



VIHJA Position	Contact
President	Brittany Turner - Present
Vice President	Tanya Hardy- Excused
Membership	Jodine Budyens - Excused
Treasurer	Leanne Creed- Present
Secretary & Communication	Leora Gibson - Present
Competition Points	Diana Lewall- Present
Sponsors & Prizes - Benefit Show	Erin Robinson- Present
Jumps	Meghan Rawlins- Present
Hunt Ball Coordinator	

1. Call to Order

- 6:44 called to order by Brittany, seconded by Leanne

2. Additions to Agenda

- Discussion of Points

It used to be 5 of 7 shows, now it's 6 shows total

As of last Directors' meeting, voted in that every show will be worth even points

Discussion regarding “best of three” (or four), as opposed to someone who went to all the shows and did poorly, but could still be year-end champion – does this discourage participation?

Discussion re: horse/rider combination rule changes – is this such an issue now that we have scrapped double points? Overall opinions of membership: no, even points addresses the issue

Member question: why are the points different in the medals? Does it need to be reviewed, if we're trying to encourage participation? Diana: medals are not a division, they are individual classes. Meghan: Medals are also individually sponsored classes, so the sponsor chooses the criteria.

Leanne: rules changes review:

Short/Long Stirrup Divisions, Beginner Hunter will be judged on rider, points accrued by rider

Jumping points stay the same

Flat – 5,3,2,1 (no half points)

Hunters 2'6" and up – points accrued by the horse

Still looking for a sponsor for one Medal Class – any ideas among membership?

Member question: Vast inconsistency in the prizes at SSITS – some divisions got incredible prizes, some divisions almost nothing - can we ensure that there is some level of consistency?

Board: Not much we can do on a show that isn't run by the VIHJA, other than give feedback to the management of the show, also, we are working with individual sponsors who may choose to sponsor very differently

Brittany: Could we send out a suggested monetary value for Champion, Reserve, etc ? To help with consistency across different shows

Further discussion to be had with Directors

3. Approval of Minutes

Last AGM highlights: read by Brittany

- Financials balance \$59,610.23 including COH, investments, GICs, etc
- Benefits show and Gala both made money
- Bookkeeper to be hired

General:

- Medical personnel on site for all shows, Benefits show the financial responsibility of VIHJA, other shows up to each show's management

Approval of minutes suggested by Brittany, seconded by Meghan

4. Financials

- Benefits show around \$8000 profit (about double from last year)
- Hunt Ball lost about \$3000 in 2016, last year made \$3000 (in the plus for the first time ever)
- Conflict with Appy Show

Brittany: spent a fair money on jumps this year, as planned – Hunter boxes etc

GIC of \$15,000 available if needed for Benefit Show this year

Member: question re: balance sheet, can be made available by accountant

Member: do we have all the jumps we want/need? M/B: no, poles are next priority, then replace standards

Member: are the assets of the club not recognized on the financials? eg. Value of jumps

Leanna: Mitch has been hired to do an inventory to place values of everything, so this is pending

Member (Cathy) – historically we have written them off as soon as they are purchased, rather than running a depreciating value

5. Election of New Executives and Directors

President –

Nominations: Leanne & Brittany

Brittany called a vote

Leanne elected by the Membership

Vice-President –

Nominated: Katie Hourigan

Katie accepted

Jumps –

Meghan Rawlins accepted to continue for 2017

Treasurer -

Cathy Totten nominated by Leanne

Cathy accepted

Sponsorship –

Erin Robinson accepted to continue for 2017, with help from member Trudean Knight

Hunt Ball –

Nominated: Victoria Strongman

Victoria accepted

Secretary -

Nominated: Heather Love

Heather accepted

Membership –

Nominated: Cathy Totten

Cathy accepted, Sam Aird offered to assist

6. New Business

- None presented

7. Meeting Adjourned by Brittany at 7:35