



“Quality, Community, Inclusivity”

January 18, 2026

Manitoba Hunter Jumper Association Annual General Meeting

2:00 pm, Red River Ex and Virtual

AGM Opening

- A quorum has been established with 32 virtual attendees and 6 in-person attendees.
- The first agenda item is a presentation on the Manitoba Horse Council's (MHC) athlete development program.

Athlete Development Program

- Michelle introduced the MHC athlete development program, which covers both Olympic (jumping, eventing, dressage, para dressage) and non-Olympic disciplines (reining, hunter speed events, endurance, etc.).
- The program is designed for all levels, from tier one (international level) to tier four (0.9 meter).
- Key details:
 - Deadline to join: January 31.
 - Cost: \$250.
 - Benefits: Access to a personal trainer, mental fitness coach, dietitian, and other resources.
 - It is an annual program, requiring application each year.
 - Applications are reviewed by MHC and a committee to determine the appropriate tier for each candidate.

Video Presentation by MHC

- Kylie Tonita, the technical coordinator with Manitoba Horse Council, provides details about the athlete development program.
- The application window is January 1 to 31 of each calendar year.
- Athletes are asked to provide their competition history from the previous calendar year.
- The program aims to improve athletes' performance in the saddle through off-horse development, including access to a dietitian, personal trainer, and mental health coach.
- Athletes will meet their coaches on February 14 and have monthly Zoom sessions.
- Information can be found on the MHC website under "Programs" then "Athlete Development Program."
- The cost is \$250 per athlete plus GST.
- The program concludes in November, with feedback collected from coaches and athletes.
- Kylie encourages participation and feedback to evolve the program.
- Contact: mhc.admin@sportmanitoba.ca

Approval of 2025 AGM Minutes

- Motion to approve the minutes from the 2025 AGM was made and seconded.
- All in favor, none abstaining, motion carries.

President's Report

- Jennifer Perron read the President's Report to the membership (see Appendix 1).

Treasurer's Report

- Nathalie Schipper provided her Treasurer's report and presentation about the budget (see Appendix 2).

2025 Financial Year Overview

- MHJA had a profit of \$8,200.
- \$17,000 was allocated to the equipment and maintenance reserve and \$5,000 into the general reserve.
- This was "much needed after a financial loss last year due to the cancelled and rescheduled shows as a result of the EIA restrictions."

Balance Sheet Details

- All amounts reflect the December bank statements.
- Account receivables:

- Outstanding amounts from 2024 and prior have been cleaned up; \$1000 was written off.
 - Account receivables are tracked in Showgrounds Live, which allows for quicker follow-up and restriction of access for future shows.
- Prepaid expenses:
 - Coolers and prizes for the 2026 show season were prepaid at a reduced price.
 - 2026 club insurance was prepaid.
- Equipment:
 - An enclosed cargo trailer was purchased.
 - Yearly depreciation has been deducted from all equipment.
- Liabilities:
 - There are no outstanding invoices, but there are some unclear checks.
 - The largest unclear check is from Breezy Benz for \$9,320.38 for the year-end banquet and has been cleared in January.
- Equipment and maintenance reserve: \$17,000 has been added.
- General reserve: \$5,000 has been added, with a goal to grow it to \$20,000.
- Grant and equipment depreciation: This reserve is used for the yearly depreciation cost of grant equipment.

Profit and Loss

- Adjustments were made after the budget was sent out, resulting in a slightly lower profit.
- Income:
 - Received \$53,000 higher than budgeted in sponsorship.
 - Received \$10,000 more in cash from sponsors due to acquiring more sponsors.
 - Entry fees were \$39,000 higher compared to the budget due to sold-out shows and more entries.
- Expenses:
 - Bank service charges were \$9,000 higher than expected because Showgrounds Live didn't always charge the credit card fees to the competitors.
 - Equipment inventory was \$27,000 higher than budgeted because \$17,000 and \$5,000 have been added to the reserves and \$3,000 in new sponsorship have been purchased.
 - Officials: \$6,000 more was spent.
 - An extra steward was added for \$3,000 for EC sanction shows.
 - An extra ring with an extra judge was added at schooling shows, resulting in an extra judge expense for \$2,000.
 - Sponsorship: \$6,000 higher in expenses because more sponsors needed sponsor frames at the year end awards and more signs and banners were needed for the new sponsors.

