

**USHJA ZONE 5 HUNTER COMMITTEE  
COMMITTEE MINUTES  
May 16, 2007**

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

**Committee Members Not Present:** Scott Alder and Robert Weeden (2).

**Also Present:** Melissa Pylant (Zone Coordinator) and Val Haskell

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**

Ms. Bass made a correction to the treasurer's report, which had previously stated that there was \$21000 in the scholarship fund when there is \$17520. With this change, Ms. Carney moved to approve the minutes and Mr. Dobbs seconded. The motion was approved with everyone in favor.

**III. Scholarship**

Ms. Darst updated the committee on the scholarship fund. Packets have been mailed out to the Associations and the Show Managers. Ms. Darst would like everyone to divide up the names and personally call the managers. Ms. Pylant will divide up the names and send them out to the committee members. Ms. Bass will be contacting the Ohio Professional Horsemen's Association for donations.

The committee discussed the possibility of USHJA starting a foundation for the scholarship donations. It is currently being researched to find out if it will be beneficial to the committee. If enough seed money is in the foundation, then the scholarship can come from the interest and dividends. Other zones could be added and separated at no extra cost if they decide to also offer a scholarship. The committee felt that it was definitely worth researching.

There still have not been any applicants for the scholarship so committee members are encouraged to please post the posters at the horse shows they go to. Ms. Pylant will be mailing the scholarship packets to all of the committee members. Ms. Darst suggested having a raffle to raise money for the scholarship with the prize being a clinic with Diane Carney. Mr. Dobbs suggested having each committee member be responsible for raising a certain amount of money. Ms. Carney would prefer that the horse shows still be responsible to give back. Ms. Darst asked that each committee member find something they are comfortable with in order to get donations for the scholarship program.

**IV. Horsemanship Class**

Ms. Bass explained the Horsemanship Class to the committee. It currently has its own scholarship and is in need of donations. It was suggested removing the scholarship from the Horsemanship Class and just having prizes and/or prize money. Ms. Carney suggested having the Horsemanship Class donate to the scholarship fund. One of the prizes could be a donation on behalf of the winner to the scholarship fund. Ms. Darst asked Ms. Pylant to make a list of the ten things that donations are needed for. Ms. Carney offered to donate Walsh halters to the Horsemanship Class. Mr. Boyle is going to get saddle pads and shirts for the top ten riders. The three phases all have ribbons and then the prizes go to the overall top ten. Ms. Carney is going to get stable plaques for the champion and reserve champion. Ms. Bass is going to email the committee with the current prizes so that any prizes the members plan to obtain can be added to the list. Ms. Schott is going to speak to Perry's leather about sponsoring the Horsemanship class and Ms. Schott will be donating a bucket of treats to the top ten. Mr. Boyle is going to take care of the ribbons for this year.

**V. Zone Finals**

Mr. Boyle would like to order his own ribbons for the zone finals this year. Ms. Pylant asked Mr. Boyle to speak to Jill Insko at USHJA in order to have the logo applied to the ribbons for the zone finals. Ms. Carney explained to Mr. Boyle how the process for obtaining the logo works now.

**VI. Budget**

Ms. Bass gave an update on the budget which shows \$500 donation towards the scholarship fund.

**VII. Clinics**

Ms. Carney updated the committee on her grassroots clinic at the Kentucky Horse Park during the spring show. There were 30 people in it and the clinic went from 8-4. Through the clinic, donations were made to the scholarship fund. Ms. Carney encouraged affiliating the clinics with USHJA so that USHJA can help with the cost and the advertising of the clinic.

**VIII. Zone Specifications**

The committee discussed the change to the Adult Amateur specifications that were made for 2008. The Amateur committee has agreed to not create a national specification for the Amateur Adult division.

**IX. Advertising: Web Page and In Stride**

Ms. Darst asked the committee to make sure that either Ms. Pylant or Ms. Darst receives any information that the committee would like to have on the website, in a member email or in the E-Update. If any member has something they would like to submit for an individual rule change, those are due June 1.

**X. Forum Discussion**

Ms. Darst asked all committee members present at the meeting to attend the forum at the Kentucky Horse Park.

**XI. Old Business**

There was no old business.

**XII. New Business**

The Horsemanship Class is the Friday evening before the official Maclay warm up. Riders in Zone 5 will have the option of either the warm up or the Zone 5 Horsemanship Class. The committee needs to finalize the written test for the class. The committee would like to send out a reminder to the juniors in either In Stride or in a member email.

**XIII. Adjourn**

With nothing further to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted



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Zone Coordinator