



Kentucky Hunter Jumper Association Board Meeting

June 12, 2023

A regular meeting of the Kentucky Hunter Jumper Association board of directors was called to order at 6:50 p.m.

In attendance: Ashley Watts (president), Mark Llewellyn (point secretary); Liz Barcomb, Kiana Berry, JP Bordeleau, Bruce Brown, Sabina Chambers, Kyle Davies, Lauren Ensor, Kim Gundry, Lynn Johnson, Jenny McGaughey, Melissa Murphy, Alex Nelson, Libby Richie, Keedle Ritter-Konopka, and Natassia Stallings.

Absent: Joyce Brinsfield, Sarah Coleman, Missy Jo Hollingsworth, and Jen Kraemer.

Approval of minutes: The minutes of the May 15, 2023, KHJA board meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report: None given.

Old Business: Ashley Watts discussed the replacement of mounting blocks at the Kentucky Horse Park. JP Bordeleau tackled the task of looking for the mounting blocks at the venue and found five. The only missing mounting block, according to him, is the one intended for use at the Claiborne ring. Lynn Johnson made a motion for KHJA to purchase a mounting block from Shawn Parker for \$525 to be used at Claiborne. Keedle Ritter-Konopka seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Ashley Watts then brought up the discounts offered to KHJA members by the Split Rock management, and asked Mark Llewellyn to describe one point that required the board's attention. He spoke of two people that became members of KHJA expressly for the discount offered by the horse show. However, despite being well publicized that half-price entry fees only applied to divisions set at 2'6" or lower, these people missed this point and asked for a refund of membership fees when they realized the discount would not be applicable to them. A short discussion ensued about how to handle this. Jenny McGaughey indicated that USEF membership fees might be nonrefundable, and further investigation revealed this to be true. The board decided since KHJA doesn't have a specific rule to address this, KHJA defers to the USEF rule and the membership fees will not be refunded. Libby Richie suggested adding a statement to the KHJA membership form that indicates all membership fees are nonrefundable. The same can be added to the electronic membership form on the KHJA website.

New Business: Ashley Watts raised a question about whether double points should be awarded to those that show at KHJA in August. A short discussion about double points for both the KHJA show and KHJA Fall Classic ended with Ashley Watts taking an informal vote to gauge if more discussion was necessary. The board decided to leave both the KHJA and KHJA Fall Classic horse shows as usual, single-pointed shows. Ashley Watts indicated that Bobby Murphy was tweaking the jumper classes to accommodate more KHJA divisions.

Committee Reports:

- I. Executive and Governance: Ashley Watts provided no report.
- II. KHJA Fall Classic Horse Show: Little new information was provided about the prizes or sponsorships since the May meeting apart from the sponsorship by the Kentucky Thoroughbred Association (KTA), as achieved by Jenny McGaughey. KTA will sponsor all four Thoroughbred divisions offered at the KHJA Fall Classic: 2'6" and 3' Thoroughbred Hunter and 2'6" and 3' Thoroughbred Jumper. Each division will have at least three classes so championships can be awarded. Jenny shared with the board, prizes will be Ogilvy saddle pads for champions and ringside towels for first place in each of the Thoroughbred classes, all of which will be purchased by KTA in addition to \$1,200 sponsorship for the four divisions (\$300 per division).
- III. Rules and Ethics: Melissa Murphy provided no report. Lynn Johnson has kept a journal of potential rule changes that will be discussed later in the year.
- IV. LegUp Grant and Scholarship: Jenny McGaughey provided a synopsis. Deadlines for the LegUp Grant and scholarship were reiterated: November 1 for LegUp Grants and August 1 for scholarships. The committee met with the Finance Committee to determine if four junior LegUp grants (two \$1,500 and two \$1,000) and one senior LegUp grant (\$1,000) was feasible. The Finance Committee agreed with this new structure.
- V. Junior and Education: Lauren Ensor provided some feedback on the possibility of a jumping seat medal class. Ashley Watts then asked what, if any, activities were planned for the junior members in coming months, especially at the Robert Murphy Stables Horse Show. None have been planned. A few ideas were volleyed among board members, including some past events such as quiz bowl competition and some manner of dog show.
- VI. Awards Banquet: Keedle Ritter-Konopka provided an update on a venue. The committee has suggested the Shelby County Convention Center. The building is new and the rate is \$1,800 for the day, from 9:00 a.m. till midnight, which gives the board plenty of time to get awards situated, often a problem in the past. This rate does not include a possible further discount for nonprofit/tax-exempt status. The venue will provide tables, chairs, audiovisual equipment, and a stage. No restrictions on catering service. The Finance Committee has decided to raise the price of the banquet tickets, potentially to \$45 each.
- VII. Communication: Ashley Watts asked if there were plans to publish a newsletter in July. While no plans had been made for this, an attempt will be made to get this done, though publication by the Robert Murphy Stables Horse Show may be unlikely.
- VIII. Task Force Committee: Sabina Chambers updated the board on her progress with a potential clinician. She spoke with Rick Fancher about his availability. He is receptive to the idea, though time of year will be limited because Fancher winters in Florida. With that information, more details about the event need to be hammered out in the coming weeks, primarily a budget that factors in venue, clinician, and other expenses.

Ashley Watts asked board members about their availability for a July meeting, specifically whether that should be scheduled during the Robert Murphy Stables Horse Show. More details about the next meeting will be distributed through email.

Bruce Brown motioned to adjourn the KHJA meeting at 8:10 p.m. Liz Barcomb seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned.