

Oregon Hunter Jumper Association
Minutes of the General Board Meeting
Sunday, January 7, 2007
Salem Convention Center, Salem, Oregon

Attendance

2007 board members present included Jen Cox, Kathy Hall, Trish Helmer, Tamara McShane, Amy Ruge, Connie Tuor, Linda Worley and Vicki Zacharias. Outgoing 2006 board members Patty Shannon and Becky Hughes were also present. 2007 junior representatives Sarah Aschwald and Kara Fergusson attended the meeting. Approximately 30 general members were also present. Current board member Darcy Mize was unable to attend.

Call to Order

Outgoing president Trish Helmer called the meeting to order. Trish thanked Triple Rise for their wonderful job hosting the 2006 banquet. The new OHJA board members and officers were introduced to the membership.

Minutes

Secretary Amy Ruge read the draft of the December 11, 2006 general board meeting minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously as written.

Treasurer's Report

Becky Hughes presented to the membership the 2006 financial statements. See handouts.

2006 Awards Banquet

Cristin Babcock, the banquet organizer, gave a preliminary report on the outcome of the 2006 awards banquet: Silent auction proceeds totaled \$3,720. Ticket sales for the banquet totaled \$12,350. It was noted that the silent auction proceeds go into the general fund and any excess profit goes into the JEF fund.

The following suggestions were made for future banquets:

- (1) Cristin recommended having a board member with authority to write checks be active on each future banquet committee to avoid having an individual committee member write a personal check for banquet expenses.
- (2) Mike Gallaway recommended that each trainer be responsible for reporting to the committee in a timely manner the total number of tickets to be purchased by their barn.
- (3) Mike suggested having a fixed deadline two weeks before the banquet for ticket payments, with a requirement that payments received after that date be made only by credit card.
- (4) Vicki suggested assigning each bidder at the auction a designated number to use when making bids.

- (5) Mike suggested giving the barn with the “best” barn basket an award. (most creative, etc.)

Mary Beth Powell, the silent auction organizer, reported that the following three auction items were taken but not paid for:

- (1) Medium green furry vest,
- (2) Basket containing horse movie and chocolates,
- (3) Dog theme basket.

Patty will put a request for information in the next OHJA newsletter to see if the recipient of these items can be located and contacted.

Julia Kubicek received a special thank you for sponsoring the 2006 certificate of merit program and for donations Julia contributed to the auction. Julia volunteered to be in charge of barn baskets for the 2007 banquet.

JEF Report

Junior representative Kara reported that JEF is currently selling updated membership directories for \$5 per copy. Beginning in the summer, the purchase price will increase to \$7 per directory.

It was noted that JEF’s goal is to help support juniors who participate in medal final competitions and to provide scholarship opportunities for JEF members.

Linda Worley reported that Cornerstone Stables will hold three horsemanship clinics with proceeds to benefit JEF. The clinic fee will be \$35 per person. Clinic dates will be January 7, February 10 and March 3.

Judy Brawley asked if JEF money could be used to support junior riders to show in the East instead of using the money for school scholarships. Mike said that JEF money has to be paid directly to the designated school of a scholarship recipient as a condition to qualify OHJA under its tax-free status.

Linda Worley, with Jen Cox’s assistance, volunteered to be in charge of helping JEF earn additional funds.

Cristin Babcock’s husband suggested having an OHJA member with a marketing background help JEF learn how to raise additional money. Vicki volunteered to ask her client Teresa Link to help JEF members with marketing information.

USEF Convention Report

Mike and Mollie Gallaway attended the USEF convention, In addition to voting on rule changes, they reported that the convention included a discussion of grass roots topics and included the following information:

- (1) OHJA is recognized as one of a few organizations across the country that has a multi-tiered system. (local and open systems)

- (2) The Northwest (Oregon and Washington) is the fastest growing area in terms of USEF membership.

