



Kentucky Hunter Jumper Association Annual Meeting
November 07, 2023 7:00 PM
United States Hunter Jumper Association

The KHJA Annual Meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by President Ashley Watts.

In attendance: President Ashley Watts, Point Secretary Mark Llewellyn, Liz Barcomb, Joyce Brinsfield, Bruce Brown, Kyle Davis, Kim Gundry, Lynn Johnson, Melissa Murphy, Keedle Ritter-Konopka

Absent: Kiana Berry, JP Bordeleau, Sabina Chambers, Lauren Ensor, Missy Jo Hollingsworth, Maria Kneipp, Jenny McGaughey, Alex Nelson, Libby Richie, Natassia Stallings

Lynn Johnson motioned to approve the minutes from the 2022 KHJA Annual Meeting. Keedle Ritter-Konopka seconded. None was opposed.

Committee Reports:

Bookkeeper Dal Barret reported on the Financial Committee. His overview included

- KHJA sold \$11,000 in KHJA Banquet tickets for the 2022 awards ceremony, but that this income does not offset the cost of hosting the banquet
- The 2023 KHJA Fall Classic looks like it will be close to breaking even once all sponsorship money comes in
- Hugh has suggested moving \$80,000 from the KHJA AA Horse Show account to the traditional KHJA account
- The fiscal year for KHJA has now been adjusted to begin on January 1 instead of April 30, which will hopefully make it easier to understand the KHJA financials

President Ashley Watts reported on the Planning and Governance Committee. Laura Holoubek of Dinsmore & Shohl has updated the KHJA bylaws. Most changes were to bring the bylaws into line with how KHJA functions today (ie, counting Board ballots at the Awards Banquet and not at the Annual Meeting). Laura also added verbiage (Article 8: Distribution Upon Liquidation or Dissolution/ Charitable Contributions) that allowed for KHJA funds to be distributed should the organization cease to exist (all funds will be donated to the Kentucky Horse Park Foundation).

Secretary Sarah Coleman discussed the regional breakdown for KHJA Board members and noted that they had not been updated in decades. She suggested that focusing more on involved KHJA Board members would be preferable to simply asking people to run based on geographic region. Lynn Johnson moved that KHJA abolish the regional director breakdown in the KHJA bylaws. Joyce Brinsfield seconded the motion. None was opposed.

President Ashley Watts reported on the Fall Classic committee. The 2023 KHJA Fall Classic and Medal Finals had 152 stalls; the new schedule worked well. The final number is forthcoming once all sponsorship money comes in.

Melissa Murphy reported on the Rules and Ethics Committee. Melissa brought up the possible rule change to adjust the timing and height for Medal Final qualification and discussion ensued as to what is most beneficial for riders and for Mark as the Point Secretary with regards to timing of deadline and date of show. Joyce Brinsfield motioned to keep the Medal Finals rule as it is writer, Liz Barcomb seconded. None was opposed.

Discussion of if appropriate to add a division that might help in transitioning riders from Crossrails before they get to the 2' divisions that are larger fences. A Low Beginner Rider division was suggested; the division has historically done well at Lakeside Arena and the Windfall horse shows. These divisions would allow a rider to enter both Crossrails and Low Beginner division or Low Beginner divisions and 2-foot, but would not allow for them to do all three divisions (Crossrails, Low Beginner and 2-foot).

Bruce Brown motioned to add Low Beginner Rider and Low Beginner Rider Equitation to the KHJA year-end awards. Liz Barcomb seconded. None was opposed.

Keedle Ritter-Konopka reported on the Junior and Education Committee. Gracie Stamper will be the KHJA Junior representative for 2024. She is working on an Instagram post about the banquet and will also be in charge of the slideshow during the banquet. President Ashley Watts brought in apparel samples for people to see. Limited sized and runs will be sold at the KHJA Annual Awards banquet in January. Keedle reported that the Juniors had voted that the proceeds of the costume class at the Lakeside December horse show will go to the Lexington Humane Society. She encouraged people to either bring an item to donate or to donate funds.

Keedle reported that the Junior committee is still accepting ideas for clinics or field trips; those suggested included tours of Rood and Riddle Equine Hospital and Hagyard Equine Medical Institute; a demo by the Lexington Mounted Patrol; a bandaging or veterinary emergency clinic; or a dressage clinic.

Liz Barcomb reported on the Banquet Committee. The 2023 KHJA Annual Awards banquet will be held at the Shelbyville Convention and Welcome Center on January 6. Tickets are \$45 (adult) and \$40 (child under 12) and the food will be a buffet. She reminded Board members about the need for them to procure a silent auction item with a value of \$50 or more.

There was no New Business.

Bruce Brown motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m. Kim Gundry seconded. None was opposed and the meeting was adjourned.