2026 Budget

- The board spent many hours discussing and creating a healthy budget for 2026.
- The 2026 budget shows a profit of \$10,975.
- Sponsorship: The budget is on the safer side as we received in 2025.

2026 Budget Expectations

- Budget of \$25,000 to \$30,000.
- Anticipating higher attendance for Heart of the Continent and the two schooling shows due to extra ring at schooling shows and dual sanctioning at all shows.

Expenses

- Clinic Costs: Two clinics planned (grassroots and equitation), aiming for a zero-based budget.
- New Bursary Program: \$2,500 available for members; more information to come.
- First Show Accommodations: Increased budget for food and drinks for smaller sponsor/rider events.
- Prices: Expecting a \$7,000 increase due to inflation and more classes.

Show Positions

- Expecting a \$15,000 increase compared to the 2025 budget.
- Increase is mainly expected in cost equipment course building part.
- Added paid positions for Showgrounds live entry and an extra ring crew member.
- Considering a volunteer working group at Red River X grounds to reduce costs.

Officials & Sponsorship

- Dual sanction shows will have two stewards, increasing costs compared to the 2025 budget.
- Expect an increase in flight prices and hotel needs for officials.
- Sponsorship luncheon relocated to a smaller event; increased banner signs for sponsor visibility.

Budget Approval

- Motion to approve the 2026 budget and financials was made by Michelle Johnson and seconded by Hugh Crawley.
- The motion has been carried.

Appointment of Auditor

- In 2025, the organization moved to a CRA system (GST), requiring an auditor.
- The board wants to go with only having a look with the GST.
- A full audit will cost more than \$3,000, while a GST audit will be around \$500.
- Sport Manitoba does not offer auditing for sport bodies.

Audit Discussion

- Jennifer Sabourin asked if a full audit would be beneficial for the first year, then switch to GST audits after.
- Nathalie said it was hard to get the CRA information from the CRA.
- The accountant is willing to help with the CRA GST for this year, but they don't have any chance to do a full audit for 2025.
- The GST needs to be there at the end of March, so we have a little bit of time.
- Mike Jones made a motion to incur the cost of a full audit. Tristan seconded the motion.
- Motion to conduct a full audit of 2025 did not pass.
- Motion to conduct an audit for just the GST passed with 12 votes in favor.

Volunteer Report

- Mike Jones read the Volunteer's report to the membership from Lana Ochman (see Appendix 3).

Equipment Report

- Hugh Crawley read the Equipment report to the membership (see Appendix 4).

Technology Update

- Mike Jones provided a technology update.
- Working to finalize a well-functioning Wi-Fi network in the barn and parking lot area.
- Intended for Showgrounds Live, emergency contact, etc.
- Finalization expected in the coming months.

Sponsorship Chairs Report

- Mike Jones read the Sponsorship report from Nicole Boonstra (see Appendix 5).
- 2025 Sponsors:
 - 62 sponsors contributed \$77,278.
 - \$36,150 in direct cash support.
 - \$41,128 as gifts in kind.
- Noteworthy addition: Butterfly-themed Sponsors Fence (sponsored by the Tursky family).

- Sponsor recognition: Banners, multi-sponsored display jump, social media highlights, in-ring announcements.
- Integration: Sponsorship committee integrated into the Awards and Prize committee.
- Sponsored gifts and coupons were awarded across classes and divisions.
- Show coolers were awarded in place of chairs.
- 12 new sponsors joined in 2025.
- Sponsorship increased \$16,000 over the previous year.
- Sponsorship committee: Jennifer Perron, Nathalie Shipper, and Nicole Boonstra.

Hospitality Report

- Mike Jones read the Hospitality report from the hospitality committee (see Appendix 6).

Athlete Development

- Michelle Johnson was appointed athlete development for 2025.
- Michelle presented the Athlete Development report.
- Plans for 2026:
 - Two clinics.
 - New bursary program (more information next month).
- Bursary qualifications:
 - Current member of MHJA and MHC.
 - In good standing with MHJA and MHC.
 - Competed at a minimum of 3 MHJA shows in 2025.
- Bursaries for coaches:
 - Must be EC licensed.
 - Must be in good standing.
 - Must have coached in the previous year.
- Looking for people to join the committee.
- Seeking locations to host clinics.

