

STATE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 21, 2006
Elmer's - Springfield

IN ATTENDANCE:

Bill Weir: Points
Linda Crawford, State Chair
Sherry Smith, State VC
Brittney/Denise John, WM
Pam Miller, DC, Willamette
Phil Armstrong, VC, _____
Jodi Puckett, DC, TRV
Karissa Dishan, VC, North Valley
Diana VanOrman, Rules
Candi Bothum, DC, Central
Karen Friend, CO
Carolyn Kronenburg, NW
Alishea Jones, NW
Ali McLeod, NV
Marritt Moser, SO
Jane Marsh, TRV

Jim Roper, DC, Southern
Peggy Smith, VC, Southern
Tony Lloyd, Youth Rep, SV
Suzy Lloyd, SV
Dale Claassen, DC, S.V,
Chris Dinsmore, DC, North East
Mike Ballini, State Treasurer
Debby Baller, DC, North Valley
Lisa Gibson, Scholarship
Lani Wyman, CO
Tasna Ballstadt, Wi
Donna Espelien, NW
Leslie Mcleod, NV
Rene Moser, So
Kailey Sparks, CO
Faith Roney, TRV

The meeting was called to order by Linda Crawford at 9:02 a.m.

Roll Call was taken
South Valley – 2
North West – 3
Willamette -3
Tri River Valley – 2
North East -2
Central – 3
Southern – 3
North Valley – 3
Total: 21 voting members present

July amended minutes were approved
Treasurer's report was approved, Mike passed out financial reports

OLD BUSINESS:

Reminder: Starting in January the State Board Meetings will be held at the Gateway Plaza. Main building, next to the food court. More to come on this later

Judges Committee:

Recommendations from the Judges Committee on Rules suggestions sent to them were discussed:

Performance Classes:

- A. A whip is now required in driving
- B. Gaits will be more defined according to USEF/Breed organizations in Driving
- C. Pattern measurements will be more clearly stated
- D. Flying lead changes are more appropriately restated for specific classes
 - a. Saddle Seat
 - b. Hunt Seat
 - c. Stock Seat

Hunt Seat Over Fences:

- A. Three refusals constitutes an elimination. No placing points given, only participation points.
- B. Scores will be noted for accomplished obstacles but placings in class will not be awarded to eliminated entrants (i.e. if only 3 entrants, an elimination will not permit an automatic 3rd place finish).

Dressage:

- A. Motion made and passed to change OHSET rules to match Dressage (ODF) with the following OHSET exceptions:
 - a. Exception: All 4 feet out of the arena is elimination (not DQ)
 - b. 45 seconds to enter arena after the bell is elimination (not DQ)

A major change is that OHSET will follow the ODF rule regarding a missed element, redo. If an element is missed according to ODF, a bell is rung. The element is redone and a deduction is made in the ODF approved area.

This is a big change and should be in the judges conference packet

Motion made to accept the Judges Recommendations

Passed 18-0

Team Events:

- A. The centerline rule remains part of the judging criteria. Judge will call as seen. Focus will be on the safety at hand
- B. Judges' conferences are necessary to ascertain that the new rules and clarifications are the focus
- C. Rope handling will be addressed in the conference packet presented by the judges committee which will include safety, throwing a loop, building a loop and the dally

RULES COMMITTEE:

Diana presented a new format for the rulebook. This is more in line with other rules books in the industry. The size would be 5 1/2 by 8 1/2 with a bound edge. This allows for advertising on inside and outside covers. Adjustments were proposed to keep the book manageable:

- A. Forms would be on web site, not in the book
- B. Judges list would be on web site, not in the book
- C. General drill maneuvers would be on website, only current year's maneuvers in book

Motion was passed to approve new rulebook IF the cost was the same or lower than last year's book.

Motion passed 17-3

DISTRICT FORM LETTER TO SCHOOLS:

A form letter was developed by the District Chairs to introduce the management team of OHSET to the management of each of our member schools. This letter is to be presented by the Head Coach/Advisor to the school for reference. This is a form letter. Only the highlighted portions of this letter can be changed by OHSET district chairs/coaches/volunteers.

A motion was made for State Board Approval of the letter

Motion passed 19-0

WEBSITE:

Payment of \$2000 for website expenses was approved. This function will have an RFP sent to interested parties in April or May and a bidding process will take place.

NEW BUSINESS:

CO-OP POINTS COMMITTEE

Standard Co-op approvals recommended by Bill Weir and Committee

Douglas High School with 7 athletes sponsors Riddle with 1 athlete
Douglas High School with 7 athletes, sponsors South Umpqua with 2 athletes

Motion to approve Douglas co-ops; passed 21-0.

