# AGENDA NORCAL HUNTER JUMPER ASSOCIATION Board Meeting 2018/5 August 27, 2018

#### Meeting commenced at 4:03 pm

# I. ROLL CALL:

- a. Present: Archer, Borges, Buckley, Corbridge, Hayes, Kalember, Lambert, Lampton, Orlin, Rattigan, Runk, Smith
- b. Absent: Geffken, Kuba
- c. Also Present: Peggy Fackrell

### II. MINUTES June 11 Meeting

a. See Minutes

#### III. FINANCIAL REPORT (Wasserman)

- a. Financial documents now available online (See Financials)
- b. Financial report delivered by Wasserman in Geffken's absence. Wasserman noted that membership is up compared to this time last year. Additionally, Wasserman pointed out that though sponsorship for the Medal Finals is at 100% of what it was at this time in 2017, the Finals will occur 1 month earlier this year, meaning that Medal Finals sponsorship should really be in excess of 100% of what it was in August of 2017.

#### **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Perpetual Pony Hunter Trophy (Lampton)
  - i. Yesterday we had to say goodbye to Bev Jovais' pony Pepe aka Thanks Dad at 31 years of age. I've been talking with some of the assistant trainers and clients and we were potentially interested in doing some sort of scholarship or memorial trophy in his name potentially for Norcal Medal finals or something along those lines, as Pepe was the king of the pony finals in his day. Let me know who I should talk to or if you have any ideas on what we could do as a barn to honor him. (email from NorCal Member Courtney Lewis- 07/03/18)
    - 1. Lampton read email above regarding member request for a perpetual trophy in honor of the pony "Thanks Dad". Buckley noted that there is already perpetual trophy for the Pony Medal.

Wasserman noted that Rattigan and she had discussed the idea of an overall highest scoring pony for year-end awards. MOTION: Award an overall highest scoring Pony Hunter trophy in honor of "Thanks Dad" for NorCal Year-End awards, seconded and passed. Lambert clarified that the sponsor of the trophy will purchase the trophy and that whoever receives the trophy will be responsible for getting it engraved.

- b. NorCal Medal 3 ft Medal question regarding eligibility (Lampton)
  - i. Lampton noted that an email was sent to NorCal by a trainer who had 2 riders compete in the NorCal 3 ft. Medal at Menlo. One of these riders won the medal and both of the riders competed in the 1.10 Children's Jumpers. Due to their cross-entry in the 1.10m, both riders' placings were revoked by the show steward. Lampton noted that the member requested that NorCal revisit the specifications on the NorCal medal.
    - Discussion ensued surrounding the option to adjust the specifications on the medal or to simply make the specifications more clear. Various members expressed a concern over the consequences of allowing riders who can compete at the 3'6" level to ride in the 3ft Medal. Further discussion postponed until the next meeting..
- c. Member inquiry regarding Menlo pony hunter points (Wasserman)
  - i. Wasserman was contacted by a member who failed to renew their children's memberships prior to the end of the Menlo Charity Show. The member requested that an exception be made and that the points earned by their children be counted towards year-end awards in the Pony Hunter divisions as the horse show office staff did not notify the member that their memberships were inactive. Various board members reviewed the issue and noted similar circumstances have occured in years past and the decision has always been to adhere to the Rulebook and enforce the rule that memberships must be activated at some point prior or during the show in order for points to count. Board members agree that no vote is needed and that the rules must be enforced in this case.

