



VIHJA

Vancouver Island Hunter Jumper Association
Directors Meeting

Date: Sept. 22, 2009, 7:00 p.m.

Location: Hunt Valley Farm

Attendees: Leanne Adams, Tiffany Baggett, Lee Hardy, Tanya Hardy, Meaghan Rawlins, Cathie Newman, Liz Ashton, Tonya Nyland, Joann Orchard, Jen Frost, Diana Lewell, Shelly Dunsmuir & Cathy Totten
Gareth Graves arrived at 8:23 p.m.

Item: Points for Summer Series Shows

Discussion:

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| Cathie Newman | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• summarized the following, there were 22 people who didn't receive points for the horse shows because they did not have their VIHJA memberships when they competed. Should we grant these people their points or not. |
| Leanne Creed | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• spoke of the issues surrounding last year's points• People never paying for memberships if at end of year they weren't up for an award• Spoke of her discussion with Peter after the April SSITS about who hadn't paid• Cathy Totten gave her the list of non-members that had shown. |
| Liz Ashton | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Doesn't each entry form ask for your membership number on it?• Why give points if someone is dishonestly saying they are a member when they are not. |
| Cathy Totten | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Asked why it is up to the show to patrol memberships? |
| Shelly Dunsmuir | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• You are supposed to show proof for each show, we send photocopies as it alleviates any dispute• We decided in January not to allow any points for people that hadn't paid their memberships. |
| Lee Hardy | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The only people being hurt are the clients and owners• We should be here to support, not use points to punish• Peter's entry secretary wasn't selling HCBC memberships – wish they had.• Pointed out the history of how Judy Ross would catch them and get them to pay up.• 2008 newsletter states no points or numbers without memberships• Had an inexperienced show secretary this year, should enforce this next year• Points are not a useful tool for punishment |
| Jen Frost | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Don't look at it as punishment• Liability management is the issue |
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- Meghan Rawlins
 - After the April show Cathy Totten contacted coaches to let them know which of their students weren't members.
- Tiffany Baggett
 - We decided to do this at the beginning of the year
 - It was stated in our newsletter
 - Should stick with what we voted on in the beginning
- Jen Frost
 - Second that
- Joanne Orchard
 - Wanted clarification on the fact that aren't all members supposed to sign the entry form?
- Lee Hardy
 - Every year Tanya pays all of this at the April SSITS for her and all her clients
 - This didn't happen this year
- Liz Ashton
 - At the end of the day each person entering is responsible for themselves
 - Can't blame anyone else
- Tonya Nyland
 - When you fill out your entry form you have to put a number on it, you know if you haven't paid
- Meghan Rawlins
 - My kids had to show their cards to Naida
- Leanne Adams
 - Feel like this is somehow being put on me, I am just tracking the points

A vote by ballot was taken at this point and put aside for counting after the next issue was discusses.

Item:	Westside Horse Show – should it be a points show or not?
Discussion:	
Lee Hardy	<p>Leanne didn't notify everyone, Cheryl didn't know Tanya Hardy and Peter Holmes didn't know that it was a points show Great that Leanne ran it Doesn't make an even playing ground</p>
Leanne Adams	<p>Discussed with Paul and Tanya whether they were having their show or not Got EC approval 3 weeks prior Told Peter for courses Sorry I missed Cheryl I never got QMS programs The number of hunter entries were the same as other shows Got ribbons from Tanya for medals Debbie was approved to judge</p>

Meghan Rawlins Went because it was a points show
Skipped QMS because we planned to do Lochside Lane
Why don't we count best 5 shows

Liz Ashton When was the Westside Show

Shelly Dunsmuir Suggested voting on best 5 shows idea

Joanne Orchard If you have a license and replaced the points show cancelled at Lochside, seems like Leanne helped Tanya out
You plan your number of shows to attend at the beginning of the year, this kept it correct

Meghan Rawlins We had all planned to go to Lochside, so when it was cancelled my clients wanted another show

Lee Hardy But not everyone was told

Jen Frost Is Debbie qualified to judge?

Cheryl Keith Cheryl Keith's comments were read into the record.

Gareth Graves I attended the show and I don't think I should get the points

Tiffany Baggett Why didn't Cheryl come to the last SSITS

Cathy Totten I agree with Gareth

Jen Frost Both situations are an anomaly, why don't we do what Meghan suggested

Shelly Dunsmuir Suggests to resolve the issue this year we should choose the top five shows. Cathy Totten and Jen Frost agree.
Ballots were handed out and the vote was taken.

Issue #1

Should points be issued to members who hadn't obtained their memberships until after horseshowing:

Yes 2/ No 11

Issue #2

Should the points from the Westside Horse Show count towards the year-end awards:

Yes 8/ No 5

Lee said that if we want to make this fair the best 3 out of 5 or use a weighted system.
Tanya said that our system doesn't reward the winner.
Liz said you can't change a system after the fact.

Cathie agrees with Liz.

Joanne asked if anyone attended all the shows – yes Gareth did.

Moved and seconded by Cathie Newman and Lee Hardy to Adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m.