A discussion was held regarding the differences in rules between the Northwest (Oregon and Washington) and Canadian horse shows, such as differences in drug rules and heights of jumps in various divisions. Canadian representatives were invited but did not attend the convention to participate in this discussion.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE OREGON HUNTER JUMPER ASSOCIATION BYLAWS/RULES

The following bylaw/rule changes were proposed and voted on by the membership:

Page 1 – RULE I – DEFINITIONS, Section 1 – Horse Show Year

- **DELETE** “The horse show year shall begin November 1 and end October 31.”

ADD “The horse show year shall begin December 1 and end November 30.”

RATIONALE: To coincide with USEF and USHJA year end dates.

RESULT: The proposed change to Rule I was passed as written.

Page 2 – Rule IV GENERAL RULES FOR SHOW, Section A – Registration/Sanctioning

- **ADD** “Show management is limited to conducting four (4) OHJA-approved shows per competition year.”

RATIONALE: To give show managements equal opportunities to hold local horse shows during the show season.

RESULT: The proposed change to Rule IV was passed as written.

Page 5 – RULE IV - CLASS SPECIFICATIONS, Section 1 - HUNTERS

LOCAL SYSTEM

- Pre-Green Working Hunter:

SPLIT the combined division of Pre-Green Working Hunter into Pre-Green Working Hunter 3’ and Pre-Green Working Hunter 3’3”.

The OHJA Board reserves the right to combine the divisions and award a combined Pre-Green Working Hunter year-end championship.

RATIONALE: There is no cross entry restriction for Pre-Green horses, so horses can compete at both 3' and 3'3" at the same show. Currently, points earned at both heights are combined for a single year-end award. Consequently, horses that are showing at different heights are competing against one another for the year-end award, and horse can 'double-up' on points by competing in both classes at the same show.

RESULT: The proposed change to Rule IV failed to pass as written. The proposed rule was amended to refer only to the 3' division and delete the reference to the 3'3" division to read as follows: The Pre-Green Working Hunter 3' division in both the local and open divisions will receive awards. The motion was approved as amended.

PAGE 7 – RULE IV – CLASS SPECIFICATIONS, SECTION II - EQUITATION

OPEN SYSTEM

- Open Equitation Over Fences, 3'3", Junior to Ride:

DELETE the division as receiving a year-end championship award

RATIONALE: This division is no longer offered as such at shows. Instead, show management offers Junior Equitation over Fences and/or Children's Equitation over Fences, both of which currently receive year-end championship awards.

RESULT: The proposed change to Rule IV was passed as written.

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RESULT: The proposed change to Rule IV was passed as written.

PAGES 8 – 10 - RULE IV – CLASS SPECIFICATIONS, SECTION III - MEDAL CLASSES

- OHJA Mini Medal:

DELETE the following restriction: “Riders who win a qualifying class are not eligible to compete until the finals. Riders who accumulate ten points without winning a qualifying class may continue to complete until they do win.”

REPLACE the language above with: “Riders who win a qualifying class may continue to compete until the Mini Medal Finals.”

RATIONALE: To encourage continued participation in OHJA medal classes throughout the show season.

RESULT: The proposed change to Rule IV was passed as written.

- OHJA Children’s Medal:

DELETE the following restriction: “Riders who win a qualifying class are not eligible to compete until the finals. Riders who accumulate ten points without winning a qualifying class may continue to complete until they do win.”

REPLACE the language above with: “Riders who win a qualifying class may continue to compete until the Children’s Medal Finals.”

RATIONALE: To encourage continued participation in OHJA medal classes throughout the show season.

RESULT: The proposed change to Rule IV was passed as written.

- OHJA Junior Medal:

DELETE the following restriction: “Riders who win a qualifying class are not eligible to compete until the finals. Riders who accumulate ten points without winning a qualifying class may continue to complete until they do win.”

REPLACE the language above with: “Riders who win a qualifying class may continue to compete until the Junior Medal Finals.”

RATIONALE: To encourage continued participation in OHJA medal classes throughout the show season.

RESULT: The proposed change to Rule IV was passed as written.

- OHJA Adult Amateur Medal:

DELETE the following restriction: “Riders who win a qualifying class are not eligible to compete until the finals. Riders who accumulate ten points without winning a qualifying class may continue to compete until they do win.”

