

MHJN FUNDRAISER ON BREEDERS WORLD TIMELINE AND EVENTS
(Much of the timeline provided by Breeders World in an email dated 4/27)

4/04/2019: (Historical information) Breeders World Auction “Miniature Hereford Jr. Nationals Fundraiser” signed by the Treasurer of the MHYF – successful auction with all proceeds going directly to the MHYF account.

12/2019: (Historical information) Breeders World MHJN Fundraising auction using the same contract information as before. Successful auction with all proceeds going to directly to the MHYF account.

2/11/2020: Breeders World online auction set for March 10th.

Breeders World: “We agreed to do a fundraiser for the MHJN with the assumption that we were doing as we have the past several years and deposit funds to the MHYF.” (Email 4/27 – laying out the timeline of events dealing with this fundraiser)

*Note: they are fundraising for the MHJN not the MHJNA (newly formed association).

3/9/2020: Sale Information received and moved the Fundraising Auction to March 16.

*Old contract (April 2019) states that the sale name: “Miniature Hereford Junior National Fundraiser”

*Account information MHYF – direct ACH.

3/16/2020: Successful auction raising \$9,310.

3/23/2020: (after completed sale): BW received an email requesting an updated contract to change the payee and account number. This did NOT **come** from the MHBA/MHYF.

3/31/2020: Called special meeting for the MHBA Board of Directors to talk about Jr. Nationals. Committee Chairperson and MHYF President invited to join for questions (MHBA Board attempted to work with MHJN Committee). During the special meeting, a question/concern arose about the lack of funds left (\$1,900) and lack of deposits coming into the MHYF account for Jr. Nationals. MHBA Treasurer indicated that due to the recent fundraiser on Breeders World the funds for that sale would be coming into that account. A direct question was made to the Committee Chairperson “Those funds will be going into the MHYF account like before, correct?”. The response to the question was, “nothing has changed”. Meaning funds would be deposited like the previous year’s sales. This is also what Breeders World believed in their timeline email (4/27).

4/2/2020: MHBA Treasurer in conversations with Breeders World assured them that both MHBA/MHYF and Committee Chairperson agreed (special meeting) that the money would go to the MHYF account. First a suggestion, and then a request by Breeders World to have MHBA/MHYF legal counsel send a letter to direct funds to the MHYF account. A letter was sent to direct funds to the MHYF account.

*General Counsel was already hired to work on by-laws (10/23/19).

**General Counsel was then engaged for issues other than by-laws. A board member sent a letter/email (3/27) to the MHBA’s general counsel requesting information and threatening potential litigation. Requested information included finances of the MHJN and MHYF. Additional red flags were raised when this information was again requested.

4/15/2020: Letter/email sent from Breeders World to MHBA’s Legal Counsel that the Committee Chairperson CHANGED/UPDATED the contract (4/14) to direct funds to a new account in Oklahoma.

*Problem: On the new contract the Sale agreement was dated March 9, 2020 – The new MHJNA entity was not formed until March 10, 2020.

**Problem: Make Check Payable section said “MHJN” (prior contracts said MHYF). However, it did not say MHJNA – the newly formed association.

5/7/2020: Attorney for MHJN(A) sent a letter/email to MHBA/MHYF Attorney for the release of funds to the newly formed MHJNA (Miniature Hereford Junior National Association).

5/19/2020: MHBA/MHYF attorney responded with a Cease and Desist letter and Trademark Infringement letter/email to the MHJNA Attorney.

Funds are still being held at Breeders World.