

**USHJA ZONE 4 HUNTER COMMITTEE
COMMITTEE MINUTES
May 14, 2007**

Committee Members Present: John Rush, Chair, Susan Ashe, Vice-Chair, Sissie Anderton, Patricia Fischer, Timothy Hooker, Otis Brown, Jill Mills, Randy Mullins, Jennifer O'Neal, Bob Bell, Christina Schlusemeyer and Ruth Stevens. (11)

Committee Members Not Present: Leo Conroy, Alan Korotkin, Dennis Murphy, David Pellegrini, Ken Smith and Jimmy Torano (8).

Also Present: Melissa Pylant (Zone Coordinator).

A quorum was met with 11 members present.

I. Welcome and Roll Call

John Rush opened the meeting and Jill Mills performed the roll call.

II. Approve Previous Minutes

Ms. Stevens made a motion and Ms. Mills seconded to approve the minutes from the previous conference call.

III. Committee Updates

Ms. Anderton updated the committee on the Pony Committee. The Pony Committee is trying to make it mandatory for ponies to be measured a second time between the ages of 6 and 8. There are many shows designated around the country where this can be done.

Ms. Schlusemeyer updated the committee on the Junior Hunter Committee. The Junior Hunter Finals are going to be in Saugerties, New York again and will be giving away \$50,000 in prize money.

Mr. Hooker updated the committee on the Hunter Breeding Task Force. They have raised the money they needed for the Sallie B. Wheeler Hunter Breeding Championships. They have raised \$1000 per class and \$5000 for the luncheon, trophy, etc. The total is around \$14000.

The Maclay Regionals have been moved to Jacksonville, Florida for this year.

IV. Discussion of National Rule Proposal

Pam Hunt in Zone 1 proposed a rule change allowing Jr and A/O's to show combined at an "A" show if entries warrant it. After much discussion the committee agreed to continue the discussion on the next call.

A motion was made by Ms. Schlusemeyer and seconded by Mr. Mullins to allow the Amateur Owner Hunter or Jumper riders to compete with one horse that they

own in the Adult Amateur Hunters. The motion was approved with everyone in favor.

Ms. Ashe made a motion and Mr. Hooker seconded to leave the specifications as is for the Children's Hunter division. The motion was approved with everyone in favor.

Ms. Anderton made a motion and Ms. Mills seconded allowing for pony riders to ride one pony at 2' and/or one pony at 2'6" of the Children's pony section when also competing in the Regular Small, Medium or Large Pony sections. There was one abstention and one opposed. The motion was approved.

Ms. Anderton made a motion and Ms. Ashe seconded, allowing someone in the Children's Pony division to cross enter into the Green Pony division but not the Regular Small, Medium or Large Pony sections. The motion was approved.

Ms. Fischer made a motion and Ms. Ashe seconded that the Children's Pony riders can not cross enter into any class above level 4. The motion was approved with everyone in favor.

V. Old Business

The Zone 4 banquet is going to be January 19 and will be held in conjunction with the Georgia Hunter Jumper Banquet in Atlanta. The location is still being decided on. Ms. Mills updated the committee on the bad check that was written. The check was resubmitted for \$77. The committee will be drafting a rule proposal for family membership for their zone for both USEF and USHJA. Dave Burton would like to sponsor a trophy for the C rated 2'6" Adult Amateur division. The committee agreed that this seemed unnecessary. Ms. Mills will draft a letter to Mr. Burton asking if he would like to sponsor another division.

Bob Bell had wanted to eliminate the 30 day rule which prevents riders competing at more than one level higher. Instead he would like to have a rule which prevents riders from competing at more than one level higher at a subsequent competition. The committee decided that the 30 day rule should be clarified to state that the rider cannot compete more than one level higher 30 days from the date of the class. Mr. Rush is going to propose the rule change to the Jumper Committee.

VI. New Business

There was no new business to discuss.

VII. Next Meeting

The committee would like to wait until all of the rule changes have been written up and approved before scheduling another meeting.

VIII. Adjourn

With nothing further to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mel Pylant".

Melissa Pylant
Zone Coordinator