

Minutes for:

Vancouver Island Hunter Jumper Annual General Meeting

Held: December 6th 2010
7pm at Westside Stable,
6404 Central Saanich Road
Victoria, BC V8Z 5T7

please note attendance list available, but not recorded in minutes

Members who carried a motion or second a motion will be recorded by both given and sir name the first time they are entered, if more than one motion is acknowledged by same only given name will be used. In the case where there are more than one member with the same given name this convenience shall not be used.

- 1.** Moved that the agenda be adopted (motion by Judy Cumming, second; Liz Ashton)
- 2.** Previous meeting minutes adopted (motion by Diana Linge, second by Shari Rourke)
- 3.** Financial report reviewed by the treasurer 2010 Cathy Totten. Reviewed were the costs of jump construction at \$22 000.00, \$7 000.00 for painting existing jumps, the club ran at approx \$13 000.00 for the year as a result of those capital expenses, but that there is \$44 000.00 on deposit at the Royal Bank (Brentwood)
- 4.** President's Message delivered from Leanne Adams (Creed) thanking everyone for the great year, support and success of 2010. Leanne acknowledged that she wished to nominate herself for another year in the position. Thank you gifts were presented to Executive directors. (\$100.00 gift certificates from local spa)
- 5.** Elections proceeded; it has been decided by the executive to adopt a five panel executive including Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary, the fifth seat to be held by a director at large elected to sit on executive. This structure is to supersede previous structure and names of the executive positions.
- 6.** Cathy Totten was nominated by Leanne Adams for Treasurer, second by Jen Frost and enjoyed unanimous support by the members present.
- 7.** Cathie Newman resigned her position as Secretary by email. Leanne nominated Rebecca Pearson, second was heard enjoyed unanimous support by the members present.
- 8.** Vice Chair had two contenders for the position. Jen Frost; current Vice President and Cathie Newman; current Secretary. Jen nominated herself and second was

- heard from Leanne. Liz nominated Cathie and a second was heard. It should be noted that Cathie was unable to attend the meeting and acknowledged her interest in running for the position by email. There was some discussion by the membership whether or not she needed to be present to run. It was decided that she could run while being absent. A vote was cast and Jen Frost was the victor. Liz then moved to burn the ballots and second was heard. Leanne agreed to dispose of ballots in this manner.
- 9.** Leanne nominated herself for Chair and second was heard from Liz. Leanne enjoyed unanimous support from members as no challenger came forward.
 - 10.** It had been decided in discussion earlier by membership that keeping track of such should be a separate position from treasurer as it has been traditionally positioned. Ann Bater acknowledged interest and nominated herself, second by Jen Frost and Ann enjoyed unanimous support from the membership as no others stood for the position.
 - 11.** Meghan Rawlins acknowledges interest in and nominates herself for the position of Benefit Horse Show Manager, second is heard from Shari Rourke. Meghan enjoys unanimous support from membership as no others stand for the position.
 - 12.** Meghan nominates Shari Rourke for Sponsorship, and second was heard and enjoyed unanimous support from the membership as no others stood for the position.
 - 13.** Ash Charity acknowledged an interest as Hunt Ball Co-ordinator, she was nominated by Cathy and second was heard by Kindra. She enjoyed unanimous support from the membership as no others stood for the position.
 - 14.** Web Master was Diana Edwards in 2010. She expressed an interest in the position for the following year. Leanne was second and enjoyed unanimous support from the membership as no others stood for the position.
 - 15.** Diana Lewall nominated herself as Year end Points keeper for another year. Second was heard and she enjoyed unanimous support from the membership as no others stood for the position.
 - 16.** Stephanie ** nominated herself for Newsletter writer, second was heard by Jen Frost. She enjoyed unanimous support from the membership as no others stood for the position.
 - 17.** Parent liaison was assigned to Angie Hale, and Kindra** agreed to do the Victoria area. It was discussed during this time that the parent liaison should try and source out one parent or interested rider to pass important information from VIHJA to the rest of the members in their stable.
 - 18.** Meghan agreed to be the caretaker of the jump equipment, and Garreth Graves agreed to assist her in this endeavor.
 - 19.** Liz Ashton expressed interest in and thereby nominated herself as Education coordinator for the club. Diana Lewall was second to this motion. Motion was carried and enjoyed unanimous support from the membership as no others stood for the position.
 - 20.** It was discussed by members that was mentioned that Dalene Paine has agreed to be Equine Canada Liaison.

