

**SWVHJA Board Meeting**  
**February 7, 2017**  
**Molly's House, Lexington, VA , 7:30 p.m.**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:42 by president, Luanne Leonard.

**Present:** Those board members present were Luanne Leonard, Gordon Reistrup, Catherine Daniel, Tara Deckel, Heather Weaver, Diane Hinch, Darlene Kemper, Kristen Nelson, Emily Guyer, Sarah Irvine, Molly Moore, and Executive Secretary Anne Johnston.

**Meeting Minutes:** The December minutes will be emailed to the board for approval.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's Report reflected a balance of \$22,586.88 in checking and \$11,192.12 in savings. Gordon Reistrup made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Darlene Kemper seconded the motion. The Treasurer's Report was approved and filed.

**Old Business**

**PRE-BEGINNER:**

Gordon made a motion to add the new specs for the Pre-Beginners. They will read "Open to junior and amateur rides in their first year of showing over fences less than 2' in height. Riders are eligible for one horse show year and may not enter divisions with fence heights of 2' or above. The division will not count against the rider's one year eligibility for the Beginner Equitation division. To be judged on rider's position and control. Division may be combined with the Beginner Equitation division at managements discretion if entries warrant. Fence materials limited to: rails, small flower boxes, and brush. Ground line may not make the jump wider than it is high. Course to be a minimum of 6 obstacles. Fence height 18". No oxers permitted." Diane Hinch second the motion. The motion was approved.

**COLLEGIATE MEMBERSHIP:**

Heather made a motion to accept the Collegiate Membership specs as previously written by Cricket Stone. Darlene Kemper second the motion. The motion was approved.

**SHOW COMMITTEES:**

Show Calendar: Ashley Holsinger, Tara Deckel, Gordon Reistrup, Cricket Stone. Assess the current SWVHJA calendar and compare to the USEF Calendar. Report back in May.

- # of dates per entity will be evaluated after the calendar is assessed.

Show Mentorship: Kristen Nelson, Luanne Leonard. New show applications will be referred to the board. This committee will help new managers in understanding the swvhja rules as well as guide them to hosting a show to the standards of swvhja.

By-Laws: Sarah Irvine, Tara Deckel, Heather Weaver, Darlene Kemper, Molly Moore. Assess the rule book and by laws, making sure that everything is included that needs to be.

**New Business:**

**CLINIC:**

SWVHJA is looking in to hosting the clinic in conjunction with the VHC. It will be held in mid July (11-21ish). We are waiting to hear back to secure dates with clinicians. Cricket stone will look into a scholarship application from the USHJA to help offset costs. A committee to help organize the clinic will consist of Luanne Leonard, Catherine Daniels, Molly Moore, and Cricket Stone.

**ELECTIONS:**

Elections for the 2017 board are as follows-

President: Emily Guyer

Vice President: Gordon Reistrup

Treasurer: Darlene Kemper

Secretary: Molly Moore

Parliamentarian: Cricket Stone

**Adjournment:**

Gordon Reistrup made a motion to adjourn. Diane Hinch second the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be at Molly's house on March 13th at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Tara Deckel