

MINUTES
NORCAL HUNTER JUMPER ASSOCIATION
Board Meeting 2020/7
December 7, 2020

Meeting called to order at 3:05pm

I. ROLL CALL:

- a. Archer, Benvenuti, Borges, Chilcote, DiCorti-Bush, Hayes, Hudson, Lampton, Maddox, Rattigan, Runk
- b. Absent: House, Kalember, Lambert, Orlin

II. CONFIDENTIALITY POLICY

- a. Reminder that all board members have signed the [Non Disclosure Agreement](#) and agree to abide by the terms of this document.

III. SPONSOR REVIEW

- a. See current [list of confirmed sponsors](#)
 - i. Shady Lane Farm
 - ii. Riverbend Equestrian
 - iii. Crystal Image Farms
 - iv. G3 Enterprises
 - v. Headland's Management
 - vi. Hayes Training
 - vii. Rhys Farms
 - viii. Medal Finals Sponsors
 - 1. G2
 - 2. Hey & Hey

IV. MINUTES September 22 Meeting.

- a. [See minutes.](#)

V. FINANCIAL REPORT (Borges)

- a. Financial documents now available online ([See 2020 financials](#)).
 - i. Borges notes that there will be expenses on the horizon including year-end division awards and ribbons but that overall the financial report looks as expected given the events of 2020.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Review [Special Event Application](#) from Peggy Fackrell for 2021

- i. Lampton confirms that Peggy Fackrell submitted a special event application requesting permission to offer NorCal medals at her two shows that are not USEF recognized.
 - 1. Lampton confirms Fackrell is not requesting NorCal approval for the show.
 - 2. Runk notes both shows run during the same time as other applied NorCal shows currently listed on the 2021 calendar
 - ii. **MOTION:** Allow these above referenced shows to offer NorCal medals. Clarification: A “Yes” vote would be a vote to allow Fackrell to hold NorCal medal classes at these two unrated shows. A “No” would not allow Fackrell to offer NorCal medals at these two unrated shows.
 - 1. **VOTE:** All present board members vote no, Maddox abstains.
 - iii. Hayes suggests exploring a lower rating for these unrated shows to provide pathway to riders competing at non-USEF shows to still qualify.
 - 1. Board members concur that this may be an item to revisit at a future meeting.
- b. [NorCal Senior Medal Perpetual Trophy Proposal](#) (Runk)
- i. Runk confirms that he was approached by a former NorCal President and Champion of the NorCal Senior Finals in regards to the above Proposal for a Perpetual Senior Final Trophy
 - ii. Runk notes that the proposal would involve finding donors for the trophy
 - iii. Board members concur that contact list can be given to Miles Appel so that he may spearhead the effort of finding donors/funding for the trophy
 - iv. Runk will reach out to Appel and confirm that Board is interested in creating a perpetual trophy for the Senior Final
- c. NorCal Senior Medal Finals eligibility change (Lampton)
- i. Old: The winners of the NorCal Junior and Senior Medal Finals are no longer eligible to compete in the NorCal Medal Class. Juniors may, however, compete in the Senior Medal Class when they move up to the Amateur division.
 - ii. New: (Junior) The winners of the NorCal Junior Medal Finals are no longer eligible to compete in the NorCal Medal Class. Juniors may compete in the Senior Medal Class when they move up to the Amateur division.
 - 1. Lampton recommends making a time limit that would allow for Seniors to come back and ride again even after they may have won the Senior Final
 - 2. **MOTION :** Add “for the next 7 years following their win.” to current verbiage.
 - a. **1st VOTE:** Board votes unanimously in favor.
 - iii. NorCal Senior Finals may be combined with Jr (Lampton)

