



Washington State Hunter Jumper Association
59th Annual Meeting Minutes
November 30th, 2011 7:00 PM – The Loft at Russell's Bothell, WA

President/Vice President: Call to order and Annual Address

President Shelly Kerron called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. She welcomed all attendees, and thanked everyone for taking time to attend. She also thanked all the volunteers. WSHJA is an entirely volunteer run organization, and it is through the tireless efforts of volunteers that we are able to do all that we do. She encouraged everyone to become more involved in the organization and to voice their opinions.

Secretary: Minutes of December 1st, 2010 Annual Meeting

A motion was passed to accept the minutes of the 2010 Annual Meeting as posted.

Treasurer: 2011 Financial Report

Treasurer Nancy Lewis presented to the membership the financial status of the WSHJA. The Association is on strong financial ground for 2011, having made strategic investments in hospitality and in prize money. 2011 was a record breaking year in prize money paid out, roughly \$95,000 total, due to the addition of a second "AA" horse show, the Spring National Hunter show. 2011 was the fourth year out of 14 years that all the WSHJA horse shows have been profitable. She informed members that WSHJA is on solid financial ground, and that the Association should start thinking about future investments, such as future show grounds, more scholarship programs, etc. Member input will be crucial to help determine the direction of these investments.

Old Business: None

New Business

A. Horse Show Committee Presentation

Vice President Corene Smith presented on behalf of the Horse Show Committee. She spoke to members regarding the addition of a second "AA" horse show in 2011, the Spring National Hunter show. The Horse Show Committee plans to add a third National Hunter Classic to the WSHJA horse shows in 2012. The schedule of the Northwest Autumn Classic was changed slightly this year allowing for rated Hunters and Jumpers to be held indoors. For 2011 the Zone Finals were held in a slightly different format. They were combined with the division, which was the reason for the second set of ribbons. This caused some confusion, which will hopefully be corrected for 2012. She encouraged members to give their feedback to the Committee, so that they can keep improving the shows.

B. Marketing Committee Presentation

Member at Large Jessica Vania presented on behalf of the Marketing Committee. 2011 was a record breaking year for membership. There were 429 members in 2011, 125 of those were "new" members not previously recorded. The majority of this growth was in the state program. The membership is fairly equally split between adults and juniors. In the future the Association hopes to bring in more sponsorship from outside the Hunter-Jumper community, currently the majority of sponsorship comes from Training barns. For the 2011 Spring Circuit a show program was produced which provided spectators with more information about the events. For 2012 the Association will produce a yearly show program. For 2012 the Marketing Committee also hopes to include more social media marketing, more news about members, as well as an online calendar of educational opportunities.

C. By Law Changes Requiring General Membership Vote Which Passed:

1. Article III Section 6: Notices and Mailings: Add ...*emailed or...*
2. Article III Section 7: Waiver of Notice: Strike Section
3. Article IV Section 1: Executive Board: change "not more than fifteen (15) members" to "not more than *twenty one (21)* members"
4. Article IV Section 2: Who shall be on the Executive Board: change "and five (5) members at large" to "and *up to eleven (11)* members at large"
5. Article XI Section 3: #10: Add "...Section 3 *and* 4..."
6. Article XI Section 4: National Program Hunter Add ***Performance Hunter 3'6"-3'9"***
7. Article XI Section 4: National Program Hunter Add ***Performance Hunter 3'3"***
8. Article XI Section 4: National Program Hunter Add ***High Performance Hunter***

9. Article XI Section 4: National Program Hunter Strike “**Regular Hunter**”
10. Article XI Section 4: National Program Hunter Add ***Regular Conformation Hunter***
11. Article XI Section 4: National Program Hunter Strike “Open Hunter 3’3” to 3’6””
12. Article XI Section 4: National Program Hunter Add ***Children’s/Adult Hunter 2’9”***
13. Article XI Section 4: National Program Equitation Add ***Children’s/Adult Equitation 2’9”***
14. Article XI Section 4: National Program Equitation Add ***WSHJA Good Seat and Hands Medal 2’6”***
15. Article XI Section 4: State Program Equitation Add ***WSHJA Good Seat and Hands Medal 2’6”***
16. Article XI Section 4: State Program Equitation Add ***WSHJA Good Seat and Hands Medal 3’***
17. Article XI Section 4: State Program Jumper Add ***Ch. Jumper – Low – Min. 1.0/3’3”***
18. Article XI Section 4: State Program Jumper Add ***Ad Jumper – Low – Min. 1.0/3’3”***
19. Article XI: Add *Section 6: WSHJA Good Seat and Hands Medals*
20. Article XII: Section 9: #9. Strike “Show Circuit Medal” Add ***THIS Medal***
21. Article XII: Add *Section 4: Educational Scholarships*

C. By-Law Changes Requiring General Membership Vote Which Were Amended Before Passing:

1. Article XI Section 3: #3. Add *Should there be less than 3 horses in the first class...* Was amended to add the word "Equitation". The By-Law will read, *Should there be less than 3 horses in the first Equitation class...*

D. 2012 Evergreen Classic Horse Show

President Shelly Kerron informed the membership that the Washington Hunter Jumper Foundation has decided not to lease the dates for the 2012 Evergreen Classic Horse Show from the WSHJA. At this point the WSHJA is in negotiation with the WHJF and Remlinger Farms about holding the Evergreen Classic in Carnation. WSHJA has also reserved the Evergreen State Fairgrounds in case we will not be able to hold the Evergreen Classic at Remlinger Farms. Shelly also spoke to the County about holding the show at Marymoor Park, but they had strong concerns about the timeline as well as

cost. The Washington State Horse Park is not available for 2012, but is an option for the future. She encouraged members to get involved and voice their opinions about the future of this premier horse show.

Nominations and Voting for 2012 Executive Board

Nominations: Andrea Schroeder was nominated from the floor for a Member at Large Position

The 2012 Executive Board:

President Shelly Kerron has one more year left in her term

Vice President - Heidi Snider Evans

Junior Representative - Mackenzie Audino

Amateur Representative - Leah Raphael

Pony Representative - Clare Warren

Hunter Representative - Sally Collins

Jumper Representative - Morgan Carr

Equitation Representative - Kim Stuckens

Members at Large - Peter Brandon, Marguerite Dillon, Jennifer Sparks, Sara Smith, Lynn Trewin, Jessica Vania, Katherine Wade-Easley, Andrea Schroeder

Announcements

a. 2011 Scholarship Recipients. Recipients have the option of presenting their Thank You letters at the 2011 Year-End Awards Banquet.

b. Awards Banquet 5PM, January 14th, 2012 at the Meydenbauer Center - Bellevue

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betsy Christianson

Secretary

Washington State Hunter Jumper Association