Meeting Minutes

I. Welcome and roll call
Mrs. Brown called the meeting to order, Ms. Mader took roll; with all members present, a quorum was met.

II. Adoption of Agenda
Ms. Williams made a motion to adopt the agenda; Mr. Madden seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously

III. Approval of meeting minutes from May 15, 2020
Mrs. Ryan made a motion to approve the minutes as written from the May 15th call; Ms. Pandich seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

IV. Discussion: Manager/USEF Feedback
Mr. Teall had no new updated regarding the NHS or Maclay. Points will be re-evaluated at the end of June once showing has resumed.
Mr. Kennedy had no new updates regarding Capital Challenge. Maryland has been moving forward with re-opening and he feels confident that the show will be able to be held.
Ms. Keating updated the task force regarding Talent Search. An expression of interest resulted in 24 interested riders for the West Coast, and 60 for the East coast. Their committee continues to research the best safety protocols for the Gladstone grounds.

The Guests were dismissed from the call.

V. 2020 Hunter Seat Medal Finals East venue review

The task force reviewed the host applications that had been submitted for the rescheduling of 3’3” Hunter Seat Medal Finals East. Of those submitted, the New England Equitation Championships in October and the Blue Ridge National in November were the most suitable locations. There were concerns over each state’s re-opening plans, the safety of indoor facilities, and time of year (weather). The discussion then turned toward viability and safety of travel and the suggestion that possibly a regional format might be a better plan. With no majority vote supporting a single course of action, the committee wished to present all ideas to the Executive Committee. Ms. Mader will draft a memo to have the topic added to the Executive Committee agenda.

VI. Regional Gladstone

As an acceptable host has been obtained for Gladstone Cup East, the discussion of a Regional Gladstone was retired.

Mrs. Brown related that there had been many questions and comments regarding the Gladstone Qualifying Criteria to amend where the reasonable maximum numbers of riders could participate. The committee discussed different possibilities.

*Mrs. Ryan made a motion to amend the 2020 Gladstone Cup qualifying criteria to include and rider who has won either phase of the WIHS class at a Premier or National show. Mr. Madden seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.* Ms. Mader will draft a memo to present to the Executive Committee for final approval.

The task force then discussed the possibility of extending the qualifying period to June 30, 2020. All task force members were strongly in favor of this. However, as Gladstone Cup is held in conjunction with Junior Hunter Finals, further discussion and a joint decision with USEF will be the course of action.

VII. USEF Equitation Tests: Rule Change Proposal

The task force reviewed the rule change proposal in the meeting packet. There was a brief discussion of each change proposed. All members were in favor of the changes but wanted additional time to review and discuss so the vote was postponed until the next call.

The discussion then turned toward providing education for riders and Licensed Officials regarding proper execution of the USEF Equitation Tests. Mr. Hagman identified a video that was produced and demonstrated the tests. Ms. Mader will research if USHJA has the video on file. The task force wishes to develop some sort of educational format regarding the USEF Tests.

VIII. Adult Jumping Seat Medal
There is interest in this program however, it was tabled until the next call so a program could be further developed in conjunction with updating the specifications. Mrs. Brown asked Mr. Hagman to research qualifying/disqualifying criteria for the Adult section in the absence of an Adult Talent Search.

**IX. Discussion: USHJA Program Specifications 2022**

- **Gladstone**
  Gladstone Cup 2022 specifications were discussed and the task force was unanimous in the approval of amending the trot fence to “no higher than 3’0’” in accordance with the rule changes that are being proposed.

- **Hunter Seat Medal**
  The 3’3” Hunter Seat Medal class and Finals specifications were reviewed and the task force was unanimously in support of no changes.

- **Jumping Seat Medal**
  The Jumping Seat Medal class and Finals specifications were tabled until the next meeting to allow for development of an Adult section proposal.

**X. Old business**

There was no old business to discuss

**XI. New business**

There was no new business to discuss

**XII. Adjournment**

The call was adjourned at 4:05pm ET

Committee actions resulting in a recommendation for program changes are subject to additional review in accordance with Board of Directors approved policy.