Membership

- Scott Strizic presented the Membership report.
- 2025: Over 300 members (331 members).
- Goal for 2026: Increase membership.
- Memberships open for renewal: February 2, 2026 (following the meeting).
- Renewal will be through the website.

Show Committee

- Tristan Caswell provided an update from the show committee.

MHJA Pilot Dual Sanctioning Shows for 2026

- MHJA decided to pilot dual sanctioning shows for 2026 to help with diverse needs.
- EC membership not needed unless participating in EC Gold classes.
 - EC Gold classes allow for national rankings, promote young horses, help with sales, and help juniors qualify for finals (CET Medal Finals, Pony Hunter Finals).
- Provincial classes will require MHC membership and an MHJA membership.
- Prize money will be more evenly distributed between the four shows.

Summer Smiles and Fall Harvest Changes

- A day has been added to Summer Smiles and Fall Harvest, mirroring the Beach Party format.
- Focus shifted to equitation with an equitation day in the Hunter ring and medal classes in the jumper ring.
- Provincial equitation finals will be held at Fall Harvest.

Ring Set-Up

- The plan is to keep two rings for Heritage part of the show.
- Crossrails and two foot will still be on the grass.

Split Sanctioning Shows

- Split sanctioning shows will still have stewards and drug testing.
- Temperature checks are required and must be posted on stall doors.

Heritage Shows

- Heritage shows will run out of two sand rings.
- Sign-ups will be on showgrounds live.
- Heritage classes will be junior amateur, with developing rider awards at the end of the year for junior amateurs.

Medics

- Two medics are not in the budget for this year.
- If this year is a success, they would like to look at doing that.
- Carly Norris suggested having medical professionals use volunteer hours as standby medics.
 - If people want to come forward as a second medic and use volunteer hours, reach out to the speaker.
 - Insurance needs to be covered.

Officials

- All stewards are from Manitoba.
- Jumper judges are predominantly local.
- Hunter judges are being flown in.
- Heritage judges are local.
- Local course designers are being used when possible, but three are still being brought in.

Summer Smiles and Fall Harvest

- Dominic Schadek asked if the increased financial and time commitment to make Summer Smiles and Fall Harvest four days may limit accessibility for grassroots riders.
- The membership survey showed that a large amount of people would like to see an increase in those shows, so they wanted to try it for this year.

Gold Shows and Senior Officials

- Sean Adams asked if the rules have changed where for gold shows you must have all senior officials.
 - The answer was no, it is still the same case.
- Some officials are working to get their senior status.
 - There have been a few since the fall who have taken that step.
- If you are not currently a senior official, you cannot judge a gold show.
- MHJA shows will not qualify for officials trying to obtain their senior status this year.
 - They will have to go out of province.
- They need to pilot this program first and then talk to Equestrian Canada to see if they can find a pathway to help their officials.
 - They have established an athlete pathway, and will have to reestablish an official's pathway.

Heritage, MHJA, and Gold Memberships

- A member asked to recap the Heritage, MHJA, and Gold memberships and how that pertains to the shows.
- For heritage shows, MHC has set out a manual dictating how to run provincial shows.
 - They are the same as Equine Canada standards.
 - They are looking at implementing a provincial drug testing program at those shows.
 - \$5 from each entry will go to that program.

- The show manager will be working with everybody and acting as a bit of a steward there to make sure the rules are followed and horse and human welfare is upheld.
- Coaches now must be members of MHJA to be in the MHJA field of play.
 - Your membership needs to match the show stream that you're at.
 - Heritage show = Heritage membership
 - Gold Shows = main MHJA membership
 - There will be no temporary memberships and no reciprocity.
 - MHT and Manitoba Pony Club members can pay a \$30 fee per show to use their shows.
 - They will not have to volunteer.
 - They have to provide proof of their membership to the office before the show.
 - There are no points for those members.
- For insurance purposes, all coaches, riders, and owners must have current Manitoba Horse Council membership or their own PTSO for those out of province as well as MHJA membership.
 - Members outside of the radius are exempt from volunteering.
- If you like year end points at a heritage show, you will have to go to two heritage shows and have a heritage membership and you must be a member in good standing.
 - Horse and rider combinations are not eligible for developing rider year end awards if they have received a Gold Circuit Award in the current calendar year.
 - Coaches and professional trainers are not eligible for developing Rider awards.
 - They are for juniors and amateurs only.
- There are no family memberships currently.
 - They had a family membership in previous years, but last year they went to full membership for juniors and seniors.

