

Minutes of a regular<sup>1</sup> scheduled conference call of the USHJA Zone VI Committee.  
Tuesday, February 6th, 2007

Called to order by Chair Beth Miner at 6:00 PM

Present: Brenda Roloff, Robyn Eden, Louise Otten, Melinda Antisdell, Mary Armstrong, Kim Barone, Marcia Bobeck, Susan Miles, Bill Nunn, Kris Rame, Natalie Prentice, Missy Benny, Mandy Kimmel

Also in attendance: Betsy Kieffer

Absent: L Kraut; B. Ahrens; Seth Clayton; M. Dornbusch; H. Parish.

Minutes: approved as read.

Treasurer's report: Armstrong still trying to get definitive answer from USHJA as to whether Zone VI will be allowed to carry over unused funds from 2006. What are the dates of our budgeted year. Question as to whether jumper portion will remain with jumper committee or be combined back into the Zone. Otten thinks they will remain separate.

Zone Classics: Rename Zone Classics by removing "Final" from the title. They will be USHJA Zone VI Classics. Investigate different ideas such as:

- Dropping the champion and reserve ribbons and presenting 1st and 2nd instead, as there really is no "champion" and "reserve."
- Presenting neck ribbons for the horses.
- Presenting medals with the USHJA logo and neck ribbons of the proper placing color for the riders.
- Ideas to encourage people to participate in the Zone Classics, one doesn't have to qualify.

Scheduling of classics: Kris Rame was very open to suggestions for moving some of the classics to Saturday. She offered to put the 3'6" section of the Powers Classic at the USET time slot on Saturday, and if the USET fills, she'll find a place for it. Need to make sure they finish before the Grand Prix.

**A BIG THANK YOU TO TOM PICKARD OF HORSE TRENDS FOR GENEROUSLY DONATING THE PRIZES GIVEN FOR THE 2006 ZONE VI CLASSICS.** Zone VI to place a "thank you" to Tom in the 2007 Midstates prize list.

Powers Horsemanship Classic: Specs were explained.. Barone questioned the qualifying differences between the 3'6" and 3' sections, but on further review, opportunity appeared about the same. Kieffer forgot to mention the fact 1) the 3'6" classes are frequently cancelled for lack of participants and 2) an active Zone VI member can qualify out of state.

Clinics and Forums: 4 clinics listed on USHJA web site for Zone VI: Danielson's', Plemmons', and the two MHJA clinics. Also not mentioned was that Miner and Kieffer have put together a letter explaining how easy it is to affiliate a clinic with

USHJA, which will hopefully go out to all Zone VI members soon. Working on a forum of some sort for the summer Midstates shows.

In Stride magazine: next deadline is 2/15/2007. Miner to get news in for Zone column.

National Championships: need to get dates. Pony finals will be later because of date rotation. Miner to check with Urban to see if she will send letters to potential YR participants.

Foundations Awards: Notify B rated shows about these awards, and notify members that to participate, they need to have their horse recorded. B shows would be River Bend, Otter Creek, Carriage House, Carhart's shows and Long's shows.

Jumper committee: Miner had suggested Liza MacMillan as a member of the zone 6 jumper committee to the USHJA. Liza represents MHJA on the USHJA Affiliates committee. She has applied to get a learner judges license, and has taken a course designing clinic. She designates jumper as her discipline. Otten will also talk with the office. Armstrong to get Seth's new e-mail for Miner.

The meeting adjourned at 6:52

Respectfully submitted,  
Betsy Kieffer  
Acting Secretary