



Washington State Hunter Jumper Association
Meeting Minutes of the 58th Annual Meeting - By order of the Executive Board
December 1st, 2010 7:00 PM – Bellevue Sheraton

President/Vice President: Call to order and Annual Address

The President, Shelly Kerron, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. In her annual address she emphasized the strong financial situation of the Association. A record amount of prize money was paid out at the horse shows. The Association has invested in the member experience through increased member services, and greater hospitality at the horse shows. Shelly called on the membership to become more involved with the Association through the numerous volunteer opportunities available.

Secretary: Minutes of December 2nd, 2009 Annual Meeting

A motion was passed to approve the minutes of the 2009 Annual Meeting as posted.

Treasurer: 2010 Financial Report

Nancy Lewis, Treasurer, made a presentation about the financial status of the Association. 2010 was a banner year. The Association recovered from the loss in 2009 and closed the year with a net overall profit of \$71,336. This profit was invested in member services including improving the show experience, making the Northwest Autumn Classic an "AA" show, a new website, new database technology, and improved marketing efforts. The amount of prize money paid out in 2010 was \$24,000 more than in 2009. The Association needs to continue to be conservative financially, saving where it is possible and making strategic investments in order to continue to be financially sound.

Old Business: None

New Business

A. Horseshow Committee Presentation

Vice President, Corene Smith, made a presentation regarding the 2010 WSHJA horse shows. At this year's NWAC show the hunters showed outside and the jumpers showed inside. The NWAC was "AA" rated for 2011 the Spring National Hunter show will also be "AA" rated. Jumpers were added to the October Classic show for 2010. This made the schedule longer, but also helped to boost entries. Weekend stalls were offered in 2010 and this policy will continue for 2011.

B. Marketing Committee Presentation

Jessica Vania presented the Marketing and Communications Committee report. In 2010 the Marketing Committee focused on creating a better brand identity for the Association. They also implemented a Membership Management system which allows for a membership database, targeted communications, and automated membership renewal. The new WSHJA website, which goes online on December 1, 2010, will be the cornerstone of the marketing strategy. The new website will have a clean, inviting, professional feel. It will allow members and visitors to quickly access information and present a more professional "face" of the Association.

C. By Law Changes that Passed:

1. Article I, Section 1: Clarify Corporation Name
2. Replace all association acronyms with WSHJA
3. Article II, Section 1: Clarify Association Purpose
4. Article IV, Section 2: Add a member-at-large on the Executive Board and remove Marketing & Communications Representative.
5. Article IV, Section 2: Increase number of standing committees.
6. Article VII, Section 2, Items a - f: Clarify ballot procedures
7. Article VIII, Section 1 & 2: Clarify membership types & benefits
8. Article VIII, Section 4: Add sections clarifying effective date of membership and membership year
9. Article VIII, Section 6: Clarify member qualifications with regards to horse(s) recording
10. Article XI, Section 2: Clarify qualifications for points recording
11. Article XI, Section 3, Item #1 - 5: Clarify competition show year and National and State Awards programs
12. Article XI, Section 3, Item #6: Allow program change in case of ownership change after June 1st
13. Article XI, Section 3, Item #7: Clarify member responsibility for furnishing show results to points chair
14. Article XI, Section 3: Clarify and extend all point tables for hunters, jumpers and equitation
15. Article XI, Section 3: Expand the clarification of the Classic Points table
16. Article XI, Section 3: When classic points to be awarded are less than the points in the respective section table the higher point total will be credited.
17. Article XI, Section 3: Match the Equitation table to the C-Rated Hunter and Jumper tables by removing points for 7th and 8th place when there are 15 or less in a class.
18. Article XI, Section 3, Item #1 & 2: Replace U.S.A. Equestrian with USEF and expand the clarification for the minimum # of horses required for a section to count.
19. Article XI, Section 3, Item #3: Include Overall points for any USHJA International Hunter Derby and calculate as WSHJA Classic points.
20. Article XI, Section 3, Item #5: Include points for any USHJA National Hunter Classic.
21. Article XI, Section 3, Item #8 & 9: Expand the clarification for the 2 USEF shows in WA State requirement
22. Article XI, Section 4: Change the National award category Adult Amateur/Children's Hunter 3'3" to Amateur/Junior/Children's Hunter 3'3" & remove "no cross entry with Junior or Amateur Owner Hunters"
23. Article XI, Section 4: Change 1.3m, 1.4m, Junior and Amateur Owner Jumpers to be based on one point for every dollar won and clarify Elite Jumper as based on one point for every dollar won.
24. Article XI, Section 4: Remove "no cross entry with Children's/Adult Jumpers" where listed.
25. Article XI, Section 4: Remove State Junior Equitation, Children's Equitation 15-17 and 14 & under and add State Equitation 16-17, 14-15, 13 & under
26. Article XI, Section 4: Remove State WSHJA Elite Equitation 3'6"-3'9"
27. Article XII, Section 1, Item d & e: Add volunteer hours for scholarship applicants

28. Article XII, Section 1, Item f: Clarify the WSHJA Scholarship Fund limit of \$10,000

By-Law Changes That Did Not Pass:

1. Article IV, add section 6: Increase term to 2 years for Executive Board members except Junior Representative.
2. Article XI, Section 3, Item #4: Include Classic Round points, Handy Round points and Overall points for any USHJA International Hunter Derby and calculate as WSHJA Classic points.
3. Article XI, Section 4: Add height specifications for the Equitation award categories as listed.

Nominations and Voting for 2011 Executive Board

The following individuals were elected to the 2011 Executive Board: *President - Shelly Kerron, Equitation Rep - Heidi Snider-Evans, Hunter Rep - Sally Collins, Jumper Rep - Cara Anthony, Pony Rep - Kim Stuckens, Amateur Rep - Lola Michelin, Junior Rep - Leah Raphael, Members at Large - Megan Chagnon, Cindy Daniels, Sara Smith, Jessica Vania, and Jessica Hale.*

Announcements

a. 2010 Scholarship Recipients. Recipients have the option of presenting their Thank You letters at the 2010 Awards Banquet.

c. Awards Banquet 5PM, January 15th, 2011 at the Meydenbauer Center - Bellevue

Adjourn

A motion was approved to adjourn at 9:36 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betsy Christianson
Secretary
WSHJA