REPLACE the language above with: “Riders who win a qualifying class may continue to compete until the Adult Amateur Medal Finals.”

RATIONALE: To encourage continued participation in OHJA medal classes throughout the show season.

RESULT: The proposed change to Rule IV was passed as written.

- OHJA Senior Medal:

DELETE the following restriction: “Riders who win a qualifying class are not eligible to compete until the finals. Riders who accumulate ten points without winning a qualifying class may continue to compete until they do win.”

REPLACE the language above with: “Riders who win a qualifying class may continue to compete until the Senior Medal Finals.”

RATIONALE: To encourage continued participation in OHJA medal classes throughout the show season.

RESULT: The proposed change to Rule IV was passed as written.

PAGE 10 – 11 – RULE IV – CLASS SPECIFICATIONS, Section V - Jumpers

OPEN SYSTEM

- Level 1 Jumper

ADD as year-end championship award

RATIONALE: Increasing number of competitors in this division; provides year-end award in Jumper division that is comparable to those awarded in Hunter division (i.e., Baby Green Hunter)

RESULT: The proposed change to Rule IV failed to pass.

- Level 2 Jumper

ADD as year-end championship award

RATIONALE: Increasing number of competitors in this division; provides year-end award in Jumper division that is comparable to those awarded in Hunter division (i.e., Pre-Green Hunter)

RESULT: The proposed change to Rule IV failed to pass.

- Level 3 Jumper

ADD as year-end championship award

RATIONALE: Increasing number of competitors in this division; provides year-end award in Jumper division that is comparable to those awarded in Hunter division (i.e., First Year Green Hunter)

RESULT: The proposed change to Rule IV failed to pass.

The above three proposed rules were amended with a proposal that levels 1, 2, and 3 jumpers in the open system be combined for a year end award. The proposed rule passed as amended.

- Level 4 Jumper

ADD as year-end championship award

RATIONALE: Increasing number of competitors in this division; provides year-end award in Jumper division that is comparable to those awarded in Hunter division (i.e., Second Year Green Hunter)

RESULT: The proposed change to Rule IV was passed as written.

- Level 5 /6 Jumper

ADD as year-end championship award to REPLACE the current “Preliminary/Intermediate Jumper” award.

DEFINITION: All monies won in classes held at Level 5 or 6, including Mini Prix or Grand Prix classes, count toward year-end championship awards.

The OHJA Board reserves the right to split the division into separate Level 5 and Level 6 awards for year-end championship awards.

RATIONALE: The USEF no longer classifies jumper classes as “Preliminary” or “Intermediate” with eligibility based upon monies won. Split and redefine “Preliminary/Intermediate Jumpers,” as currently defined in the OHJA Rules.

RESULT: The proposed change to Rule IV was passed as written.

- Level 7 /8/9 Jumper

ADD as year-end championship award to REPLACE the current “Open/Modified Jumper” award.

DEFINITION: All monies won in classes held at Level 7, 8, or 9, including Grand Prix classes, count toward year-end championship awards.

The OHJA Board reserves the right to split the division into separate Level 7, Level 8, and Level 9 awards for year-end championship awards.

RATIONALE: The USEF no longer classifies jumper classes as “Open” or “Modified,” with eligibility based upon monies won. Split and redefine “Open/Modified Jumpers,” as currently defined in the OHJA Rules.

RESULT: The proposed change to Rule IV was passed as written.

- Young Jumper – 5 Year Olds

ADD an Open System year-end award, held according to USEF Rules

DEFINITION: Open to horses with papers indicating a foaling date five years previous to the current calendar year. Classes must be scored under Table II without a jump-off, or under Table V (optimum time) with or without a jump-off. Fence height Level 4 (Level 5 permitted after June 1st).

The OHJA Board reserves the right to combine this division with the Young Jumper – 6 Year Olds division for year-end championship awards.

RATIONALE: The USEF, WSHJA and other hunter/jumper associations, and horse show management companies nationwide are increasingly promoting the development of young jumper prospects in age- and developmentally-appropriate classes.

RESULT: The proposed change to Rule IV was passed as written.

