

USHJA ZONE 6 HUNTER AND JUMPER COMMITTEES
COMMITTEE MINUTES
April 17, 2007

Committee Members Present: Beth Miner, Chair, Louise Otten, Chair, Melinda Antisdell, Vice-Chair, Mary Armstrong, Mandy Miller-Killam, Bill Nunn, Elizabeth Kieffer, Susan Miles, Heather Parish, Kristin Rame, Natalie Prentice, Brenda Roloff, Sue Kyllonen and Liza Macmillan. (14)

Committee Members Not Present: Kim Barone (excused), Patrice Urban (excused), Marcia Bobek, Robyn Eden, Seth Clayton, Laura Kraut and Janine Carhart. (7)

Also Present: Melissa Pylant (Zone Coordinator).

A quorum was met with 14 members present.

I. Roll Call

Beth Miner opened the meeting. Melissa Pylant performed the roll call.

II. Draft of the Minutes: March 20th Conference Call

Ms. Otten made a motion to approve the minutes and Ms. Antisdell seconded. The motion was approved.

III. Updates from Affiliates

- a. **MHJA:** Ms. Kieffer updated the committee on the MHJA board meeting. A question had been raised about the levels for the Zone specifications for Children's and Adult Amateur jumpers, given the change in heights of levels by the USEF. It was not a request for a change, they just wanted a clarification. The feeling on the Board was that the levels should remain as they are (2 for low and 3 for high). The MHJA has had no other inquiries regarding changes in any Zone specifications.
- b. **WHJA:** Ms. Prentice mentioned that there was interest in the proposed affiliate medal class to begin in 2009. It is anticipated that the USHJA will see the preliminary draft at its May 7th meeting.
- c. **INHJA:** Ms. Miller-Killam said that INHJA would be having their board meeting later on this evening.

IV. Jumper Committee Discussion: Young Riders

Ms. Otten made a motion to nominate Ms. Macmillan to be the treasurer for the Jumper committee and Ms. Kyllonen seconded. The motion was approved. The Jumper committee discussed the level -1 recommendation. It was agreed to change the name from level -1 to something different. It was also discussed whether it should stay at the MHJA level or if it should be brought to the zone level. The classes are outside the USEF definitions and the MHJA is trying to

decide if there is any way the Affiliate groups like the MHJA can write the specifications so that the classes are safe and educational. Ms. Macmillan asked for input from the Zone committee. Ms. Macmillan will be sending out the proposed specifications for levels minus 1, 0 and 1 for the committees to look over.

The Jumper committee would like to change the Pony Jumpers qualifying criteria to include Children's Jumper classes at both the low and the high as long as they are level 2 or above. The course design will be left to the discretion of the designer and the show manager if a pony does enter the Children's Jumper class.

V. Old Business

a. Zone Classics: The awards order has been put in and is under the budgeted amount.

b. Season Opener and Season Finale: Ms. Miner would like to have a wine and cheese party the Friday before the Midstates Spring Show. Ms. Miner asked the committee to consider donating \$20-\$25 for this event if needed.

c. 2008 Budget: Ms. Miner discussed moving the \$200 allocated on the budget for travel somewhere else since it is never used as is. Ms. Miner asked committee members to inform her if they see something they would like changed on the budget.

d. 2008 Specifications: Ms. Miner asked the affiliate representatives to let the committee know if there are any proposed specification changes so that it can be posted on the website for the members to look over by July 1.

VI. New Business

There is an applicant steward clinic being held the weekend before the Harvest show. Ms. Miner asked that if any committee member knows of someone who would be interested to please inform them of the clinic.

VII. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Tuesday June 5 at 7:30 am central.

VIII. Adjourn

With nothing further to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Melissa Pylant

Zone Coordinator