

January 25, 2015 - WPaPHA Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:50 p.m. by Chairman, Gretchen Zavarella.

In attendance: Gretchen Zavarella, Chairman; Mary Gamble, Co Vice Chairman; Kristi Airgood, Co Secretary; Charlene Michael, Co Secretary; John Ham, Treasurer; Rochell Heining, Technology Officer; Becki Bloom, MHJA Chairman and former WPaPHA Chairman.

The first item on the agenda was the discussion of our "B" rated show scheduled to be held July 30-August 2 of this year. The Chairman updated the board of the status of ring 1 at Horse On Course Equestrian Center, which remains in "under construction" status. No time frame was provided to Ms. Zaverella by Mrs. Herrmann (HOC owner/ manager) as to when repairs would be completed.

Contingency plans were discussed regarding other show facilities that might be used in the interim while HOC ring 1 was under repair. Each board member shared advice and cost research gathered from multiple sources including other show managers, pricing info for different types of facilities, and types of shows ("A", "B" and schooling) and the respective cost and viability of each. The board came to the decision that our dates with USEF should be held over to 2016 to allow HOC to make repairs.

Mr. Ham committed to further fact finding in terms of timeframe for the construction on ring 1 at HOC. The board discussed the possibility of having a schooling show at the WPQHA Complex in Harlansburg but more information was needed on cost to enable the board to make a final decision.

Mr. Ham (WPaPHA Treasurer) gave a brief treasury report and ensured us of the financial solidarity of the organization.

The next item of business was sanctioning of shows that have submitted applications to Mrs. Airgood (secretary in charge of sanctioning). The board discussed shows no longer in operation that needed to be removed from the calendar. The board tabled the vote for Lisa Culver's show in order to give Ms. Culver more time to secure a secretary, and to see if that secretary would be able to submit results in OrgPro or USEF format, as this requirement has been added to our sanctioning requirements. The board is in favor of adding this show providing a secretary is hired to submit results in the necessary format as stated on our sanction application.

The final item of business was the organization's bylaws which were found and provided to the board at the 2014 rules change meeting by former chairman, Amy Keefer. The current board is in favor of updating this 15 year old document to make it more applicable to our organization's needs today. Ms. Gamble and Ms. Bloom brought to our attention to the part of the charter that states that former Chairmen were to remain on the organization's "board of directors." The current WPaPHA board is only in favor of this IF the past Chairmen are in "good standing" with the organization (meaning they are paid & current members).

The meeting was adjourned. Date of the next meeting was not set. The board awaits further information regarding timeframe of ring 1 repairs at H.O.C.