

BARN BITS

Winter 2007

Missouri Hunter Jumper Organization has formed an executive advisory committee. Members are Janis Collette, Gail Schultz, Carm Natoli, Maura Tobler and Harry Weber. This committee will oversee the fund-raising efforts of MOHJO to keep the organization on a sound financial footing.

This year's awards party is scheduled for Saturday January 5th at the NEC, and will feature a silent auction in addition to the raffle and presentation of year-end ribbons and prizes. It is the same time as the Irish Fox winter series show, so all those who are at the horse show are invited to wear their boots and breeches to the party. The cost is \$15 payable by check or credit card (new!) in advance or \$20 at the door. You must have a reservation to attend.

Fran Natoli, of Equine Assisted Therapy, attended the Advisory board meeting. A decision was made to invite a representative of her group to the awards party, and a donation to her group will be made from the proceeds of the auction.

Show year 2008 will bring an added level of USHJA participation for those members who do not compete at the rated level. The membership form includes the "Outreach" level costing \$15 and includes a subscription to In-Stride magazine. The Tack Trunk, sponsor of the popular Mini-medal at Adult and Children's classes, will team with USHJA to offer a new medal class, the Pony medal. At year's end a medals final will be conducted with prizes offered by USHJA. You must be a member of USHJA and MOHJO to compete in the year end classes. The "Outreach" level will enable your board to select a junior or amateur for the Affiliate Awards, making this award truly representative of our group.

Please remember to re-join MOHJO for the 2008 year and participate in our great awards program as well as the Mini-medals offered by the Tack Trunk.

If you have any contributions to the organization, your input is valuable and welcome. Contact any board member with suggestions. We are here for you.

Happy showing in 2008!