. The Board supports this addition to the Annual Show schedule. Sherri West will reach out to Molly Moore to finalize plans.

- **Clinic Date:** The Clinic Committee will discuss holding clinics during winter and summer of 2022. Further specifications will be provided after the committee discusses options with the potential clinicians. The recommendation is for the winter clinic to be over one day, and the summer clinic over two days.
- **Recent Show Management Concerns:** Multiple issues were presented with a recent horse show, which are operating outside of rules of the association. A letter regarding the issues will be sent to the horse show manager advising of the concerns.

Next meeting is scheduled for October 5, 2021 at 7PM via Zoom. Sherri West made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Philip Williamson seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM.

-Submitted: Anne Justis Lesko