

KHJA

KHJA Annual Meeting

November 15, 2021 7:00 PM

The Stockyards, Lexington, KY, and via Zoom

Board members in attendance: President Ashley Watts, Vice President Julie Moses, Secretary/Treasurer Sarah Coleman, Point Secretary Mark Llewellyn, JP Bordeleau, Leea Bridgeman, Joyce Brinsfield, Bruce Brown, Kim Gundry, Lynn Johnson, Trena Kerr, Maria Kneipp, Jennifer Kraemer, Melissa Murphy, Alex Nelson, Keedle Ritter-Konopka, Elaine Schott,

Absent: Diana Conlon, Missy Jo Hollingsworth, Sara Spry, Natassia Stallings

The 2021 KHJA Annual Meeting was held both in-person at The Stockyards in Lexington, KY, and via Zoom conference call. The meeting was called to order 7.11 p.m. by President Ashley Watts. The minutes were shared with board members and shown onscreen. In attendance at the 2020 Annual Meeting were Jennifer Kraemer and Lynn Johnson. With those additions, JP Bordeleau motioned the minutes be approved; Trena Kerr seconded. None was opposed.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee:

Sarah Coleman, Treasurer reported on hiring of Dal Barrett. Dal's year-end reports were shared, though it should be noted that he was not contracted with KHJA the entire year that this tax season encompasses.

Planning and Governance/Executive Committee:

President Ashley Watts reported with Leea Bridgeman. Term limits for KHJA Board members were introduced and term limits were extended from two to three years. The President can appoint a Board member to a one-year term to instate even board roll offs every three years (1/3 rolling off at a time). It was noted that a vote to amend the KHJA Bylaws to allow for this change was taken in October.

Also discussed was that the KHJA Fall Classic Show Manager need not be required to be a member of the KHJA board of directors, but s/he must sit on the Fall Classic committee and attend meetings either in-person or virtually.

Trena Kerr told the KHJA Board that they should look at the mission of the organization and determine if how the organization is operating is in line with the mission statement and if how its operating is in the best interest of the membership. Sarah Coleman will add the KHJA mission statement to the KHJA Board binders.

Fall Classic Committee:

Elaine Schott and JP Bordeleau reported. Both stated that the 2021 KHJA Fall Classic was a success.

Discussed was:

- Adding an additional day to the 2022 show to make the days shorter
- Adding a horse welfare/code of conduct verbiage (Sarah Coleman to provide the text she used in the past).

- Revising the 2022 KHJA Fall Classic prizelist
- Adding more rings if days not an option
- Adding clinics during the show
- Splitting divisions into 8 & Under and 9 & Over
- Offering a dinner during the Mini Prix as breakfast is hard for the riders in the KHJA Medal

Elaine Schott motioned that the 2022 KHJA Fall Classic be expanded to a four-day format. JP Bordeleau seconded, but noted that he doesn't think it is necessary.

Rules Committee:

Elaine Schott reported. Rule changes were sent to committee for discussion and inclusion in the 2022 KHJA Rulebook. Formal complaints can be sent to the KHJA Rules and Ethics Committee and not just the KHJA President.

LegUp Grant and Scholarship:

Maria Kneipp reported that the 2022 Scholarship recipients were broken into two categories: Students who were going to be incoming freshmen at college and trade school and those who are already in college or trade schools.

LegUp requirement reminders need to be sent out. The winners of the 2022 LegUp grants will be decided at the end of the month (November).

Junior and Education Committee:

Keedle Ritter-Konopka and Jen Kraemer reported. Future plans include offering judging, jumper riding or hunter and equitation judges clinics. A KHJA Junior "lead" will be voted on; this role will be the liaison between the Junior and the KHJA Board. This role will also encompass posting on social media. Also discussed

- Selling of KHJA merchandise while on-site at the KHJA Fall Classic and the KHJA AA show
- A Barn Decorating contest at the KHJA Fall Classic
- A "cadet program" similar to the one offered at the World Equestrian Center

Banquet Committee:

Trena Kerr reported for Alex Nelson. Location, time and ticket cost have been set.

New Business:

Elaine reminded the Board that verbiage be included in the 2022 rulebook that acknowledges NSBA-sanctioned shows be considered the same as AA-sanctioned shows. Melissa Murphy will help with the Rules Committee.

Points Update:

Mark Llewellyn has no updates on points at this time.

Bruce Brown motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8.34 p.m. Maria Kneipp seconded.