Draft Prize List Changes

- Showgrounds Live has added a \$10 US charge per horse entered into the system.
 - This fee is charged directly to the competitor.
 - We have no control over that. We are not charging it.
- Cancellation of entries:
 - The deposit (stall fee and office fee) is non-refundable after the closing date unless there is a wait list.
 - If there is a wait list and the stall is filled, the stall fee will be refunded, but the office fee remains non-refundable.
- Horse substitutions are allowed if the secretary is notified before the show starts.
 - The substitution fee equals the office fee.

Questions and Answers

- The Showgrounds Live fee is per entry, per show, per horse.
- Temporary horse recordings are no longer available from Equine Canada.
- Back numbers are now mandatory in the Hunter Ring, replacing bridal numbers, as per EC.
- A main MHJA membership allows competition at a Heritage show.
 - A Heritage membership can be upgraded to a main MHJA membership for split sanction shows.
- The Showgrounds Live fee is a new charge for 2026.

Warm-Up Blocks

- Warm-up blocks will be run as before and available on Showgrounds Live the Wednesday before the show.
- The main change is that competitors will only be charged for warm-up blocks they use.
 - "If you use 2, you can pay 2 fees. It will be like entering a class."
- Temperature checks will be conducted.
- Showgrounds Live will track warm-up block usage.
 - Volunteers will be present at the rings to check participants and ensure no more than six horses are in the ring at a time.
- If two blocks are used, the competitor will be charged twice.

Committee Reports

- No formal report for communications.
- A motion to accept the committee reports was made by Michelle Johnson, seconded by Billy Wiltshire, and approved.

New Business and Elections

- No new business was brought up.
- Billy Wiltshire is overseeing the elections.
- There are up to nine or ten positions available.
- Nominated members must be in good standing with MHJA membership.
- New board members must have full MHJA membership and be eligible for board insurance.
- Existing board members with one year left in their terms: Tristan Caswell, Jennifer Perron, Mike Jones, Michelle Jones, Scott Strizic, and Billy Wiltshire (immediate past president).
- Hugh Crawley and Nathalie Schipper are up for re-election and have agreed to continue.
- A motion was made by Tristan to renew the terms of Hugh Crawley and Nathalie.

Election Results and Adjournment

- Hugh and Natalie re-elected to the board for a further two-year term.
- Heidi Dancho, Monique Huberdeau, Jennifer Sabourin, Sam Toews, Rhiannon Bunkowski, Brianna Loewen, and Carly Norris elected to serve on the board for a two-year term.
- Motion to adjourn the AGM was made and seconded.
- The meeting was adjourned.

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Appendix 1 - President's Report

2025 was a busy year in many aspects of Manitoba Hunter Jumper Association. Lauren Perry stepped down as President in September, and I took over in the capacity as Acting President in September. I would like to extend on behalf of the Board of Directors our sincere thanks to Lauren for her leadership, dedication to MHJA over the last 3 years as President of the Association.

In 2025 MHJA ran a full slate of Horse Shows both EC sanctioned shows and schooling shows at both sites with an increase in the number of competitors for many of the shows. It was exciting also to see some of our members success at the national level – Izzy Biron, Daisy Jensen, Abigail Halloranan, Kate Curry.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all the Board members for your commitment, hard work and passion to MHJA over the past year. As a working Board, we were presented with wide variety of challenges, but we took them in stride. All of you worked hard with your assigned portfolios and exciting things happened – improved WIFI at Birds Hill, new sponsor jumps, increase in sponsorship. Also, I would like to take this time to thank 3 Board members who are stepping down from the Board but have all said they will continue to be involved in MHJA in some capacity – Nicole Boonstra – Sponsorship, Lana Ochman - Volunteer, Nicole Gorman – Communications/Social Media.

Sincere thanks must go to the Show Committee chaired by Tristan and her committee for their hard work, dedication, flexibility in putting on the horse shows – no easy task and to Teri Gudmundson (Show secretary) for her hard work, endless hours of working through Showgrounds live. This past show season was the first full season of using Show Ground live – thank you to our members for their patience as we all became more familiar with the workings of Show Ground live – lots of lessons learned but we are ready for 2026!!!. Running shows is a team effort and we would not be able to run them without our dedicated volunteers, announcers, gate people, ring crew, to Herman and Andrew for grooming the rings early in the morning, late at night, to Diane David and Manitoba Horse Council staff, Garth Rogerson and RREX staff. We would not be able to put on our shows and be successful without all of you.