1. Old: Beginning in 2016, if there are fewer than eight entered finalists in the NorCal Senior 3'6" Medal Finals the final for Juniors and Seniors will be combined.
 2. New: If there are fewer than eight entered finalists in the NorCal Senior 3'6" Medal Finals the final for Juniors and Seniors may be combined.
 3. **MOTION:** Replace the word "will" with "may".
 - a. **1st VOTE:** Board votes unanimously in favor.
- d. NorCal Champion/Reserve ribbons for 2021 shows
- i. Review what style/company to order from.
 - ii. Board members agree to return to traditional division champion/reserve ribbons for at least 2021, and potentially explore something more creative in 2022.
- e. How to make the NorCal finals more "special" when they are at a show filled with other events? (Lampton)
- i. [Email from Patty Ball](#)
 - ii. Runk confirms that he will reach out to Patty Ball to confirm that she is comfortable with the Board sharing her concerns anonymously with West Palms.
- f. Addition of specific division point policies to Rulebook (Wasserman)
- i. [Review suggested additions](#)
 - ii. Wasserman suggests adding the recommended language to the Rulebook so that points calculating criteria is public and available to any members that may wish to know the details on how the division points are determined.
 - iii. **MOTION:** Add suggested language to the Rulebook
 1. **VOTE-** Board votes unanimously in favor.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- a. **2nd VOTE:** NorCal shows must be USEF approved and therefore meet the division requirements of a USEF rated horse show.
 - i. Benefits of USEF ratings for NorCal Shows
 - ii. See [list of what USEF Ratings provide](#)
 - iii. Borges recommends that board members all become familiar with what USEF actually provides for its members when it approves a horse show
 - iv. 2nd VOTE: Board votes unanimously in favor

VIII. COMMITTEES: -- <https://www.norcalhunterjumpers.com/board>

1. Banquet (Rattigan)
 - a. Online silent auction
 - b. Awards distribution will be organized by Wasserman. Wasserman will contract board members to help distribute in early February.
 - c. Ryan Polli can create an online document to share on social media to recognize the members for their 2020 achievements. Chilcote will assist Polli in reaching out to members for more information/photos.

- d. Lifetime Achievement Award will be tabled until next year in light that the banquet is cancelled.
- 2. Elections (Runk)
 - a. Runk confirms that we currently have 14 board members
 - b. Archer believes that more will apply but feels that we can move on if we have no applications by January 1.
- 3. Publicity (Chilcote)
 - a. Wasserman confirms that Chilcote should have a login to the membership database to access contact information for media purposes.
- 4. Fundraising (Borges/DiCorti-Bush)
 - a. Borges confirms that she can work with Brit to get sponsor info online with a designated contact person for interested parties to reach out to.
- 5. Lobbying/Liaison (Kalembur/Chilcote)
 - a. See Melissa's [notes from USHJA meeting](#)
 - i. 50% off Associate Membership (normally \$35)
 - ii. Discount on Hodges Badges Ribbons
 - iii. Affiliate Year End High Point Award
 - iv. \$500 Affiliate Grant (for clinic / scholarship / ?)
 - v. Monthly Enews (includes updates from NorCal)
 - vi. Quarterly Newsletter (we can send to NorCal membership)
 - b. USHJA Zone 10 Committee re-seating in 2021 - Melissa Kalembur
 - i. Board members concur
- 6. Medal Finals (Runk)
 - a. Overall Runk received positive feedback from those who attended the Medal Finals
- 7. Special Events
 - a. Developing Young Professional Program/Scholarship (Archer/Borges)
 - i. Tabled to 2022
 - b. Clinic (Hayes)
 - i. Hayes confirms that currently we can have the first weekend in December 2021 at Murieta if we want it, but an alternative date is available around Thanksgiving
 - ii. Board members to reach out to Brian Wallace to confirm his intentions as far as his 2021 plans for his show to avoid potential conflict with his Christmas Classic show.
 - c. Eq Classics (Borges/House)

- i. Board members agree to table the program until 2022 show season since no special event applications were received for this series.
8. Rules (Lambert)
 - a. Hudson noted potential Junior Hunter cross entry rule change is on the horizon for USEF that may increase participation in Junior Hunter divisions; she will update at the next meeting.
9. Show Standards (Benvenuti)
10. Technology (Lampton)

Meeting adjourned at 5:13pm

VII. DATE & LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday January 11th 2021 @ 3:00pm via Zoom