



## **KHJA 2015 Annual Meeting**

The annual meeting of the Kentucky Hunter Jumper Association was held in the Rood and Riddle Conference Room in Lexington, Ky. The meeting was called to order at 6.55 by President Joyce Brinsfield.

The minutes from the 2014 KHJA Annual Meeting were presented by Sarah Coleman. Elaine Schott motioned to approve the minutes and Keedle Ritter-Konopka seconded. All were in favor.

The treasurer's report was read. The KHJA tax cycle is from 5.1.14 to 4.30.1.

Checking: **\$17,262.56**

Savings: **\$131,174.59**

Scholarship Fund: **\$2,785.67**

Stocks: **\$144,204.00**

**\$2,025** in advertising (rulebook and newsletter)

**\$8,380** in banquet reservations (cost to host banquet: **\$34,034.21**; in 2013 we spent **\$35,593.48**)

**\$2,423.50** in silent auction (last year: **\$3,111**)

**\$6,800** in show approvals (last year: **\$6,600**)

**\$17,720** in membership (last year: **\$14,582.50**)

2014 KHJA Horse Show in August made **\$140,000** profit

2015 Clinic cost **\$26,563.81** to host; it brought in **\$12,121**

\$960 in clinic participation reimbursement

Not on this years' tax cycle:

2015 KHJA Fall Horse Show (NR) made: **\$63,819.80** (\$2,100 in sponsorships and \$61,719.80 in entries); last year it made \$62,617.84 (\$13,100 in sponsorships and \$49,517.84 in entries)

The 2015 KHJA Fall Classic cost \$82,426.13 to host and we paid out \$823.40 in refunds

Keedle Ritter-Konopka motioned to approve the treasurer's report; Katy Ross seconded. All were in favor.

Committee reports:

Diana Conlon reported on the Scholarship Committee. The 2015 scholarship money will be \$5,000, double the \$2,500 from 2014. Diana encouraged junior to apply and the modification of the application to make it easier was discussed. The volunteer criteria now requires that a junior member volunteer at three events in two years. There is no minimum number of hours; the form just needs to be signed. This was done in an effort to broaden the scholarship pool. It was suggested that the upcoming events and shows at which juniors can volunteer be published online.

Caroline Smith reported on the Financial Committee. Ray Current is finalizing the KHJA audit. The committee is finalizing an organization-wide budget, as well as one specifically for the KHJA Fall Show.

Dave Warner reported on the Fall Classic Committee. The 2015 horse show went well; gift cards and ribbons were very well received by exhibitors.

Ashley Watts reported on the Banquet Committee. The 2015 Annual Awards Banquet will be held at the Barrel House. The meal will be served buffet-style; there will be a slide show and the annual silent auction.

Discussion over a raffle ensued. The suggestion of a free stall at either the Fall Classic of the KHJA AA show was well received. Trena Kerr motioned that a free stall be raffled at the 2015 KHJA Annual Awards banquet. Maria Kneipp seconded. All were in favor.

Ashley Watts reported on the Newsletter Committee. Lesley Ward is now laying out the newsletter. Ashley encouraged KHJA members to write and advertise in upcoming issues

Laura D'Angelo reported on the Bylaws Committee. She suggested reinstating the articles of incorporation as the original are old and on microfiche. She reported that the bylaws were incomplete and that KHJA needed to have to have published bylaws (see handout). She suggested a complete restatement that would include number of directors, how long they serve, number of directors per region, that directors must be a KHJA member for 2 years, etc. These are required by the Secretary of State in case KHJA in case we get audited. Laura D'Angelo motioned that the new amended and reinstated bylaws be approved. Bruce Brown seconded. The motion passed.

Diana Conlon reported on the Rules Committee. She encouraged anyone with suggestions for 2016 rulebook to email her. In the 2016 KHJA rulebook, the adult and children's hunters and jumpers will match the USEF description.

Nancy George reported on the Charity Committee. The Kentucky Equine Humane Center was thrilled with the \$5,000 gift from KHJA, which will be used to build two (2) 12x20 run-ins. There is no delivery date set yet, but a plaque acknowledging KHJA will be placed on the run-ins

Elaine Schott and Trena Kerr reported on the Alltech Horse Show Committee. Elaine Schott proposed a 2-day clinic on January 14 and 15 (Thursday and Friday) that would showcase Thoroughbreds; the clinic would have a Thoroughbred green horse group as well as two other divisions that would be open to all breeds. She suggested hosting a Hunter Derby on Friday evening with hacking in the Alltech beforehand.

Hunters would run on Saturday; the jumpers would run all day Sunday. There would be a Derby and a jumper class will prize money. Spectators would pay to audit the clinic. It was suggested that a two-day horse show will prevent one super long day and will give more people a chance to show in the Alltech.

Dave Warner suggests giving a stipend to farms to host their own clinics, instead of trying to stuff everything into four days. David Warner gather information for what criteria would need to be met by farms to receive the stipend.

Old business:

Website update: None.

Points: Mark Llewellyn reported on horse show points. It was recommended that the "contact us" issue have the ability to be submitted anonymously. Trainers were reminded that clients may not read rulebook, but they should be encouraged to do so before contacting Mark directly as some of their questions can be answered without his involvement.

Joyce Brinsfield reported on KHJA Activities. The dog show, which was hosted at the Robert Murphy July show was well attended. The Dirty Pony contest at Ballyhigh Show Stable was also well attended. It was suggested that the conformation clinic Mark Llewellyn presented could be done at a horse show at the Park. It was suggested that some of the events take place in areas other than Lexington.

New business:

Election results:

Eastern: Geoffrey Case, Lynn Johnson, Kristine Urschel, Ashley Watts

Western: Keedle Ritter-Konopka, Laurie Murray, Sara Spry, Stephanie Walton

Northern: Trena Kerr, Shari Murray

Out of state: Maria Kneipp

The National Horse Show is in need of additional volunteers, which could be considered hours for the scholarship fun.

Katy Ross reported that the sales tax equity issue remove sales tax on horse items, which would benefit all KHJA members. She reminded the attendees that the only way this initiative will pass is by individuals writing representatives (after election) Katy will provide a link to the letter writing campaign that will be emailed out to KHJA members.

Bruce Brown motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7.51 p.m.; Trena Kerr seconded. All were in favor.