Also, a big thank you to all of you – for making Manitoba's Equestrian Voice heard at the National Level with Equine Canada – with the strong reaction to the proposed rule changes – particularly with dual sanctioning and officials working provincial shows. The survey "Keeping Manitoba's Equestrian Shows Thriving" made a difference- -485 signatures and I congratulate all of you. Our province also had the most responses to the proposed rule changes in all of Canada.

I would also like to thank all our sponsors, on behalf of all our members, for your ongoing support of MHJA. Your support makes a difference, and we would not be able to put on

cost-effective and high-quality shows without you. This year we saw new sponsor jumps, increase in gifts in kind for prizes, and dollars to keep out shows affordable for everyone.

Planning for 2026 is well under way and you will hear about some of the exciting plans. Hard to believe when you look outside, our first schooling show is only about 4 months away!! I wish everyone a successful and safe 2026 Show season.

Respectfully Submitted

Jennifer Perron
Acting President
Manitoba Hunter Jumper Association

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Appendix 4 - Treasurer's Report

2025 was a good financial year for MHJA with a \$8,193 profit. We were able to allocate \$17,000 to our equipment and maintenance reserve and \$5,000 into our general reserve. This was much needed after our financial loss from last year due to the cancelled and rescheduled shows as a result of the EIA restrictions.

Below are some more details and explanations for the provided financial information

Balance sheet:

- 1) Bank accounts: All amounts reflect the December bank statements.
- 2) Accounts Receivable: The outstanding amounts from 2024 and prior have been cleaned up, as many were inaccurate; a total amount of \$ 1,012 has been written off. Account Receivables are tracked in our new show software (SGL). This allows us to follow up quicker if there are outstanding show amounts and restrict access if needed to future shows.
- 3) Prepaid expenses: We have prepaid for some coolers and prizes for the 2026 show season at a strongly reduced price. We also prepaid our 2026 Club insurance.
- 4) Equipment: We have purchased an inclosed cargo trailer as we needed more flexible storage space. The yearly depreciation has been deducted from all equipment.
- 5) Account Payables/ uncleared cheques: There are no outstanding invoices, but there are some uncleared cheques. The largest uncleared cheque is (from Breezy bend \$9,338) for our year end banquet and has been cleared in January.
- 6) Equipment and Maintenance Reserve: A total amount of \$17,000 has been added to our Equipment and Maintenance Reserve, so we can ensure we keep our equipment up to standards, and will be used for the replacement of our equipment when needed.
- 7) General Reserve: \$5,000 has been added to our General Reserve to build our reserves in case of any down falls or future restrictions during show season. We like to see this reserve grow to an amount of

\$20,000 in the future, so we have a good buffer for any unexpected costs.

- 8) Grant equipment depreciation reserve: This reserve is used for the yearly depreciation cost of our Grant equipment.

Profit and loss 2025:

Income: total \$ 53,000 higher than budgeted

- 1) Sponsorship: We received \$10,000 more in cash from sponsors as we have acquired more sponsors then previous years. I refer for further details to the sponsorship report.

- 2) Entry fees: \$ 39,000 higher compared to our budget. 2025 was an excellent year with a lot of shows being sold out and more entries at the shows.

Expenses total \$62,000 higher than budgeted:

- 3) Bank service charges: \$9,000 higher. SGL didn't always charge the credit card fees to our competitors. SGL was our first full year of use, so we were still getting used to it. In 2026, we will ensure that the correct boxes are checked so the Credit card fees are charged to the competitors.
- 4) Equipment inventory: \$27,000 higher: \$17,000 and \$5,000 have been added to the reserves. \$3,000 in new sponsorship jumps have been purchased.
- 5) Officials: We spent \$6,000 more on our officials. We added an extra steward (\$3,000) for 3 of our EC sanction shows to follow the EC rules. We added an extra ring with an extra judge at our schooling shows, resulting in an extra judge expense (\$2,000).
- 6) Sponsorship: \$6,000 Higher. We had more sponsors this year who needed sponsor frames at the year end, and we needed to buy more styrene signs and banners for the new sponsors.