- 21.** Directors at Large who are not currently named and wish to be include Shelly Dunsmuir, Tiffany Baggett, Tonya Nyland, Norah Ross and Cheryl Keith. Both were added as directors.
- 22.** Next Order of Business included Judy Cumming explaining how BCHJA membership works and that it would be beneficial to all members to have VIHJA classes aligned with the above so VI members would eligible be for BCHJA points while competing on the Island. Riders who wished to accumulate points for BCHJA championships would have to declare their interest in doing so by paying a \$5.00 fee at each horse show. Alignment of VI and BCHJA classes was addressed later in the meeting.
- 23.** Ann Bater asked if she could publish a list of members names on the VIHJA web site to aid in determining who has paid their membership fee when verifying horse show entries. The membership agreed that the benefit of such out weighed the negative implications; if any.
- 24.** As it was decided earlier in the meeting to follow a different composure for the executive board for the association, a fifth director needed to be elected to serve as the fifth member of the executive. Nominations and seconds were heard for Cathie Newman, Tonya Nyland, Tiffany Baggett and Meghan Rawlins. A vote was taken and Meghan was elected to the position for the 2011 year.
- 25.** The 2011 horse show schedule was established and agreed upon by the members. The list will be published in the VIHJA Newsletter; coming shortly.
- 26.** Judy Cumming announced that Elton John is coming to Victoria...we all laughed ☺
- 27.** Next the question was put out to the membership about continuing to include Middle and Up Island Hunter Jumper horse shows as part of the association's points series. It was noted by the membership that the Courtney show is not running next year. Leanne agreed to call Arbutus Summer Show organizers and ask their feelings on continuing to be a part of the VIHJA series. It was also discussed by the membership that there needs to be greater continuity between divisions and classes at the Arbutus Show to make it fair for members seeking year end championships. Depending on the discussion between Leanne and management of the Arbutus Show; the executive will take a vote regarding continuation.
- 28.** Meghan Rawlins raised the question of running the Benefit Show as an all "Gold" show for 2011. There was much discussion between the membership regarding the benefits and drawbacks of such. It was decided that a split between "Gold" and "Bronze" would best suit the membership and the purpose of the show. Meghan and Leanne agreed to communicate further and to contact Equine Canada to establish if a 2/2 split is possible. Executive to implement wishes of membership as constrained by EC regulations.
- 29.** Stephanie ** agreed to submit the VIHJA Newsletter by the first week of January 2011
- 30.** It was decided that October 15, 2011 it to be the date for the annual Hunt Ball.
- 31.** A review of VIHJA classes, divisions, medals and specialty classes continued at this point in the meeting. A comprehensive list of changes made to comply with

BCHJA or to improve the imbalance between number of year end championships and number of competitors will be published in the Newsletter.

- 32.** It was discussed by the membership and decided that it has become necessary to establish a rule requiring competitors to compete in at least three VIHJA shows in the same division to be eligible for year end Championships. There were a few cases in past years, in hunter divisions, where a competitor had only competed in one or two shows and because of limited competition was able to secure year end champion in that division. If this requirement is not met by any competitor then it was discussed that the division would not be awarded for that year.
- 33.** Leanne agreed to provide a list of the rules for any new divisions to Stephanie ** so they could be posted in the Newsletter.
- 34.** Judy Cumming and Diana Lewall agreed to acquire rules for specialty classes and provide them to Stephanie ** so they two can be included in the Newsletter.
- 35.** It was decided that the next meeting will be sometime in the middle of January.
- 36.** Meeting adjourned at 21:45. Meeting minutes submitted by Jen Frost. Merry Christmas everyone! ☺