

VIHJA Annual General Meeting Minutes  
Held at Westside Stables November 21<sup>st</sup> 2011

Agenda : recap past meeting (minutes), finances, Election, Questions  
List of Attendees available by request.  
Motion to begin ( by Joanne Orchard, second Cathy Duncan )

Past Minutes and Financial Report were read over to the attendees by Leanne Creed

Elections

- ⤴ President – Leanne voiced that she would be willing to head the association for 2012, no one else came forward and there was unanimous support by members present that Leanne remain President.
- ⤴ Vice President – Jen Frost withdrew from her position as vice president as she has relocated to Calgary. Tonya Nyland voiced that she would be interested in the position. She was nominated by Leanne and second by Cathy Duncan. Tonya accepted, unanimous support by members present.
- ⤴ Secretary – previous secretary Rebecca Pearson accepted when nominated by Leanne to continue for the upcoming year, second by Kathy, unanimous support from members present.
- ⤴ Treasurer – Cathy Totten has been the associations treasurer for a number of years, although she could not be present she previously let Leanne now that she would be happy to continue for the upcoming year. Unanimous support by all members present.
- ⤴ Points – Diana Lewall also could not be present however she let the board know she would like to continue for the upcoming year, unanimous support from all members present.
- ⤴ Memberships – Ann Woelfle-Bater was elected to continue with memberships, second by Kathy and Joanne. Anne accepted. It was also decided that Cathy would assist Ann with membership conformation at the horeshows
- ⤴ Hunt Ball – Johanna was nominated to organize Hunt Ball, although she could not make the meeting she had discussed with Leanne that she would be happy to do it again. Unanimous support by all members present. It was also decided that Taylor Kubek would assist Johanna in the planning of Hunt Ball.
- ⤴ Website – Diana Edwards will continue to be in charge of our website, unanimous support by all members present.
- ⤴ Sponsorships – Sherri Rourke did a great job this year, it was unanimously decided she would continue for the upcoming year, assisted by Marina Thomsett.
- ⤴ EC Liaison – Unanimous vote by all members that Daylene Payne would continue as our EC Liaison
- ⤴ Equipment – Leanne nominated Cody to be in charge of the equipment (jumps) as Megan Rawlins (our previous equipment manager) has many other responsibilities. Unanimous support by all members present, he will be assisted by Megan.
- ⤴ There was a unanimous vote that there would be no Parent or Education Liaison (these positions were formed last year). The duties of these positions have been moved to other positions.
- ⤴ Newsletter – Scott Guthrie was nominated by Leanne to do our Newsletter, unanimous support by all member present.
- ⤴ The Board and its members present have unanimously decided to add a VIHJA Facebook page to keep members informed about shows, clinics, meetings, news, etc. Ella Degea was nominated by Leanne however she was not in attendance. We await her acceptance. Rebecca

and Marina will assist Ella with this.

- ⤴ Our Directors at Large are TBA as we would like to give members whom were not able to attend the meeting, a chance to voice whether they would like to be included.

#### Questions

- ⤴ A discussion about the grass field at the fairgrounds, many ideas were brought up as to how we could make the footing better this year and following years : aerate, sand brought in over grass, smaller heights go in sand ring.
- ⤴ There was also talk about gate holds and order of go.
- ⤴ A discussion about memberships : should there be a \$25 penalty for any persons showing without a valid VIHJA membership? We are trying to find a way to monitor who has a membership at the horseshows. Cathy Duncan has been elected to assist Ann with the memberships, she will be checking entry forms from shows and cross checking with members list this year. The penalty idea was voted yes. In addition to the penalty, and having to purchase a membership, the competitor's points from all previous shows that year will not count – as they would not have been a member. There was also talk of a membership price increase after April 1st. This was voted a No.