

**USHJA ZONE 5 HUNTER COMMITTEE  
COMMITTEE MINUTES  
March 19, 2007**

**Committee Members Present:** Mindy Darst Chair, Diane Carney Vice-Chair, Scott Alder, Pat Boyle, Elaine Schott, Robert Weeden, Debbie Bass, Anne Case and Caroline Weeden. (9)

**Committee Members Not Present:** Craig Dobbs and Nikki Jewell (2).

**Also Present:** Melanie Fransen Director of Programs and Education USHJA and Melissa Pylant Zone Coordinator USHJA.

A quorum was met with 9 members present.

**I. Welcome and Roll Call**

Mindy Darst opened the meeting and performed the roll call.

**II. Previous Meetings Minutes**

**III Adult Amateur Letter**

The committee is in agreement with the Amateur committee's first proposal with the addendum that the amateur must own the horse or have a USEF recognized lease of the horse in order to be able to show it in the Adult Amateur classes. The committee also feels that it would be better not to add a new Amateur Owner division but to recognize the Adult Amateur division at the USHJA/USEF HOTY Awards. The motion was accepted.

**IV. Treasury Report**

Last year there was \$3000 budgeted for the ribbons and prizes but \$6556 was paid by Patrick Boyle. Pat has forgiven this debt. It was discussed that this year more money needs to be raised. Currently there is \$4000 in the budget. Pat feels he can operate within this budget. The committee asked Melanie Fransen to check into whether they can purchase their own ribbons to help lower the costs.

There is currently \$4000 in the horsemanship fund and \$21000 in the scholarship fund. The committee needs to purchase a trophy case for Zone 5 for \$663. A motion was made to take the cost of the case out of the horsemanship fund. The motion was accepted. The committee also agreed to up the scholarship to \$10000 for this year.

**V. In Stride Magazine**

The In Stride Magazine deadline is April 10. Diane Carney volunteered to write a Zone 5 update containing the Zone Finals, the Horsemanship Class, the

Scholarship Fund and upcoming Zone 5 clinics. Any committee members who would like to have something submitted, must get in touch with her.

Diane Carney also mentioned the first “International Hunter Class” with natural obstacles is to take place in Zone 5 at Canterbury Farm in Chicago on June 9. This class will hopefully reenergize the Hunter industry. Diane will email the specs and information to Mindy.

**VI. Special Projects Committee**

The Special Projects Committee is preparing a website to list all available horse related scholarships. If committee members know of anything they are asked to submit the information to either Melanie Fransen or Melissa Pylant.

**VII. Sponsorships**

For the Zone 5 Horsemanship Class, Debbie Bass asked everyone to print out a copy of the sponsorship flyer to distribute. Also, committee members are asked to get in touch with her if they know of any sponsorship possibilities so that she can personally get in touch with them. For the Zone 5 Scholarship Fund, Melanie Fransen should be receiving the sponsorship packet for approval by April 1. The packet will include pledge forms, applications, personalized letters and posters. The packets will be distributed to zone managers and the local affiliate presidents immediately and the general membership of Zone 5 so after. Mindy Darst has asked that everyone supply 5 to 10 names for possible sponsors for the Horsemanship Class and for the Zone 5 Scholarship Fund and email them to Val Haskell at [valh@fortemgt.com](mailto:valh@fortemgt.com) as soon as possible.

**VIII. Adjourn**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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Zone Coordinator