SMHJA General Membership Meeting - 2026
3/2/2026

Agenda:

- **Welcome:** Opening Statement and Distribution of Ballots
    - Started: 6:10 PM
- **2025 Financial Review:** Recap 2025 Financial Statements, Review 2025 Year End Award Costs and Goals for 2026
    - Good recording keeping
        - Specifics wise, what exactly money was spent on
    - Good sponsor support
    - Importance on feedback, we want to cater to what the members want
- **Member Directory and Other Updates:** Consider Discontinue Printing in Future-Considedr Move to Website Only. Updates on SMHJA Google Workspace.
    - $700-$1,000 to print, pack, and ship
    - Comment sentiment that members don't keep track of their printed directory
    - Member comments:
        - How are we getting quotes for printed directories
            - ANSWER: Yes, last year Bethany went above and beyond to get the best price
        - Do we show the directory when we get sponsors?
            - ANSWER: Yes, but sponsors prefer their presence on our website/socials
        - Are we seeing people want to buy more social posts?
            - ANSWER: Yes,
    - Goal: to better help announcers get division sponsors mentioned at shows
    - Google Workspace update
        - Member comments:
            - How easy is the handoff?
                - ANSWER: Very, just admin changing account permissions in the admin end.
                - Recovery process the same
- **Discuss 2026 Sponsorships:** Call for members to bring in sponsors, review volunteer hour opportunities
    - Member comments:
        - How should we go about getting sponsors?
            - ANSWER: Similar to other sports, reach out to businesses you know or think might want to help support the local community.
            - Donations welcome (doesn't have to be a full sponsorship)!
            - Can complete volunteer hours by securing sponsorships
            - Ideas: local coffee shops
    - There is a big need for members to get involved

- **Volunteer Hours:** Reminder to fill out forms, plans to support membership with Volunteer Hours
    - Tips: Volunteer for 1 hour at each show you show up at. Get your hours in EARLY, not all at the last show
    - You don't have to sign up, you can just ask at the check-in desk what you can help with, and fill in an empty spot
    - You must fill out the volunteer form to get the recognition for volunteering
    - Table at first and last show: forms at table
        - **IMPORTANT! THESE DO NOT GET LOST**
        - Falls on board members to plug in ALL provided information into the Google Form
- **Show Calendar:** Review current show dates
    - 1 clinic May 9th and 10th; More info to come
    - Placeholder for 1 more show
        - Approval pending
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- **Clinic Opportunities:** Review Clinic opportunities
    - Dr. Linda Parkhurst Clinic - May 9th and 10th
    - Announcement asking members for clinic ideas and resources
- **Constitutional Changes:** Vote on proposed changes
    - Section 8.3.5.1: Marilyn McIntyre Scholarship - PASSED
        - Previous Version: A $100 SMHJA bucks Scholarship is available each year to honor trainer and friend, Marilyn McIntyre. Members may be nominated by any member, or self-apply, at any time during the year. The nomination should be either mailed to SMHJA or e-mailed to a current board member. The board of directors will pick the recipient. Nomination forms are available on the SMHJA website. The scholarship award may be used toward SMHJA approved shows or clinics.
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        - Member comments:
            - What if a member earned the sponsorship (ex 2025) and during the next (ex 2026) season was injured (horse or rider) before using the SMHJA scholarship and are out the rest of the year. Then what
                - Suggestion: Under extenuating circumstances, it can be transferred to the next season

        - Candice suggestion: The board of directors will pick the recipient. The scholarship shall be used during the subsequent season unless approved by the board.
        - **CHANGE FROM THE FLOOR:**
            - The scholarship award shall be used during the subsequent SMHJA season for SMHJA-approved shows or clinics, unless approved by the board.
    - Section 9.6.3: Children's Ground Poles Equitation - PASSED
        - Previous Version: Child riders 17 & under. Canter not required. Obstacles consist of four (4) poles on the ground. Trot is not required in over poles class. Walk and trot are required in flat class. If competing in this division, horse/rider combination cannot jump higher than ground poles at the same show.
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    - Section 9.6.5: Adult Amateur Ground Poles Equitation - PASSED
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        - Updated Version: Adult Amateur riders. Canter not required. Obstacles consist of four (4) poles on the ground. Trot is not required in over poles class. Walk and trot are required in flat class. If competing in this division, rider cannot jump higher than ground poles at the same show.
- **Open Discussion:** Floor is open for questions or discussion at this time.
    - SMHJA Swag Store: open for 2 weeks (3/1/2026 to 3/14/2026)
- **Adjourn:** Close meeting
    - Ended at: 7:33 PM