



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- Present</u>
Secretary & Communication	<u>Leora Gibson - Present</u>
Competition Points	<u>Diana Lewall- Present</u>
Sponsors & Prizes - Benefit Show	<u>Erin Robinson- Present</u>
Jumps	<u>Meghan Rawlins- Excused</u>
Hunt Ball Coordinator	

Meeting Called to Order by Brittany @ 2:12, seconded by Diana

1. Review of Finances

Bottom Line:

Hunt Ball loss of over \$5000 – where did this discrepancy come from?

Billed for 150 people, only about 120 tickets sold – is the billing/ contract correct, or do we need to follow up with the venue? Higher venue cost than anticipated

Also: overlap with Appy show was a conflict, and lesser interest among membership

Tickets were \$60 each, venue charged \$75 per person (silent auction subsidized the difference)

Brittany will follow up on tickets sales and quote/billing with coordinator Victoria Strongman

Benefit Show made about \$9000

Net income for year minus -\$2000

Leanne will call re: jump storage

Outstanding monies owed? Confirming all cheques have been put through (Leanne)

Tanya: recommendation to go lighter on prizes (to reduce spending), and modify the points system to encourage better participation and fairer results. eg. Best of three, minimum of two

Diana: Did carefully check that all prize winners had participated in at least two shows

2. Jumps

Meghan unable to attend meeting

Erin: has a sponsor lined up to paint jumps – needs inventory, Brittany will send them to Erin

Tanya: contact in Westwold, for more poles to purchase – bundles go on sale – will give contact to Meghan to inquire on prices

Leanne: we also need to get rid of some inventory – should we wait until after April SSITS? Also, we

need to ensure that Peter Holmes is in approval with future pole/jump purchases

3. Email List and membership updates

Need to automate the system for memberships – online and another option – cheque? Cheques would have to be “membership pending” while we await cheques

Discussion re: cost/benefit of accepting credit cards and PayPal. versus etransfer

Leora will follow up with Jamie (website designer) regarding Jodine's emailed suggestions re:

MailChimp, and to ensure that we can accept cheques

Leanne/Brittany: should store previous years' emails in order to communicate with members who are late to sign up for the current year

A few outstanding memberships forms to still be updated, given to Leanne

Leora to update membership forms and waivers to 2017 and update on website. Bring/print membership forms

Leora to call Jamie re: next steps towards automating memberships for next year

4. Society Act in Regards to Points for Shows

Concern re: rule that the association cannot favour their own show with additional points awarded

Put to a vote: all shows awarded equal points (all agreed)

Brittany: suggests that we adopt Tanya's suggestion that we count “best of three” shows. Rider/horse combination would still have to compete in a minimum of two shows, and their highest point accumulation over three shows during the year would count towards their year-end points total.

Exceptions: rules for Equitation, Hunter, and Open divisions will remain the same as this year – except under saddle classes will accrue points at 5,3,2,1 (1st to 4th – no half points)

Rule updates will be completed by Leanne and sent to Leora to be included in our minutes and added to the website

Diana excused at 3:08

Meeting adjourned at 3:25

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