

**USHJA ZONE 1 HUNTER COMMITTEE
COMMITTEE MINUTES
April 30, 2007**

Committee Members Present: Pam Hunt, Chair, Lisa Foster, Olana Laffey, Kimberly Ablon-Whitney, Jay Sargent, Nancy Venezia, Lilli Bieler, Michele Italiano-Perla and Carla Sharp. (9)

Committee Members Not Present: Jane Dow-Burt, Vice-Chair, John Manning and Lucie McKinney (3).

Also Present: Melissa Pylant (Zone Coordinator).

A quorum was met with 9 members present.

I. Welcome New Members

Ms. Hunt welcomed the two new committee members Ms. Venezia and Ms. McKinney to the committee.

II. Old Business

Ms. Hunt would like to find out the status of the Adult Amateur proposal that the Amateur Committee had proposed to all of the zones. She will be speaking with the National Hunter Committee regarding this issue at the next meeting.

Ms. Dow-Burt is planning on holding a forum at her show in the summer and will be giving Ms. Hunt the date soon. Ms. Hunt would like any committee member who has an idea for a forum to get in touch with her. Ms. Sargent suggested Grazing Fields as a possible location for a forum on July 30. There will be a clinic that weekend so it might be easier to get people to come. Ms. Hunt will call the show manager to discuss this idea.

III. Zone 1 Finals

The committee discussed the problems that the footing has caused at the current location for the Zone Finals. Ms. Sharp has spoken with several people regarding this issue and she was assured that the footing would be done the way that it is requested to be done. Ms. Sharp is still waiting to hear back on how the footing is currently.

Ms. Hunt will be speaking with North Shore and Ms. Sharp will be speaking with Folly Farm in order to obtain approval for the Zone Finals date. A donor would like to give a grooming tote and Ms. Sharp would like to give this to a high point hunter at the beginning of the week. The committee voted to give the grooming tote to the hunters in the first three days.

Ms. Sharp would like to find a way for the committee to collect the vouchers for the jackets instead of having the exhibitors do it. The committee agreed to have some jackets available at the show to hand out and have the remaining exhibitors fill out their information so that the jackets can be mailed to them at a later date.

There will not be access to the outdoor ring for the majority of the time at the show due to a 4-H show. The committee would like to be able to inform the exhibitors ahead of time so that they can plan for it before arriving. Ms. Sharp suggested including the 4-H schedule on the prize list.

IV. Zone 1 Banquet

The committee voted to give picture frames for the awards at the banquet. Ms. Sharp would like to see more advertising done for the banquet. The committee discussed having ads in the In Stride magazine, Equine Journal and the Yankee Peddler. Ms. Ablon-Whitney will try to get a discount for the ads in the Equine Journal and the Yankee Peddler. Ms. Ablon-Whitney and Ms. Sharp will be creating the ad for the Zone Finals and the Zone Banquet to be placed in the magazines. Ms. Ablon-Whitney will also be writing an article regarding the Zone Finals and the Zone Banquet for the magazines as well. Ms. Ablon-Whitney asked that everyone send her all the information for the Finals and the Banquet.

V. New Business

The committee voted to write up a rule change proposal allowing shows to combine Juniors and Amateur Owners at A shows where there isn't enough to fill the divisions. Ms. Hunt will also discuss it with the National Hunter Committee. Ms. Sharp will write up the rule change proposal for the committee.

VI. Adjourn

With no further business to discuss, the committee was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Melissa Pylant
Zone Coordinator