

**USHJA Zone 8 Hunter Jumper Meeting
January 8, 2007**

Committee Members Present: Wilson Dennehy, Betty Weber, Chris Collman, Charles Throckmorton, Corky Shana, Dorothy Rohrbach, Allison Wicks, Charlie Dennehy and Michael Dennehy (9).

Committee Members Not Present: Betty Beran, Timothy Herrick, Lisa Hooper, Renae Coates, Caroline Stevens, Susanne Stroh, Randy Henry, Kristin Nixon, Pie Lafferty and Paul Rohrbach (10).

A quorum was met with 9 members present.

I. Zone Forums

Wilson would like to hold a Zone Forum Week 2 of Indio at Tucson. Wilson will call Tom Brede to set that up.

Would Chris like to hold a Zone Forum in Scottsdale? No, let's just hold one in the spring at Tucson, during the off week at Indio.

Where else can we set up other Zone Forums?

II. Zone Finals/Championship Horse Shows

Would anyone like to make changes? No, the Committee is happy with how these finals and championships are currently handled.

III. USHJA:

USHJA Convention will be held in Arizona next December 11 through December 14 and there will be judging clinics held on Friday and Saturday in conjunction with the Convention.

Only 4 members of the Zone 8 Committee attended the Convention in Dallas.

IV. Jumpers

The Zone 8 Young Rider Specs are the same as Zone 10. Asking Zone 8 riders to track, publish and get approval in the show office for their qualifying classes is pushing the envelope. The Committee felt they needed to re-establish their qualifying rules for Young Riders. Currently, riders can use any Level 7 Jumper class as a substitution class for qualification. If riders cannot jump a Level 7 course, they should not be going to Young Riders. Any changes to the current specs must be submitted by July 1. Corky, Betty and Page will work together on

any changes and will put them forward to Charles to tackle during the next conference call.

The Committee would like to promote the Zone Riders to attend Harrisburg and then that team would go to the Friendship Games in Germany.

V. Hunter Points vs. Money

Louise Serio is campaigning to track Hunters using money, rather than points. Wilson did not feel this would be beneficial for Zone 8. He felt it was something to think about and discuss at the Zone Forums. Some of the Committee felt this change was only going to benefit those riders who go to Florida.

VI. Zone Specs

Zone Specs can be discussed during the Zone Forums and the group can decide on any changes that need to be made.

The Amateur Committee has been discussing a Low A/O Hunter Division that would be held with an "A" rating at the 3 foot level. In some Zones, you can ride an A/A horse and an A/O horse at the same competition. In others you cannot. Chris did not feel you would have enough entries to fill a division like this at many competitions. You may also have many horses not sound enough to do a jog. The Committee thought a new division at 3 foot 3 inches would be a better idea. This would be a bridge between the 3 foot and the 3 foot 6 inch divisions. The Committee will revisit this topic during their Forums.

Zone 8 would like to get further information on the Zone 5 scholarship fund to possibly do something similar within Zone 8.

The Zones have been asked to create a history of the Zone and who was influential in getting the Zone where it is now. Maybe this could be a project that each State Association within Zone 8 could work on over the course of the year.

VII. Next Meeting

The next Committee Meeting should be held after the Zone Forum. Possibly late March or early April. The tentative date is Monday, April 9, 2007 at 6:00 PM.

VIII. Adjourn

With nothing further to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

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