

**USHJA ZONE 5 HUNTER COMMITTEE
COMMITTEE MINUTES
January 15, 2007**

Committee Members Present: Mindy Darst, Chair, Diane Carney, Vice-Chair, Debbie Bass, Ann Case, Nichole Jewell and Elaine Schott. (6)

Committee Members Not Present: Stacy Glick, Patrick Boyle, Heidi Fish, Caroline Weeden and Robert Weeden. (5)

A quorum was met with 6 members present.

I. Attendance

Heidi Fish was asked to resign her Committee position based on attendance.

Elaine Schott and Caroline Weeden will remain on the Committee.

The Committee voted and agreed that Craig Dobbs should be added to the Committee.

II. Scholarship Fund

a. Advertising – 2006 pictures are now posted on the USHJA website. The 2007 scholarship materials will be posted on the website in the coming weeks. Any additional materials for the website can be forwarded to Christine Kennedy.

Pat Boyle created an advertisement for the Scholarship Fund. It will be available for pamphlets and posters.

The Committee plans to send letters to all show managers in the Zone and follow up with phone calls regarding donations for the Scholarship Fund.

b. Donations - Is there any interest in creating levels of donations? Bronze = under \$1000, Silver = \$1000 – \$9,999 and Gold = \$10,000+. Do we need to budget money to send back gifts to those that have donated at a certain level? The committee discussed the various options, but voted a “thank you” letter and recognition is appropriate.

c. Specifications - Changes to the grade point levels have been made. Equitation qualifications have been deleted due to the discussion at the meeting in Dallas. The requirement that the rider must have been qualified for one national equitation final has been removed. This makes local riders eligible for the program, as well as those that compete on the “A” circuit. The Committee voted and was all in favor of this change.

d. Amount - The Committee felt they needed to guarantee an amount that will be given away for the program. \$10,000 was voted on and the Committee all agreed on this number.

Zone 5 will pay for an ad to run in Practical Horseman magazine. The Committee will work with USHJA staff to see if they can secure a discounted rate. In addition, a USHJA Zone 5 clinic can be added to the advertisement as well.

II. Horsemanship Class

Ms Bass will work on a biography of the Horsemanship Class for the website, as well as a flyer. When this is complete, she will get them out to horse show managers. George Morris's text will be used again in 2007 for this class. Ms Darst did get a commitment from Hugh Kincannon, the manager of the Kentucky National Horse Show, to move the Horsemanship Class to Friday.

The committee discussed distributing a quarterly Zone Newsletter to the Zone 5 members to include all news, clinics and updates.

A recommendation was made to create a list of stables in Zone 5 that accept working students. An application can be created, placed on the website and an e-mail can be sent to the Zone 5 members.

III. Budget

Currently, there is a \$384 deficit in the Zone Finals that Ms Bass is working with Sara Pisani, the USHJA Chief Financial Officer, on.

The Horsemanship Class has a \$2000 balance and the Scholarship Fund has a \$16,000 balance.

Total budget allocation for 2007 is \$7,256.00 for the Zone 5 Hunter Committee.

IV. Old Business

The list of Zone 5 shows as well as their respective show managers is complete and Mindy will send that out to the Committee.

V. New Business

There is a discrepancy in the Zone 5 specifications regarding fence height for a combined Children's/Adult hunter division. One division says 3 foot and the other says 3 foot 3 inches. The Committee discussed the matter and voted to keep the fence height consistent at 3 foot.

VI. Adjourn

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Kennedy