

HTNB AGM

March 29, 2008

President Report

Donna Lee introduced herself and talked about what she's done and what she does.

There was no VP/Secretary report

Jen gave a report on the memberships for 2007

- We had 56 members which was down 2 from 2006
- She mentioned that we might be able to get some more Jr. this year as the Pony Clubs are on the rise again.
- It would be nice to get more prizes and for the shows and advertise a bit more to try and draw people into eventing. Make them want to come to our shows as there is lots of competition with dressage and hunter/jumpers.
- We would have ended the year in the negatives but that hat sales brought us up above that. There are still 17 hats left to be sold.
- We gave money to Lori and Zoë to help with the costs of getting the portable jumps.
- We still haven't received funding from NBEA and will be getting \$600 less from National.
- With having four events this year in NB we may be able to break even on insurance fees.
- We haven't paid for our website in two years.
- National wouldn't let us use the funding for the jumps so that decreased our account.

NBEA report was given by Pam

- Pam introduced herself and let everyone know that she was on the sports council with Dawn Brown and goes to the NBEA, sports council, HTNB and web design meetings.
- NBEA took on a new structure this year, it use to be one rep per discipline and it's been changed to only two reps between all disciplines. It was changed as it was too hard to get everyone to attend all the meetings and there for no voting could be done.
- The website because a top priority as nothing had been updated since September when it was vandalized. It is now up and running but still in development and being updated all the time.
- The lack of officials is also a huge thing for the sports council and will be discussed in tomorrows NBEA meeting along with the budget.
- There may not be any funding until there is a Canadian games team. (Donna Lee mentioned that it's difficult to get funding because "Equine" is split up into so many different disciplines, H/J, dressage, western, etc.)

YR report given by Judy

- The first year we did the YR program they wrote essays, did fundraising, had coach and parent involvement, etc. Last year we didn't have anyone show any interest in doing it again. Maybe the kids are too busy or just didn't want to do the extra requirements. In the previous years the YR were put into teams and competed against each other throughout the summer. It would be nice if we could do a clinic for the YR that also included stable management, braiding, turnout, cross country, bandaging, etc, at a reduced rate.
- Judy is going to meet with the YR here today and see what they want to do and then put something online so that all the others can have a say as the decision need to be up to all of the YR.
- The YR have \$637.

Donna Lee talked about respect and that everyone needs to be respected. (Kids to their parents, coaches, competitors, organizers) Everyone had their opinions and they need to respect each other as everyone has a job and has put time and money into it. People have bad days but we all are representing HTNB.

The 2008 schedule is on the website and it has the events, dressage, clinics and hunter/jumper shows.

Memberships

- National increased Jr. \$8 - \$10 Sr. \$10 - \$12 and Family \$20 - \$25
- Our fees will increase for 2009 as follows Jr. \$25 - \$30 Sr. \$30 - \$40 and Family \$50 - \$60

Fundraising

- There are still hats available.
- National is \$37000 short and want us to raise some money as they give money back to us.
- We have 50 elastic bracelets to sell that are \$5.00 each.

Rules

- Telescoping whips are not allowed
- Motivator spurs can no longer be used.
- When doing a combination in Stadium and the horse goes over A but not B then both jumps need to be jumped again. However in cross country if the horse doesn't do jump B but does jump A then only jump B needs to be jumped again.

Competition Classifications

- Everyone needs to have a sports license to compete at an event regardless of what level is being shown.
- The NBEA website has listings of everything that is needed in order to compete.

FEI

- Safety of horse and rider is on the HT website and was re-written by Rob.
- Most falls happen at the Pre-Training division

- It is being worked on to make cross country safer and it is now recommended that for stadium breakaway cups are used.

Raising the Bar

- Courses are going to have been built by a licensed builder.
- We will need to have recognized judges for next year.
- Entries may go up in the future to help with the cost as we have such a low number of competitors.

HTNB Honorarium

- In the past we gave money for portable jumps
- We discussed this year we may use the money for officials.

Clinics

- There is a lot going on this summer with almost every weekend booked.
- Denielle Gallagher will be in NB this summer and maybe be able to give some clinics or lessons to those that would be interested.

Voting

- Jr. members can not vote on money matters or have a directors seat. They have a say and can voice their opinions but can not vote on issues. With family memberships only one family member can vote. The BOD has to vote on changing the voting rights and bring it to next years AGM meeting to have it changed in the constitution.

Awards

- Jen Jamale was given a plaque for her 8 years of hard work with HTNB.
- The NB awards were presented to those that were present.
- Christine Bernard and Boo received the Most Promising Young Horse award.
- Pam is going to look into why awards were only given to entry level from NBEA.

BOD Positions

- President – Donna Lee Cole
- VP – Sarah Mac Quarrie
- Secretary – Louise McSheffery
- Treasurer – Pam Nierlich
- Memberships – Hollie Spellman and Julie Thompson
- Young Rider – Judy Hagarman
- Farm Representatives
 - Foshay – Rob Stevenson and Julie Ansem
 - Rohirrim – Zoe Erickson Meesters
 - Brae Fearann – Lori Leach

Minutes submitted by:

Sarah MacQuarrie, HTNB Secretary