#### V. OLD BUSINESS

a. Sharing Financial Documents with the Membership (Lampton)

- i. Lampton noted that she contacted Polly Hey after the June meeting regarding a possible disclaimer to distribute to members who request to review NorCal financial documents. As Hey had not yet responded at the time of the meeting, Lampton noted that she would contact Hey again and discuss the option of a disclaimer versus a read-only Google Drive document.
- b. Board Member meeting attendance (Lampton)
  - i. Lampton reviewed the rule regarding member attendance, noting that if a member misses more than 2 meetings per year then we need to discuss whether they should remain on the board.
    - 1. Lampton noted that we have had people miss more than 2 meetings so far in 2018 but in most cases they are people who have contributed significantly to the board in other ways. Lampton suggested that we continue to follow the policy of notifying board members if they have missed more than 2 meetings, rather than potentially creating further vacancies on the board. Borges noted that meetings are now easier to attend since they are no longer inperson. Lampton noted that in recent years there have not been many new board member applications and that there is no one that should be removed from the board at this meeting, but we may consider how to get more people to run for the board in the future.
- c. Review Options for new NorCal Champion & Reserve Ribbons for 2019 & Beyond (Lampton)
  - i. Runk noted that he now has the sample ribbons to show the board members and will bring them to the upcoming in-person meeting at the medal finals.

# VI. COMMITTEES

- 1. Banquet (Rattigan)
  - a. Nothing new to report.
- 2. Elections (Runk)
  - Runk noted that it is time to review which board members' terms will be coming to an end and inquire as to whether these board members plan to run again. Runk noted that currently there is no age limit listed with regards to board members. Buckley recommended adding a sentence on the board member application stating that board members must be age 18 & over.

- 3. Publicity (Kuba/Archer)
  - a. Many board members agreed that NorCal presence had increased dramatically due to Ryal Polli's social media contributions. Archer asked board members for additional help with regards to the content of the social media posts and added that board members can forward ideas and content for posts to Wasserman and Archer, especially with regards to the upcoming Medal Finals.
- 4. Fundraising (Geffken)
- 5. Lobbying/Liaison (Kalember)
  - a. Kalember noted that Zone 10 confirmed selection for 2019 NAYRC trials.
- 6. Medal Finals (Runk)
  - a. Runk noted that he and Nastri (WPE) have discussed signage for the upcoming Medal Finals, adding that many of the prizes have been ordered and embroidered. Runk mentioned that West Palms has a dunk tank that they use for fundraising purposes. WPE has offered to send the dunk take to the shows in Sacramento and will allow NorCal to use it for their own benefit.
  - b. Buckley noted that she will be contacting the winners of last year's finals to get perpetual trophies returned and to set up ghost rides.
  - c. Borges asked if the qualifiers will be split into qualified and non-qualified groups this year and/or if they will be double-pointed. Buckley confirmed that in years past, the qualifiers have been split into qualified and non-qualified groups, but only the points for the year-end divisions are double-pointed. Borges noted that on this year's schedule, the qualifying round is a combined NorCal Jr/Sr Medal class and that both that along with the 3 ft qualifier are held on Thursday, rather than Friday. Borges also pointed out that the qualifiers are scheduled in Hunter 2 and Jumper 2 but not the arenas in which the finals themselves will take place. Buckley and Hayes noted that there needs to be follow-up with West Palms regarding these concerns. Borges agreed to speak to Nastri and Karazissis regarding schedule concerns this coming week at Woodside.
- 7. Rules (Runk)
  - a. Nothing new to report.
- 8. Show Standards (Kalember)
  - a. Nothing new to report.
- 9. Special Events

- a. Clinic (Hayes)
  - i. Hayes noted that we already have applications in hand for the clinic and that both the facility and Mandy Porter are confirmed. Hayes also noted that given the applications that we already have, it is likely that there will be a lottery in at least some of the heights this year.
- b. Eq Classics (Smith)
  - i. Smith noted that the Prizelist has been distributed and the awards have been ordered. Smith asked the board for special requests regarding the awards presentation.
- c. Jumper Teams (Archer/Borges)
  - i. Borges noted that nothing firm had been discussed other than an idea regarding a program geared towards young professionals in the jumper arena.
- d. Technology (Lampton)
  - i. Nothing new to report.

# Meeting adjourned at 5:28 pm

# VII. DATE & LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING

- a. September 25, 2018, 4:00pm
- b. Location: Murieta Equestrian Center (Upstairs- Main Indoor Arena) 7200 Lone Pine Drive Rancho Murieta, CA 95683