Budget 2026:

The board has spent many hours discussing and several board meetings to create a healthy budget for 2026. We managed to present a workable and healthy budget to our members at this AGM the 2026 budget shows a profit of \$10,975. Although we had a good last year, we still need to build up our general reserve for the future, just in case of unexpected events. We are trying to create a general reserve of

\$20,000 to have a sufficient buffer.

Income:

- 1) Sponsorship: Its hard to predict how much we will receive in sponsorship money. We hope we will get some more as budgeted last year (\$5,000), but have been on the safer side as what we received in 2025.
- 2) Entry fees: We are expecting a similar attendance as last year, and with the extra ring at all our schooling shows, and the dual sanctioning at all our shows, we are anticipating a higher attendance for Heart of the Continent and the last two schooling shows.

Expenses:

- 3) Clinic (cost)/ new bursary program: We are planning to organize two clinics, one for the grassroots and one equitation-related. The fees and costs for these events should result in a zero-based budget. New for 2026 is the introduction of several bursary programs (\$2,500) that will be available for our members. More information will be provided during this upcoming year.

- 4) Horse show accommodations: We have calculated a higher amount on food and drinks as we are planning on hosting some more, but smaller sponsor/riders events during our show season to bring our membership together.
- 5) Prizes: Due to higher inflation costs and more available classes, we expect an increase to this budget line of \$7,000 for prizes/ embroidery/ ribbons and medals.
- 6) Show positions: We are expecting an increase of \$15,000 compared to the 2025 budget. This increase is mainly expected in our course-building part. We added paid positions for timers/SGL entry results at all shows to secure correct placings in SGL. Added also is having an extra ring crew member during the shows and reset workers after every show day. We are also anticipating the possibility of paying people who are helping out working the rings at the RRX grounds. Hugh will try to create a working group of volunteers to work the rings at RRX that might help reduce the cost.
- 7) Officials: The main reason for the increase compared to 2025 is that all dual-sanctioned shows will have 2 stewards, compared to the 2025 budget only having 1. We changed to having an extra steward during our 2025 show season at all shows.
- 8) Flight, Hotel, Cars: We expect an increase in flight prices, and we will have more officials who need to stay in a hotel room in 2026.
- 9) Sponsorship: We reallocated the sponsor luncheon towards smaller events during the year that would be available for sponsors/riders, and coaches. We changed the sponsor recognition towards more banners/ signs during the last couple of years to make our sponsors more visible in and around our rings instead of only thanking them at the end of the year.

Respectfully Submitted

Nathalie Schipper-Nijburg
MHJA Treasurer

Appendix 3 – Volunteer Report

Here is a break down of the 2025 year regarding volunteering with MHJA:

- 1) New in 2025 was the online volunteer sign up feature! Members were able to view the majority of volunteer shifts available at 7 MHJA shows & the year end banquet (online volunteer sign ups did not include The Marcy Schweizer Memorial Derby).
- 2) At the 7 MHJA shows & banquet a total of: 206 volunteer shifts were all filled! 62 volunteer shifts remained vacant in 2025.
- 3) Many additional volunteering shifts took place at The Marcy Schweizer Memorial Derby & also at various behind the scenes positions. Some examples of the extra volunteering shifts that were all completed were: the set up & removal of white chain link fencing for the rings at all BHP shows, making of the red/white jumper ring flags, set up & removal of all sponsorship banners, assisting with re-stocking water coolers at ringsides for competitors, coaches, etc.
- 4) Best shows for most filled volunteer shifts were at Fall Harvest, Beach Party & Jump into Fall!
- 5) Most unfilled volunteer shifts were at the Victoria Day & Summer Smiles shows.
- 6) The hardest volunteer shifts to be filled were for the “evening Jump Crew reset” at Victoria Day, Summer Smiles & Heart of the Continent.
- 7) Majority of volunteers showed up for their shifts! Only a few no-shows, and a couple sick or emergency situations. The volunteer chair emailed reminders & confirmations to all volunteers 3-5 days prior to their volunteer shift!
- 8) Some MHJA members asked to do extra volunteering with donating their time towards another members volunteering requirement!
- 9) Majority of MHJA members chose to complete their volunteer requirements in 2025! A small amount of MHJA members chose to pay the non-volunteer fee in lieu of volunteering in 2025.

