

**MINUTES**  
NORCAL HUNTER JUMPER ASSOCIATION  
Board Meeting 2023/2  
February 20, 2023

Meeting called to order: 3:02pm

I. ROLL CALL:

- a. Present: Belmont, Benvenuti, Borges, DiCorti-Bush, Gleeson, Hayes, Hudson, Lambert, Lampton, Lanzone, Rattigan, Westhoff
- b. Absent: Kyle, Runk

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.
  - i. Borges to read the Non Disclosure Agreement

III. SPONSOR REVIEW

- a. Sponsorship levels offered - [click here](#) for more information to share to interested parties
- b. [Current list](#) of previous and confirmed sponsors for 2023.
- c. Borges reminds board members to download current list of sponsors and sponsor levels to help get sponsorship started off strong at the beginning of the season

IV. MINUTES January 24 Meeting.

- a. See [minutes](#).
- b. Meeting minutes approved.

V. FINANCIAL REPORT

- a. Financial reports now available online ([See 2023 Financials](#))
  - i. Wasserman gives financial report; notes not much change from January meeting; confirms membership down slightly but may be due to 3 year option debut in 2022 or website being down at beginning of Feb; adds April meeting financials should be more inclusive and indicative of membership strength for the year

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- a. New division proposals

- i. See [letter from Cindy Kuhn](#).
  1. Borges asks board members to read letter
  2. Borges notes that she wants to ask Kuhn to write a proposal to add a 2'6" section to the Eq Classics
  3. Board members discuss alternatives to Kuhn's suggestions and potential issues that may occur with some of her ideas
- ii. Low Jumper division (Lanzone)
  1. Lanzone notes that she thinks it takes 2-3 years minimum to get riders to 3'3"-3'6" levels; aim is to give riders an incentive to get to this level with offering a lower jumper division and recognizing it with NorCal
- iii. Young Hunters, Modified Junior/Amateur Hunters
  1. Wasserman notes that both divisions have been poorly supported over the past 3-4 years
  2. Board members discuss the incentives and the disadvantages of offering these divisions which have consistently been poorly attended over the past few years
  3. Lambert asks if there may be a good reason to keep the Young Hunters for the benefit of the Young horses
    - a. Board members share other ideas with regards to Young Hunters and Green Hunters
  4. **MOTION:** Discontinue Modified Jr/Amateur Hunters as a Year-End division for NorCal starting in 2023.
  5. **First Vote:** All in favor.

## VII. OLD BUSINESS

- a. No old news

## VIII. COMMITTEES:

- a. Banquet (Rattigan)
  - i. Wasserman confirms that Thermal will not have break weeks next year so the thought of moving banquet to a later week does not make much sense for 2024
  - ii. Rattigan asks Board members to think of nominees for Lifetime Achievement and Wendy Nissen awards; Wasserman will make slide to add to social media
  - iii. Board members discuss the idea of moving the banquet to a dinner format rather than lunch

- iv. Silent Auction (Gleeson/Lanzone)
- b. Elections (DiCorti-Bush/Benvenuti/Lanzone)
- c. Publicity (Benvenuti/Kyle)
- d. Fundraising (Lanzone)
- e. Lobbying/Liaison (Hudson)
- f. Medal Finals (Runk)
  - i. Borges discusses situation from Finals in 2022 with regards to the Senior Finals Champion and how it pertains to USEF and ultimately the filing of an official protest with USEF, not NorCal
- g. Special Events
  - i. Clinic (Hayes)
    - 1. Hayes reports that she spoke to Dick Carvin regarding the 2023 Clinic, he is checking his calendar; Hayes might reach out to past hunter clinicians on recommendations; Rattigan to reach out to John French
  - ii. Equitation Classics (Hudson)
- h. Rules (Hudson)
  - i. Rules were updated, “Owner” removed from Amateur Jumpers in line with USEF rule changes
- i. Show Standards (Benvenuti)
- j. Technology (Lampton)
  - i. Borges suggests that the “News” section be updated a few times a year; asks board members to come up with update ideas and edits

Meeting adjourned: 4:13pm

#### IX. DATE & LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING

**April 24th**

Zoom Link and Info:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4735289012?pwd=Ui81Q2gxUVZQeDNyeit1akJmNlVRQT09>

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