

USHJA ZONE 7 HUNTER AND JUMPER COMMITTEES
COMMITTEE MINUTES
May 7, 2007

Committee Members Present: Mike Christian, Chair, Matt Cyphert, Chair, Susan Baginski, Janet Christie, Sue Halpern, Pauline Cook, Nancy Jones, Lauren McKenzie, Misty Morgan, Kathy O'Connor and Bill Whisenant. (11)

Committee Members Not Present: Brody Robertson, Mary Ann Funk, Micaela Kennedy, Thomas Le Blanc and Patrick Rodes. (5).

Also Present: Melissa Pylant (Zone Coordinator).

A quorum was met with 11 members present.

I. Welcome and Roll Call

Mike Christian opened the meeting and Melissa Pylant performed the roll call.

II. Approve Minutes

It was agreed that the minutes would be looked at later once all members have had a chance to look over them.

III. Review Children's/Adult Amateur Hunter Specifications

The committee discussed the removal of the 2'9" from the Children's/Adult Amateur specifications and having it at 3'. The committee would like USEF to notify the Zone 7 horse shows of this change. Ms. Pylant will send the request to USEF (upon review of this request, the specifications cannot be changed until the competition year 2008).

IV. Elect Vice-Chair

Ms. Cook nominated Bill Whisenant for the position of Vice-Chair and Ms. Halpern seconded. With no further nominations, Bill Whisenant was elected as the new Vice-Chair for the Zone 7 Hunter Committee.

V. Website and Magazine Information

Mr. Christian asked if anyone has an update for the website or In Stride magazine to get it to Ms. Jones. The Zone Finals changes will be included in the next issue. It was suggested to put in the correction for the Children's/Adult Amateur specifications.

VI. Elect Jumper Committee Treasurer

Ms. Halpern nominated Janet Christie to be the treasurer and Mr. Cyphert seconded. With no further nominations, Janet Christie was elected as treasurer for the Zone 7 Jumper Committee.

VII. Old Business

Mr. Whisenant updated the committee on the progress for the Zone Finals. Ms. McKenzie is trying to find an open time slot for a clinic at the show. Ms. Cook suggested having the Judges do a Judges clinic at the end of the Equitation class the Saturday night of the show. Ms. McKenzie will try to work that out for the Zone Finals. Ms. Jones asked Mr. Christian about the process for hosting a Zone Finals and Ms. Morgan suggested moving the Zone Finals around the zone. Mr. Whisenant suggested having the shows that are interested in hosting it and are in the correct time frame, submit a proposal. Ms. McKenzie suggested having a form created for the shows to fill out to give a standard evaluation for the shows and have them submitted during a set time frame such as September 1.

VIII. Budget

Mr. Christian and Mr. Whisenant will put together a draft and send it out to the committee to approve before the due date of July 1.

IX. Draft of the Zone Specifications

Mr. Christian reminded everyone that the draft for the Zone Specifications is due by July 1 if anyone wants to change anything.

X. NAYRC

Mr. Cyphert is going to contact Courtney Fredricks about doing the NAYRC again. Mike McCormick will be sending his riders this year to compete as well.

XI. Children's/Adult Amateur Jumper Specifications

Mr. Cyphert suggested changing the rules so that riders who are competing at the Grand Prix level cannot also compete in the Children's/Adult Amateur classes. It was suggested changing the specifications so that any rider competing at level 5 or above cannot cross enter into the Children's/Adult Amateur classes at that horse show. Mr. Cyphert is going to write this change up and send it out to the committee to look over.

XII. New Business

Mr. Whisenant mentioned that there will be a Hunter clinic at the GO show the Monday after the first week as well as a golf tournament. It will probably be held in the new pavilion.

Ms. Morgan suggested creating an intercollegiate equitation class to create interest in equitation and to help Zone 7 riders get college scholarships. Ms. Jones recommended taking the current Medal classes and promoting them instead of creating an entirely new class. Mr. Christian suggested that Ms. Morgan write up a proposal to present to the committee. The committee would also like to look into the Zone 5 scholarship program for ideas. Ms. Baginski will send some of the Zone 5 information to Ms. Morgan.

XIII. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be July 9 at 1:00 pm pacific, 4:00 pm eastern.

XIV. 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