***A huge thank you to all who were able to assist MHJA with their time in volunteering in 2025! Each & every volunteer is greatly appreciated! Thank you to those MHJA members who also encouraged others to volunteer this past show year! A very special thank you to the entire MHJA Board Members & many of their immediate family members who all took on plenty of extra volunteering at the shows & behind the scenes all year long!

Appendix 4 – Equipment Report

In 2024, the Club made significant investments in Hunter material. In 2025, the Club made several additional investments directed at maintenance:

1. Maintenance and repairs on several sets of standards during the show year
2. Additional sponsor fences;
3. A storage trailer for sponsor fences.
4. Purchas of two additional smaller liverpools.
5. The recovery and ongoing repair of additional standards that had been damaged over the years and stockpiled at RREX.

In 2026, repairs of existing materials will continue. In addition, the intention is to renew the paint jumper rails. This will be a time consuming and relatively expensive endeavour but is overdue. We are also continuing to work with MHC to develop storage solutions at BHP, as we now have both a heritage set of materials as well as sufficient boxes and gates (and most of the standards) necessary to keep a complete hunter ring at BHP. If resources and time permits, I would like to have some additional planks and hurdles built for the jumper ring. The hope will be to get several matching sets of pole and planks to allow for more variation in the combination fences.

Hugh Crawley

Appendix 5 - Sponsorship Report

January 6, 2026

We extend our heartfelt thanks to our incredible sponsors for their generosity, loyalty, and continued investment in MHJA. Your support plays a vital role in the success of our show season and enhances the experience for every competitor, volunteer, and spectator.

In 2025, 62 sponsors contributed an impressive \$77,278.47, including:

- \$36,150 in financial support
- \$41,128.40 in gifts-in-kind

This remarkable generosity allowed us to expand our offerings and elevate the overall experience throughout the season.

A standout addition this year was the beautiful butterfly-themed sponsor fence, proudly displayed in the jumper ring and generously sponsored by the Turski Family. It quickly became a favorite feature and a symbol of our strong sponsor community.

Sponsor recognition was celebrated throughout the season with banners, a multi-sponsor display jump, dedicated social media highlights, and increased in-ring announcements during competitions — ensuring our sponsors received the appreciation they so richly deserve.

The continued support of our sponsors is essential to the success of our shows and the overall growth of MHJA. We are deeply grateful for our long-standing partners and excited to build upon these meaningful relationships in the year ahead.

In 2025, the Sponsorship Committee was proudly integrated into the Awards and Prizes Committee, creating greater collaboration and enhancing how sponsors were recognized and celebrated.

Throughout the season, sponsored gifts and coupons were awarded across numerous classes and divisions. At the Heart of the Continent show, coolers were awarded in place of chairs due to import restrictions and rising costs—an appreciated and practical alternative for competitors.

The season concluded with a memorable Awards Banquet, featuring special recognition through trophies for:

- Hunter of the Year
- Jumper of the Year
- Sifton Memorial Thoroughbred Award

Additional Highlights

- 12 new sponsors joined the MHJA team in 2025
- Sponsorship support increased by an impressive \$16,000 over the previous year

We are incredibly thankful for the generosity, enthusiasm, and commitment of our sponsors. Their support continues to strengthen our community and elevate the MHJA experience for all.

Sponsorship Committee: Jennifer Perron, Nathalie Schipper, and Nicole Boonstra.

Prepared By: Nicole Boonstra, Sponsorship Chair

Appendix 6 - Hospitality Report

January 6, 2026

In 2025, the Hospitality Committee was fully integrated into the Sponsorship program. Throughout the season, a variety of food-based events were offered to enhance member engagement and support tournament activities.

Events Provided

- Victoria Day: Cookies and canned beverages
- Summer Smiles: Hot Dog Happy Hour
- Beach Party:
 - Pizza during the Riders' Meeting
 - Ice cream service
- Heart of the Continent:
 - Pizza during the Riders' Meeting
 - Dinner
 - Sponsor Lunch
- Fall Harvest: Ice cream
- Awards Banquet:
 - Hosted at Breezy Bend
 - Achieved the highest attendance in many years, with over 170 attendees

Hospitality Committee: Jennifer Perron, Nathalie Schipper, and Nicole Boonstra.

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