



Kentucky Hunter Jumper Association Board Meeting

October 21, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting

A regular meeting of the Kentucky Hunter Jumper Association was called to order at 7:12 p.m.

In attendance: President Ashley Watts, Point Secretary Mark Llewellyn, Amy Bailey, Liz Barcomb, Bruce Brown, Eileen Cody, Heath Gunnison, Lynn Johnson, Jenny McGaughey, Libby Richie, and Keedle Ritter-Konopka.

Absent: Joyce Brinsfield, Sabina Chambers, Sarah Coleman, Lauren Ensor, Kim Gundry, Alex Nelson, Elaine Schott, and Wendy Zuber.

The August 19, 2024, minutes were read. Lynn Johnson motioned to accept the minutes, and Bruce Brown seconded the motion.

No treasurer's report was given. Board members received some financial documents to review just prior to the meeting.

Regarding the ***KHJA Fall Classic***, board members were given an accounting of the show's income and expenses, which drummed up a lot of questions, given an unexpected shortfall in income and a significant jump in expenses. Ashley Watts recognized the concern of the board about the state of the show's finances and said she would arrange a special meeting of the Finance Committee prior to the Annual Meeting, which is scheduled for November 5, 2024. Ashley Watts will send out a Doodle poll to Finance Committee members to arrange the best day.

Ashley Watts mentioned the many compliments that the show received, including the activities for children (golden horseshoe scavenger hunt, noodle-horse events, and an ice cream truck) and the stall-decorating contest. She also noted that the hunt-and-go format of the derbies was a success.

The ***Leg Up and Scholarship Committee*** (Libby Richie, Mark Llewellyn, Sabina Oldaker) reported that Mark Llewellyn has sent out a total of two reminders to alert members of the November 1 deadline for LegUp Grant and KHJA Scholarship applications. Mark Llewellyn indicated he would send two more reminders to the general membership before the deadline. He then reported that he put together new tests for the LegUp Grants, and those tests would be sent electronically, whereby the applicant would receive an email that contained a link to the test. Once an applicant completed the test, the score would be sent automatically to the test administrator, in this case Mark Llewellyn.

The ***Junior and Education Committee*** mentioned that 13 people participated in a costume class at the October Lakeside Arena show, with \$130 raised for the KHJA Scholarship.

Liz Barcomb reported for the ***Banquet Committee*** and said she is moving forward with the signing of a contract with the Shelbyville Convention Center for the 2024 KHJA Banquet. The venue is \$1,800 and allows all-day access, necessary for setup. The venue is willing to deduct 20% from that price if KHJA extends the contract for future years. Liz Barcomb mentioned several to-dos regarding the banquet, including nailing down the menu. She then provided a brief rundown of some of the

prizes that will be offered at this year's banquet, including monogrammed backpacks, garment bags, and jackets.

Some discussion involving the order of awards ensued, and Mark Llewellyn mentioned we would need to solidify the order by the beginning of December. This year, KHJA will not ship year-end awards, so winners will have to plan for pickup.

For the **Communications Committee**, Eileen Cody reported that she will help assemble the program/newsletter for the awards banquet but would need help. Mark Llewellyn volunteered to provide content.

Heath Gunnison spoke for the **Task Force Committee**. He mentioned the committee has been thinking about a possible clinic for KHJA members, such as a course-setting clinic for hunters, jumpers, and equitation. Bobby Murphy was mentioned as a potential clinician for the event. He brought up the popularity of judging clinics in the past and thought that might also be a topic of interest. Finally, he mentioned the idea of opening it up to other people, not just KHJA members, if the venue was appropriate.

Ashley Watts reminded the board members of the annual meeting, set for November 5, 2024. She proposed the following schedule for the evening: 6:00 p.m. – board of directors meeting; 6:30 p.m. – junior meeting; and 7:00 p.m. – annual meeting.

Bruce Brown motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m., and Lynn Johnson seconded the motion.