

USHJA ZONE 7 HUNTER AND JUMPER COMMITTEES
COMMITTEE MINUTES
July 9, 2007

Committee Members Present: Mike Christian, Chair, Bill Whisenant, Vice Chair, Mary Ann Funk, Pauline Cook, Brody Robertson, Misty Morgan, Susan Baginski and Sue Halpern. (8)

Committee Members Not Present: Matt Cyphert, Chair, Nancy Jones, Micaela Kennedy, Thomas Le Blanc, Laureen McKenzie, Kathy O'Connor, Patrick Rodes and Janet Christie. (9).

Also Present: Christine Kennedy (Competitions and Program Coordinator).

A quorum was met with 8 members present.

I. Welcome and Roll Call

Mike Christian opened the meeting and Christine Kennedy performed the roll call.

II. Zone Specs for 2008

The committee discussed the zone specifications draft for 2008 that was sent out to the committee. Ms. Halpern recommended changing the wording in the Adult Amateur/Children's Jumper specifications to state "if only one section is offered" instead of "if High and Low sections are not offered". The committee agreed with this change. Ms. Morgan suggested not allowing a pony in Children's Hunter to cross enter into a Regular Pony Hunter or Green Pony Hunter class. The committee also discussed a misinterpretation by a steward regarding the Children's Hunter specifications. The committee discussed ways of rewording the specifications to make them less confusing. The committee agreed to the wording "or another age group of Children's Hunters" after Junior Hunter. A slight variation of this will also be added to the Adult Amateur specifications as well.

III. Zone Finals 2007

Mr. Whisenant informed the committee that the contracts are complete but instead of Robert Barton it is going to be Patrick Rodes who is the show manager this year. The clinic for the Zone Finals is not setup yet. Ms. McKenzie will be setting this up.

IV. Educational Programs

There will be a Judges clinic at the GO show with Joe Dotoli and different riders will ride a horse while Joe critiques them as well as having a normal clinic. Mr. Christian updated the committee on the clinics and how it works with USHJA now. Mr. Whisenant said that you have to apply for funding from the budget for the clinics. Ms. Kennedy will be sending out information regarding the

Grassroots Medal Program. Mr. Whisenant would like to submit a request next year for 4 clinics at \$500 each and have forums at 4 shows for \$100 each in order to utilize the Grassroots funding that is available. The committee was asked to think of something that could be done in Arkansas to generate interest there. Ms. Morgan agreed to speak to the membership in Arkansas when she goes to judge a show to get some ideas.

V. Zone Finals 2008

Mr. Whisenant has not mailed out the letter yet asking shows to consider hosting the Zone Finals next year but will be soon. The timeframe for these shows will be around the end of November.

VI. New Business

It was suggested placing the names of the riders representing Zone 7 for the NAYRC on the USHJA website. The committee decided to contact Ms. Pylant at USHJA to have her place the teams on the website.

THJA is also going to help with funding for the Pony Jumpers in addition to the \$250 paid by the USHJA.

Ms. Morgan would like to find some way to encourage equitation in Zone 7. With the limitations placed by the NCAA, it is very difficult for riders to join University teams. The AQHA is meeting with the NCAA to try to work something out.

Mr. Whisenant asked someone to take on the Grassroots program. Ms. Morgan volunteered to work on that. Ms. Morgan liked the idea of doing clinics. Ms. Funk also recommended a teaching clinic since they have been very well received. Frank Madden is teaching a clinic like this in St. Louis.

VII. 2008 Hunter Budget Review

Ms. Cook and Ms. Morgan did not receive the budget that Mr. Whisenant sent out. Mr. Whisenant created a separate spreadsheet from what Ms. Pisani sent out. There was some carryover funds left over from the previous year and also there is \$1500 allocated for Grassroots Outreach. Mr. Whisenant proposed \$2500 for the Zone Finals competition which is based on money spent in previous years. There was also \$2000 put in for awards. Mr. Whisenant put \$0 for office supplies and postage and printing. There was \$300 put in for the conference calls and \$0 for travel. Mr. Christian informed the committee that what USHJA allocates does not carryover. The only thing that does is the unrestricted carryover funds. The committee agreed to these changes.

VIII. Adjourn

With nothing further to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mel Pylant".

Melissa Pylant
Zone Coordinator