

**MINUTES**  
NORCAL HUNTER JUMPER ASSOCIATION  
Board Meeting 2021/7  
December 6, 2021

Meeting called to order at 4:06pm

I. ROLL CALL:

- a. Present: Archer, Benvenuti, Borges, DiCorti-Bush, Hayes, Hudson, Kalember, Lambert, Lampton, Rattigan, 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.

III. SPONSOR REVIEW

- a. Sponsorship levels offered - [click here](#) for more information to share to interested parties
  - i. Current confirmed sponsors for this year:
    - 1. Blackhound Equestrian, Blue Water Farm, Cheval Equestrian, Hayes Training, Headlands Management, Horizon's East, JH Sporthorses, La Salle Farms, Riverbend Equestrian, Rhys Farms, Shady Lane, Sequoia Hills Stables, Looking Stone Farm, Hayes Training, Tally Hawk Stables, Van Vleck Sporthorses, Western Saddlery, Cloche Farms, Tulucay Show Stables
  - ii. Borges reminds Board sponsorship for 2021 is done, but now is a great time to approach potential 2022 sponsors.
  - iii. Borages asks Wasserman to send sponsorship inclusion document to all board members

IV. MINUTES September 28 Meeting.

- a. [See minutes](#).
- b. Minutes approved from September meeting.

V. FINANCIAL REPORT

- a. Financial reports now available online ([See 2021 Financials](#))
  - i. Runk noted administrative income has increased significantly thanks to the return of a normal horse show schedule ;Runk noted both individual memberships as well as horse memberships increased dramatically from

2020; Runk noted that sponsorships need to continue to be strong to sustain this

- ii. Runk added that NorCal Medal Finals swag sales helped a great deal and can return in 2022 with additional items; also noting that the Clinic just finished but the change in venue was definitely to our financial advantage
- iii. Runk reminded the Board that 2022 will bring Headland's shows back to the NorCal calendar that will help with the per horse fee, especially in light of the absence of Peggy Fackrell's shows.

## VI. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Member request regarding additional NorCal divisions that coincide with USHJA divisions held at Las Vegas National Championships (Kalember)
  - i. [Request](#) from Kelly Maddox
  - ii. Kalember noted that next year NorCal will have an application form that their members will have to fill out in order to apply to have NorCal nominate them to go to Vegas to compete
  - iii. Borges asked Kalember to touch base directly with Maddox and educate her on the Vegas application process after the meeting.
  - iv. Board members discuss standard process for adding divisions;
    - 1. Email norcal office and put your request in writing
    - 2. Create standardized procedure to adopting new divisions
    - 3. Lampton can add a form for the website
- b. National Snaffle Bit Association (Borges)
  - i. Should NorCal research this association further given the increased support from Northern California venues?
  - ii. Archer noted that members and horses must come first from both a long-term standpoint and a liability standpoint; encourages board members to begin to educate themselves on the rulebook and reach out to those who have competed at the events approved by NSBA
  - iii. Borges asked board members to educate themselves in the coming months
  - iv. Board members agree that a good thing to research would be to see if you can approve both USEF and NSBA at the same time
- c. Revision of Medal point structure for Pony and Junior
  - i. Wasserman noted that Tim Postel had approached her asking about Re-structuring the pointing system so that 1 rider could compete to earn 1 point for both the Junior and Pony Medals

- ii. Wasserman explains to the Board that this would allow for more opportunities for ponies to qualify and would also prevent them from going to a show with the intention to qualify but not having the opportunity if no other ponies were there
- iii. Board members motion for a vote for the Pony Medal class only
- iv. **MOTION:** A NorCal Pony Medal class will award 1 point if a single pony completes the course
  - 1. **FIRST VOTE:** Unanimous aye.

## VII. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Thank you notes to be sent before end of the year
  - i. Dale and West Palms
  - ii. Year-End Sponsors
  - iii. Board members to help send out end of year thank you notes

## VIII. COMMITTEES:

- a. Banquet (Rattigan, Kalember)
  - i. In person banquet vs. alternative options
    - 1. Borges confirmed that the hotel will be willing to roll our deposit forward to 2023 if we wanted to push our deposit forward
    - 2. Current protocol is for masks and vaccinations for those 12 & Over
    - 3. Board votes 9:2 in favor of postponing the banquet to 2023.
  - ii. Alternative ideas for banquet
    - 1. Silent Auction and Awards pick-up at NWC
  - iii. If in person banquet Annual Awards
    - 1. Wendy Nissen
    - 2. Lifetime Achievement
  - iv. Master of Ceremonies
- b. Elections (DiCorti-Bush)
  - i. DiCorti-Bush to check in with anyone who is stepping down this year
  - ii. Also will touch base with Morgan Caplane, Brian Gruber, and Leslie Wright
- c. Publicity (Benvenuti)
  - i. Wasserman to add Benvenuti and Kalember to What's App
  - ii. Wasserman to add Flying Changes woman to What's Ap
- d. Fundraising (Borges)
- e. Lobbying/Liaison (Kalember)

- i. Kalamber applied for USHJA Affiliate grant which was granted; \$500 received
  - ii. Kalamber will send new application for new USHJA Equitation classes for review when it is complete
- f. Medal Finals (Runk)
  - i. Runk confirmed that the Medal Finals went well; will touch base with the committee to discuss changes for next year
    - 1. Borges would like a Zoom call with WPE in the next few weeks to discuss suggestions and changes for the future, rule review
- g. Special Events
  - i. Clinic (Hayes)
    - 1. Hayes confirms that the clinic was excellent
      - a. Facility and clinician were amazing
      - b. Deposit has been made on the facility for 2022
      - c. Will request the GGT footing from MEC for next year and heaters for the seating area
      - d. Clinician suggestions for 2022: Chris Kappler and Meredith Michaels Beerbaum
    - 2. Borges notes issues as far as horse care for those trainers who do not come with their clients
      - a. Notes she received texts for requests to feed and water the horses, lunge horses, etc.
      - b. Need a solution for the future
      - c. Borges and Hayes to discuss further
  - ii. Developing Young Professional Program
  - iii. Equitation Classics
- h. Rules (Hudson)
- i. Show Standards (Hudson, Benvenuti)
- j. Technology (Lampton)

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

- a. T.B.A.

Meeting adjourned at 5:13 pm