- Young Jumper – 6 Year Olds

ADD an Open System year-end award, held according to USEF Rules

DEFINITION: Open to horses with papers indicating a foaling date six years previous to the current calendar year. Horses competing in classes restricted to Six Year Olds may not have ever shown in Open Jumper Classes offering \$25,000 or more in prize money. Classes may be scored under Table II without a jump-off, under Table V (optimum time) with or without a jump-off, or under Table II, Section 1 or 2. Fence height Level 5 (Level 6 permitted after June 1st).

The OHJA Board reserves the right to combine this division with the Young Jumper – 5 Year Olds division for year-end championship awards.

RATIONALE: The USEF, WSHJA and other hunter/jumper associations, and horse show management companies nationwide are increasingly promoting the development of young jumper prospects in age- and developmentally-appropriate classes.

RESULT: The proposed change to Rule IV was passed as written.

PAGE 10 – 11 – RULE IV – CLASS SPECIFICATIONS, Section V - Jumpers

LOCAL SYSTEM

- Level 1 Jumper

ADD as year-end championship award

RATIONALE: Increasing number of competitors in this division; provides year-end award in Jumper division that is comparable to those awarded in Hunter division (i.e., Baby Green Hunter)

RESULT: The proposed change to Rule IV was passed as written.

- Level 2 Jumper

ADD as year-end championship award

RATIONALE: Increasing number of competitors in this division; provides year-end award in Jumper division that is comparable to those awarded in Hunter division (i.e., Pre-Green Hunter)

RESULT: The proposed change to Rule IV was passed as written.

- Level 3 Jumper

ADD as year-end championship award

RATIONALE: Increasing number of competitors in this division; provides year-end award in Jumper division that is comparable to those awarded in Hunter division (i.e., First Year Green Hunter)

RESULT: The proposed change to Rule IV was passed as written.

- Level 4 Jumper

ADD as year-end championship award

RATIONALE: Increasing number of competitors in this division; provides year-end award in Jumper division that is comparable to those awarded in Hunter division (i.e., Second Year Green Hunter)

RESULT: The proposed change to Rule IV was passed as written.

PAGE 2 – RULE III – GENERAL RULES FOR SHOW, SECTION III – Point Accumulation

OPEN SYSTEM

- Out of State Horses:

DELETE the following restriction: “Out of state horses must compete in four or more Oregon shows to be eligible for OHJA year-end awards. An out of state horse is a horse whose owner (lessor) is not an Oregon resident or resident of contiguous counties.”

REPLACE the language above with: “All horses/riders must compete and accumulate points in three (3) or more Oregon shows to be eligible for the OHJA Open System year-end division championship.”

RATIONALE: Currently, a horse that is boarded, trained, and shown in Oregon (but whose owner lives outside of Oregon or a contiguous county) must compete in at least 4 Oregon shows. However, a horse whose owner lives in Oregon or a contiguous county need only compete in 2 Oregon shows. To make it more equitable, and to encourage greater participation in the new Oregon USEF-rated shows, require all OHJA Open System members to participate in 3 Oregon shows to be eligible for a year-end award.

RESULT: The proposed change to Rule III failed to pass.

General Business

Website: Mike Gallaway suggested having a photo of each scholarship award recipient posted on the website to support OHJA’s nonprofit status. Trish will be the website contact for the board. Bryan Drennen is our new webmaster.

Volunteer to Organize the 2007 Year End Awards Banquet: Linda and Wade Worley and Cornerstone Stables volunteered to host the 2007 Year End Awards Banquet.

Membership: Members who join or renew by March 31, 2007 will receive a complimentary subscription to *Flying Changes* magazine as part of their membership package.

Miscellaneous: Mike suggested giving Southern Oregon horse organizations, such as Stokes Landing, a special award for the year.

Thank you to Jill Charbonneau and Melanie Pennington for reinstating the prior point system.

Mike reported that he believes USHJA is doing a very good job.

Mike recommended having a horse show manager on the rules committee to help simplify the rules to allow flexibility for show managers to adapt their shows to OHJA’s needs.

General meeting adjourned.