



**Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, March 25, 7.30 p.m.**

7.25 call to order

Conference call was available: Anne, Tara, Leslie, Maria, on call

Attendance: Elaine Schott, Bruce Brown, David Warner, Katrina Fanning, Diana Conlon, Elaine Hoffmann, Ashley Watts, Katy Ross, Joyce Brinsfield, Dan Kaiser, Melissa Murphy, Michelle, Marianne Murphy

Next KHJA meeting: will take place on Thursday, May 16, at 6.30 p.m. outside the Stoneleigh Ring

Treasurers Report:

Checking: \$55,361.78

Scholarship Fund: \$2,784.66

Savings: \$31,993.74

Stocks: \$67,915.50

Tara: Scholarship info update: dates and form waiting for updates on website, Sarah will remind David. Deadline closes Nov. 1; to be presented at the Annual Awards Banquet. All applications will be sent to the P.O. Box and Sarah will white out the names before sending all applications in one packet on to the committee members. Tara will remind Jennifer to send mass emails about scholarship opportunities. Sarah has asked for a separate link off the KHJA homepage for a Scholarship link.

Website: look updated in three (3) weeks. We hope to have more news, photos, etc. on the website. Helpful to have on website. A page will also include: "If you have questions or concerns about the following (will include links to email addresses)": **Sarah to do.**

Name change:

Registration:

Photos:

Newsletter information:

Newsletter billing:

Rules:

Shows:

Events:

Advertising:

Sponsorship Page:

We talked a bit about offering links back to KHJA: web search engines will improve our web search engine rankings

Link to USHJA pages for the Outreach Medal.

Add to navigation bar: Rulebook, Scholarship Information. Sarah has emailed David.

Banquet Update: Katrina, Trena, Maria, Elaine Hoffmann suggested we go back to Marriott for Jan. 4, 2014. Price would be the same, but would like to include a DJ and dancing as it was so well received.

Annual Meeting Update: The 2013 KHJA Annual Meeting will take place on Friday, Nov. 8, at the Best Western in Frankfort in the meeting room. Discussion of committing the Annual Meeting to the same place and time every year (i.e., first weekend in November). Joyce motions, Katy seconded. All in favor to move annual meeting to Best Western Nov. 8, 7.30 meeting start time. Junior meeting first; senior meeting to follow. Order pizza like last year, need RSVPs. Will go on website.

Rules Committee:

For 2014: Elaine suggested changing the 15-17 equitation so it coincides: 11+under; 12-14; 15 and over. A 3' equitation o/f needs to be offered. An Intermediate Equitation division will be added.

Therefore, intermediate child/adult eq. 15 and older can do 3' course and if a rider is older than 15 and competing at 2'6, they can have a height as well. It is hoped that this will clear up qualifying in two (2) height divisions. Maria motions; all in favor. No opposed. Will go to Annual Meeting in November.

We are combining age group equitation points at the local level to qualify for the Medals.

Medal class updates: KHJA will participate in USHJA Medal Awards; will award four divisions ribbons, ballcaps; winners get in *In Stride* magazine. This year no format change for the KHJA Medal; the focus will be on promotion. KHJA will up the ante of the prizes; and make it more prestigious. The actual KHJA medal will be on hand for presentation at the Finals and a nice prize table and display will also be in place. Also discussed was a Trainer award for each division; Best Horse of the Medal (halter); and coolers for qualifier and saddle pads for Reserve. Everyone who qualifies will get a KHJA goodie bag. Elaine Schott motioned that KHJA fund Medal awards that are not donated, Joyce seconded.

Elaine recommends KHJA also participate in the USHJA outreach program. Elaine motions we rearrange our deadline for the Junior Sportsmanship Awards, Sportsmanship Awards and Trainer Award to coincide with USHJA, whose deadline by Sept. 1. Ballots will need to be mailed by August 1 with a response deadline of August 15 to hit USHJA deadline. An email will need to be sent four weeks prior on July 1 calling for nominations with a deadline of July 25 to allow for printing and mailing time for Sportsmanship ballots.

Elaine discussed the USHJA Outreach Medal. All shows hosting a USHJA medal would need to charge \$5 more a class to affiliate with USHJA. The USHJA Outreach Medal can be linked to any other class (i.e., the KHJA medal or the Lakeside medal). It must have three (3) riders in the class for it to count.

Riders must pay \$15 to USHJA to become a member if s/he is not currently a member. This has a gap of one month of IHSA members, though the pricing option is the same. All collegiate riders will be responsible for making sure their membership is active..

A mass email with dates was discussed, and Diana will complete for Jennifer to mail out. Dates to be mentioned include the USHJA Outreach medal; the Child/Adult jumper championships (by state) in Saugerties in Sept. (application April 15); scholarship deadlines; etc.

Social Committee: Marianne will host trivia Battle of the Barns on the Friday night of her horse show. Also discussed were a horsemanship challenge quiz exam and a golf cart parade. Melissa Murphy will see if Devers donate a golf cart rental to the winning barn.

The winning Battle of the Barns kids' team will have the option to judge professional equitation class. We are in need of definitions for the Battle of the Barns for the KHJA website.

Joyce also mentioned getting adults away from horse show grounds and together during horse shows by possibly hosting potluck dinners at rotating farms.

Youth Committee: KHJA Youth took a tour of RREH on Wed. April 3.

Formation of point reworking committee: one point system pros and cons; Diana will chair original committee of: Sara Spry, Lynn Johnson, Ken Evancic, Erin Silvestri, Joyce Brinsfield, Nancy George, and Nancy Appelhof.

New Business:

Clinic dissemination: The next KHJA clinic will take place on Jan. 25 and 26, 2014 at Lakeside Arena. It will not conflict with OHJA clinic. Discussion of a judge's clinic and riding clinic, one in each ring (one to include smaller kids: ponies, short stirrup). The committee will bring options for judges: Brownie, Don Stewart, Mike Rosser.

Tabled until next meeting.

Meeting adjourned 9.40 p.m. Bruce motioned, Michelle seconded.