Newport High School with 6 athletes, sponsors Taft with 1 athlete
Newport High School with 6 athletes, sponsors Toledo with 1 athlete

Motion to approve Newport co-ops; passed 21-0.

Non-standard Co-ops:

Sam Barlow with 22 athletes, sponsors Gresham with 2 athletes
Motion to approve; passed 21-0.

Re-districting

Motion: (Dale, Pam) Re-district to move Monroe and Harrisburg high schools from the Willamette District into the South Valley district.

Motion made and passed

State meet budget

·Shavings:

Local sources are dusty, but no cedar component. May not be able to supply our entire needs. Will continue to research options.

·Vendors:

Lots of space available, so we will look for additional vendors. However, we don't want too many selling the same items. \$200 charge per vendor seems to be the going rate.

·Raffle earnings distribution:

Districts will get their checks (~\$1,370) from the 2005 trailer raffle in April for 2007 state meet expenses. The 2006 raffle earnings will be applied to 2008 state meet expenses.

·No decision on whether to hire EMTs or rely on our own OHSET medically-trained volunteers.

·Other than discussion about budget details, there was no official action taken on the budget.

Official Hotel List:

We be sent by e-mail next week

Awards:

Bend Awards will be handling our medals. We will have the date printed at time of engraving to save money and these will save us quite a bit of money on "leftover" medals

JAC Awards will again do our trophies in conjunction with Big R

Drill

The 2007 drawn drill maneuvers were handed out at the meeting. Candi will send out a list (by maneuver number) of the maneuvers that have multiple options. These maneuvers are adopted from OWDTA and can also be found on our OHSET website.

Infractions of eligibility and early practices

OHSET has word of alleged infractions of two rules.

Rule 2.3.1.1 (Eligibility) - *Problem: coaches are denying participation in OHSET of potential athletes.*

Discussion of "participation in OHSET" included the understanding that grooms "participate" (but don't ride) as detailed in rule 2.3.5 "Non-Competing Athlete". The board emphasizes that coaches have the latitude to limit an athlete to certain riding events, to in-hand events only or from any event during competition **based on the coach's assessment of that athlete's ability to handle the equine and/or the event(s). Safety and liability** are the considerations here. Athletes may not be limited or denied based on attributes listed in rule 2.3.1.1 (race, creed, sex, ability or skill level, physical or mental challenge).

Rule 3.3 (Practices) – *Problem: coaches are calling practices prior to the official OHSET December 1 start date.* If "practice" sessions or clinics are open to the district and not considered mandatory for any team, then it is not a team practice. Team pennings, jumping clinics, etc. are not practices unless attendance is limited and the practice gives one team a competitive advantage, or unless the coach is actively coaching athletes in that event. Athletes may receive individual instruction during the off-season, since they do not have the next season's patterns to practice specifically. However, a coach (who will coach that athlete during the season) instructing an athlete in a gaming event during the off-season enters a gray area that could result in a code of conduct investigation (per OSAA rules and OHSET Code of Conduct).

Rules page 28 under "Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Insurance and Risk" is very specific on liability for off-season practices:

What happens if a coach/advisor encourages practices out of the OHSET season?

- A. The coach/advisor would not be following OHSET rules and all liability becomes theirs. They would be considered negligent and any injury that occurred would not be covered by OHSET or OHSET's insurance coverage.
- B. Because OHSET rules are not being followed, according to the OSAA rules that OHSET uses as guidelines, the team could be suspended.

Points Workshop

Saturday, Nov. 11 from 10-3 in Eugene. Will show the points program developed by South Valley and hand out a copy of the program for attendees to take home and play with.

"Dream Vacation"

Ways and Means proposes that our raffle this year be for a Hawaii trip. The trip should generate more interest from non-horse people, which will bring in more outside money. Discussion of varying levels of participation by districts and how to maintain equity in the effort spent selling tickets versus the benefit gained by athletes.

·Opinion: Every district should participate, or OHSET should not do the raffle at all.

·Opinion: Allocate earnings proportionate to tickets sold. State allocates to each district; districts could allocate to teams if they decide to keep that level of sales records.

Consensus around the table is that half the districts support the raffle; the other half are still undecided.

Motion: (Jim, Dale) Sell tickets for the Dream Vacation raffle. Present a complete plan for earnings allocation prior to finalizing the raffle. Passed 16-4.

Grant award

David Evans & Associates of Portland has offered a grant of \$1,000 to a graduating athlete with preference to future studies in equine and/or agricultural fields. Awardees are to be chosen by the state board based on grantor criteria. Kudos to Rick and Connie Whelan of REL Farms for obtaining this grant for OHSET athletes.

Committee Reports

- Scholarship: Still working on a couple of distributions of last year's scholarships.

Respectfully submitted

Sherry Smith/Dale Claassen – volunteer secretaries