

MINUTES
NORCAL HUNTER JUMPER ASSOCIATION
Board Meeting 2019/7
December 5, 2019

Meeting called to order at 6:35pm

I. ROLL CALL:

- a. Archer, Borges, Hayes, House, Kalember, Lambert, Lampton, Rattigan, Runk
- b. Absent: Geffken, Maddox, Orlin

II. SPONSOR REVIEW

- a. These are the people we should say thank-you to when we see them:
 - i. See current list of [confirmed Sponsors](#)

III. MINUTES September 25 Meeting.

- a. [See minutes.](#)

IV. FINANCIAL REPORT (Borges)

- a. Financial documents now available online ([See 2019 financials](#)).
 - i. Update from Borges
 - 1. Horse numbers are up, confirming 2019 was a better year for NorCal approved horse shows in comparison to 2018
 - 2. Board members confirm that email was sent to Sarah Appel and Sally Hudson containing horse show applications for 2020
 - a. At the date of the meeting, no response from Appel, Hudson, or a SHP representative had been received

V. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Medal Finals (Archer)
 - i. Pony Medal Qualification Changes
 - 1. Pony Medal ran at 13 of the 26 shows where it was offered (50%)
 - 2. Consider monitoring the amount of shows it runs at
 - a. If less than 19 shows (75%) offer a “complete to qualify” scenario at the Medal Finals show for the final qualifying class

- b. Alternatively, regardless of how many qualifiers run throughout the year, the qualifier at the medal finals show will qualify the top 8 placings riders.
 - 3. **MOTION:** At the medal finals show, there will be a ride-to-qualify class. The top 8 from this class will qualify for the finals. This class will split the qualified riders from the unqualified riders and pin them separately
 - a. Board members vote unanimously in favor.
- ii. **Clarify language in rulebook** for all Finals work-offs
 - 1. We need to clarify and copy/paste language from Jr/Sr to pony and 3' so wording is the same for all 3 to avoid confusion.
 - 2. The Following language needs to be listed in the Rulebook for all 4 finals:

The averages from both rounds will be totaled to form an overall score. The four riders with the highest overall score, and any other rider whose overall score is within three percent of the highest overall score, will be required to work off individually. The judges scores from the work-off will be averaged and added to the overall score to form a final score. The highest final score will be the winning score.

round 1 score = $\text{sum}(\text{judges scores}) / \text{number of judges}$

round 2 score = $\text{sum}(\text{judges scores}) / \text{number of judges}$

overall score = round 1 score + round 2 score

workoff score = $\text{judge 1 score} + \text{judge 2 score} + \text{judge 3 score} / 3$

final score = overall score + workoff score

Leader - (leader * .03) = cut-off score

- iii. Reduce judge requirements for Finals (Archer)
 - 1. Change to only 2 judges required for all Finals
 - 2. This would allow for 1 judge to be available to start the Pony ring with other non-medal final classes (i.e. short/long stirrup, modified child/adult)

3. This would hopefully eliminate the late finish of the Pony arena on Sunday
 - a. At 2019 NorCal Medal Finals Pony arena was shut down by the stewards because it got dark before classes could complete on Sunday.
 - b. Lampton notes that WEP signed contract requiring the use of 3 judges. If more judges are needed, then more judges need to be hired to accommodate starting the pony arena earlier.
 - c. Kalember notes from a judge's perspective that 2 judges on opposite sides of the ring gives ample opportunity for different viewpoints
 - d. **MOTION:**
 - i. Old language: There will be three judges who will sit apart.
 - ii. New language: **There will be at least two judges who will sit on opposite sides of the arena, and be on separate radio channels.**
- b. Addition of 2'6" NorCal Medal (House)
 - i. This is meant to target many adult amateurs or juniors who don't want to jump higher but really want to show. It offers a large new potential pool of NORCAL members that currently are going to schooling shows rather than NORCAL sanctioned shows to meet their needs. Many shows now have 2'6" hunter derbies but they don't have medal classes at that height.
 1. House was approached by Jill Hamilton regarding add a 2'6" with a final. Hamilton would agree to sponsor this.
 2. Wasserman proposes creating an Equitation Classic for 2'6" riders, similar to that of the existing NorCal Equitation Classics
 3. Wasserman to approach Diefenderfer at Paso regarding their initial Eq Classic proposal submitted
 - a. Run 2'6" at the beginning of season as a test - of April or May shows
 - b. Run traditional Eq Classics at one of October/November shows
- c. New NorCal Ribbons-
 - i. Newer style of ribbon is not well-received
 - ii. Borges proposes to collect the current style of NorCal ribbons and redistribute to the shows occurring during the first half of the season.
 - iii. Once all the newer style ribbons are distributed, we can order a different style.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Remove requirement that a horse show have a USEF rating before we consider their application to be a NorCal rated show? (Lampton)
 - i. This issue is no longer relevant.

VII. COMMITTEES

1. Banquet (Rattigan)

- a. Vote for Wendy Nissen Award
 - i. [Nomination](#) submitted by Kelly Maddox
 - ii. [Nomination](#) submitted by Denize Borges
- b. Lifetime Achievement Award?
 - i. Marian Nelson nominated by Denize Borges
- c. **MOTION**: Marian Nelson to receive both the Lifetime Achievement Award and the Wendy Nissen Award for 2019.
 - i. Motion passes.

2. Elections (Runk)

- a. Four new board members for 2020
 - i. Sally Hudson
 - ii. Nicole DiCorti Bush
 - iii. Riley Benvenuti
 - iv. Kim Laursen Chilcote
- b. Runk confirms that we will have a full board in 2020, with 16 members
- c. 2020 Board Member Participation and Attendance
 - i. Runk asks the board members to reflect on how they will fit into NorCal Board in 2020 and the best ways that they can participate and serve
 - ii. Runk reminds the board that committees are selected in January at the banquet meeting. The board member binder will be on the Google Drive prior to the meeting. Runk encourages the board members to read through the binders and know what the committee duties and responsibilities are prior to volunteering for them.
 - iii. Attendance continues to be an issue

3. Publicity (Kalember)

4. Fundraising (Borges)

- a. Borges and Wasserman restructured the sponsorship program as follows:
 - i. Eliminate Division Sponsorship level
 1. First level would be Blue Ribbon at \$675

- ii. Eliminate Reserve Champion level
- iii. Wasserman to contact Nastri to come up with replacement for Classic Sponsor at Medal Finals Show for Grand Champion sponsors
 - 1. Classic sponsors are difficult to do because they often conflict with the WPE classic sponsors
- 5. Lobbying/Liaison (Kalembert)
- 6. Medal Finals (Runk)
- 7. Special Events
 - a. Developing Young Professional Program (Archer/Borges)
 - b. Scholarship program
 - c. Clinic (Hayes) - Scott Hofstetter
 - d. Eq Classics (Runk)
- 8. Rules (Lambert)
- 9. Show Standards (Kalembert)
- 10. Technology (Lampton)

Meeting adjourned at 8:32pm

VII. DATE & LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING

Sunday, January 12, 2020 Approximately 2:00pm

Location:

Intercontinental San Francisco
888 Howard Street
San Francisco, CA 94103