

MHJA AGM Jan 21, 2018

2017 Show Chair Report

All our MHJA horse shows in 2017 showed an increase in entries with the exception of Beach Party. That was due to the EIA outbreak causing concern for horse owners. Unfortunately we had to cancel the Fall Harvest Show due to hard footing concerns caused by low rainfall. Watering systems have been repaired at Birdshill Park so this shouldn't be a problem for shows this year.

Proof of Vaccination records were implemented at our shows last year. Current records of Influenza, EHV 1 & 4 (Rhino) were required. At the end of June a current Coggins was also required in light of the EIA outbreak. Riders and coaches willingly supported this requirement.

At Beach Party and Heart of the Continent we changed the jumper ring schedule on one day. We started with .75 schooling jumper, then ran 1.10 m to 1.40 m classes in the am. We then ran 0.85 m to 1.10 m classes in the afternoon. The benefit was that the hunter and jumper gates found there were less conflicts. We plan to offer this schedule change on a few days at these shows again in 2018.

Feature classes: The Ride and Drive class held at Heart of the Continent was a huge hit for riders, sponsors and spectators, so will be held again. New for 2018, an Accumulator Jumper class will be offered at Beach Party. At Victoria Day, Summer Smiles and Fall Harvest the Hunter and Jumper Derbies will have increased prize money and series champions will be awarded.

Respectfully submitted by Catherine McCullagh