

**Texas Hunter and Jumper Association  
Board of Directors/Special Meeting  
September 10, 2014  
Texas Rose Horse Park, Tyler, Texas**

1. Call to order was made by Claire Rock at 5:30 pm.

2. Roll call was taken by Claire Rock.

Present in Tyler: Linda Moore, Claire Rock, Jerry Converse, Kim Cox, Vickie Hunton, Steve Lang, Robert Yaffe, Matt Cyphert, Susie Baker, Kim Brunson

Absent -Excused/Phone connection: Lindsey Black, Colleen Brombach

Absent-Excused: Vickie McGovern, Pauline Cook, Carl Hansen, Ashley Hyten, Buckley Wallace, Paula Sparks

Unexcused: Suzanne Warmack, Grace Petrucciani, Gayle O'Rear, Patty Roberts, Lynn Walsh

3. Reading of the April Rules Meeting Minutes. Steve Lang motioned to waive reading of the minutes. Linda Moore seconded that motion.

4. Report of the Finance Committee by Linda Moore. Linda noted that we have spent \$20,000 more than we have taken in. One reason is the \$15,000 deposit necessary for the banquet/hotel. Robert Yaffe noted that there has been a definite decline in annual memberships and that we are at approximately 2005 levels with 1005 members. Horse registrations however are up. Robert noted that the membership level of trainers in Texas has dropped almost in half. This was noted as a point of further discussion. USEF requires that the rider of a horse must be a member to earn year end points for the horse he/she is riding. Should THJA adopt this rule as well and when? The executive committee will meet to discuss this issue.

5. Report of the Rule Book Committee by Jerry Converse. Jerry noted that there was nothing new to report at this time.

**6.** Report of the Nominating Committee by Steve Lang. Steve noted that we have five positions on the Board which are open at year end. Steve presented candidates for those positions as reviewed by himself and the Nominating Committee. It was determined by the Board members present, that there needed to be further review of additional candidates before proceeding with a ballot.

**7.** Report of the prize list committee by Linda Moore. Linda had nothing to report at this time. All prize lists have been submitted for the remainder of the show year.

**8.** Report of the Show Standards Committee by Claire Rock, Claire noted that there was nothing to report at this time. No horse show complaints had been filed.

**9.** Report of the Sponsorship Committee by Patty Roberts. Claire Rock reported in Patty's absence that \$2000 had been awarded to the South Central World Champion Hunter Rider Association and \$2500 had been awarded to Zone 7 for t-shirts for the Finals to be held in November.

**10.** Report of the Website and Information Systems by Robert Yaffe. The new site looks great. Everything is set up for banquet payment, membership payment etc.

Robert brought up that a new software package upgrade was necessary to keep the THJA site running properly. The upgrade would cost approximately \$1300. Attending Directors agreed that the software upgrade is needed. Robert asked for approval of the THJA bumper stickers to be printed again this year at a cost of \$500. Attending Directors approved.

**11.** Report on any USEF / USHJA news by Lynn Walsh. No news submitted to present at this time.

**12.** Report on the annual awards banquet by Colleen Brombach. Colleen noted that Robert had posted all of the updated information to the home page of THJA Website. The banquet will be held at the Hyatt Lost Pines.

**13.** Other agenda items:

a. Discussion regarding the ability to conference into meetings in the future or propose a central spot within the state to meet. It was determined that the location of meetings would need to be changed in order to properly conference individuals in. A formal meeting room with speaker phone access is necessary

Jerry agreed to write up a proposal for telephone conferencing by the Executive Committee to be presented at the January meeting. During this teleconferencing, rules could be voted upon.

b. Claire Rock has been looking into a memorial tree to be planted in Candie Owens memory by THJA. The Owens Family has requested that it be planted at their farm. Due to the heat and current draught conditions, arborists in the San Antonio area suggest that we wait until this winter to plant the tree. It was agreed that \$750 would be budgeted for the tree and planting.

**14. Other business.**

The January annual meeting will take place at the Hyatt Lost Pines on Saturday, January 10.

15. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.