



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

Members in attendance – Trudy Exton, Helen Leslie, Victoria Parsons

7:05 **Call to order** by President Brittany Turner  
 - Second by Trudy

AGENDA – Brittany

1. Call to Order
2. Financials
3. Rules
4. Website
5. Hunt Ball
6. Sponsorship
7. Jumps
8. Clinics

Motion: to accept the Agenda as presented.

**Financials**

Brittany gave an update on the current state of the account, just under \$18,000

- new jump cheque en route \$8300 approx
  - Website to be paid \$1,115
  - **Judy Cummings?** \$800 in prizes from Greenhawk
  - Therefore actual balance closer to 8k
  - we need a fundraising event or money-making activity prior to our show
  - It costs 40k to run our horse shows, we don't want to dip into our GIC, it really is an emergency fund
- All present discussed ideas for money-raising events
- Brittany: wondering if Westside would be interested in doing a Fun Fair again? (Bouncy castle, dunk tank, pony rides etc?)

Tanya – VIHJA was accepted by Westjet for the “two tickets to anywhere” but we are NOT yet a registered charity. All agreed that we should research becoming a charitable organization, Brittany will

do so

Tanya suggested her mother, Lee Hardy, be contacted for hunter flowers, fern, fill, boxes etc, suggested the VIHJA pay her for a day to make the arrangements, Brittany requested a quote, Tanya will add Peter Holmes to the conversations as well.

- Tanya: Lee said we can get down to \$150 per jump for all the materials (after which VIHJA owns those materials), then ongoing cost would be \$300/day to arrange the course aesthetic

Brittany/Meghan: we are on-budget for jumps

Brittany: is it worth it to try to get some businesses to sponsor some of the jump materials?

Tanya/Meghan – this is difficult logistically

Brittany: the 150/300 seems reasonable? All agreed

## **Rules**

Brittany and Tanya reviewed changes to Equine Canada's rules:

- 2' Hunter now a year-end division

- Equine Canada: Children's Hunters can now not show above 1m jumpers in the same competition

- is everyone aware that if an adult shows the pony in the Open, a child may not compete that pony at the show

- Brittany was asked by a member if Open Pony division could have a year-end award as well

Motion did not pass; discussion that rated ponies is already a division

Brittany: Meghan do you still want to sponsor? Yes

Tanya do you want to sponsor a medal? No, have many other things sponsored

Helen: Foxstone will continue to sponsor as before

Tanya: we should consider a cap on how many classes a horse can do at a show (discussion only)

Brittany: we have changed our rules you only have to attend two horse shows in order to be eligible for year-end awards

## **Website**

Erin: Will our sponsors have a dedicated page or place on our website?

Leora: will make sure they are prominent, may be on frame of page

Leora: website has been cloned, we won't lose anything, members can still see the information even now while the new one is getting made

Leora: variety of pictures needed, want to be representative of our membership

Brittany: coaches, encourage your students to submit photos to Leora for consideration

Leora: suggest I get the designer to make one page and then submit to the Directors for approval/tweaking of style/colours/layout

All agreed

## **Hunt Ball**

Tanya: The Naval Base location may be a venue to consider? red carpet, Golden Globes feel, make a theme, we opened a gmail account for Erica Harris, huntball@gmail.com

Put it out on Facebook, asking for member's ideas– Tanya will email Leora a description

When?

Brittany: first week of November? Meghan will be gone October 18th, but is okay with October if best for everyone

October 15<sup>th</sup> goal? Proposed by Brittany, seconded by Meghan (to be researched and attempted, pending venue etc)

## **Sponsorship**

Erin: we are good, made a spreadsheet of what sponsors we had last year, following up with everyone,

sign company in mind, sponsorship tent at Benefit? Meghan: ask Heather first  
Benefit show, Nikki Reid class, “mock CET”, Friday Double Diamond, Gambler's Choice  
Brittany: members want a clearer first aid station, visibly on site and easy to find  
Erin: will talk to Peter about signage for parking etc  
Erin: Do we want to do a daily high-point hunter prize and a daily “ride of the day” in the Jumper ring?  
- Seconded by Brittany, all Approved  
Erin: vet day fee, Erin and Judy are working on getting a vet and a farrier to work on-site at our shows for a day fee  
Erin: Victoria Brain injury society? Concussion baseline testing, Brittany is researching to have a table at the horse shows, then we could keep baseline results on file  
Brittany and Peter are considering sponsoring a class where half the money goes back to the Victoria Brain Injury Society  
Meghan, Tanya – is this going to just scare a lot of people away? Could it backfire by having riders be more fearful or distracted?  
Meghan, I think it should be a workshop, not at the horseshow,  
Agreed by Helen, Tanya, Erin  
Brittany: should we post information on baseline testing on our Facebook page? Brittany will do the research and we can post it and people can go from there  
Seconded by Helen, all agreed research should be done

## **Jumps**

Meghan – what to do about flowers? Should we go ahead with the plan outlined above? 150/jump?  
All agreed yes. Meghan suggested we just need enough for ten jumps, we can piece together two more good ones from what we have. All agreed (see below, later the motion is passed for twelve jumps)  
Tanya suggested she could host a one-day fundraising show with proceeds going towards jumps – but when? Meghan: VIHJA Schooling Show, Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> of June at Lochside? Tanya – yes, beginner hunter courses, starting with poles on the ground, up to 2'3-2'6 Derby. Tanya will make a program, and do all the prizes etc. After expenses, the money will come to the VIHJA. Cross-enter one height up or down.  
Motion for Fundraising Show June 25<sup>th</sup> seconded by Helen, all Approved  
With this proposal, Meghan said yes let's do 12 jumps @ 150, seconded by Brittany, Helen  
Motion is passed to buy twelve hunter jump sets of décor, at \$150 each, through Lee Hardy  
June 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> Tanya/Lochside will host open schooling day  
Brittany: we will have to hold off on getting poles until we have more money. Do we have useful poles for jumper jumps?  
Brittany: Slegg Lumber; Erin will follow up with Slegg Lumber to see if they will sponsor any poles  
Tanya: Westwold (Larry) they had some 10' bundles left over from their Spruce order, those bundles are cheaper, Tanya will investigate

## **Clinics**

Brittany: membership interest, should we consider hosting something?  
Discussed, agreed that no, the VIHJA must focus on the shows and leave it up to individual barns to host clinics  
Leora passed out information on the upcoming Equitation clinic at Queen Margaret's School, with Nick Karazissis May 4,5,6

## **Final Orders of Business**

Brittany: brought to our attention that a member wants a steward on the grounds for the show

Meghan – not in our budget, not necessary for a Heritage show, all agreed

Brittany: our flatbed trailer, mistakenly is registered by name to BC Hunter and Jumper Association. Cannot be changed without the trailer being “gifted” to VIHJA. Who is going to Thunderbird? The transfer forms need to be signed by Justine Annandale from BCHJA

Meghan – will get those forms to Justine Annandale

Brittany: It was \$68 to rent this space

Trudy, Tanya both offered their lounge spaces for future meetings, all agreed those would be good options to save us some money for future meetings

**Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned by Brittany Turner at 8:30 pm. Minutes recorded by Leora Gibson, Recording Secretary, Monday, April 11, 2016.

These minutes have not been Adopted. It is anticipated they will be Adopted at the next VIHJA Meeting.