Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

March 4, 2019 – 6:30 p.m. ET via Teleconference

Members Participating: Mary Babick, John Bahret, Katie Benson, Robin Rost Brown, David Distler, Joe Dotoli, Margie Engle, Dianne Johnson, Britt McCormick, Cheryl Rubenstein, Charlotte Skinner-Robson

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Marianne Kutner, Kevin Price, Leigh Anne Claywell, Steve Rosenberg

I. Roll Call
   Roll call was conducted and a quorum was met.

II. Adoption of Agenda
   A motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda. The motion was unanimously approved.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes
   A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the February 4, 2019 Executive Committee meeting, as presented. Those present unanimously approved the motion.

   A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the February 11, 2019 Special Executive Committee meeting as presented. The motion passed with one abstention.

IV. Consideration of Mileage Exemption Requests

   A motion was made and seconded to place consideration of Mileage Exemption Requests on the floor for discussion and vote. Those present unanimously approved the motion.

   Mary Babick asked if there were any conflicts to the materials presented on exemptions, Britt McCormick stated he did and left the call.

   Longines Global Champions Tour of New York (“Applicant Competition”) vs. The Princeton Show Jumping (“Priority Competition”)

   The committee considered the following in its review:
   - The committee noted the Central Park competition approval set the precedent for unique competitions of this caliber.
   - The committee commented that this was an excellent and rare opportunity to have a large spectator event that would serve to widely promote the sport.

   At the end of discussion, the Executive Committee members present voted unanimous approval of Longines Global Champions Tour of New York’s request for a mileage exemption to host a Regular Level 6 Jumper Competition in 2019.

   Britt McCormick rejoined the call.

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V. Consideration of Heritage Competition Status Request

A motion was made and seconded to place consideration of Heritage Competition Status Requests on the floor for discussion and vote. Those present unanimously approved the motion.

- **Heritage Competition Status Request – Warrenton Pony Show**
  The committee reviewed the application and request contained within the meeting packet. Discussion ensued and the committee felt the competition adequately met the requisite criteria. The committee continued with discussion that USEF Heritage Designation should represent a significant honor bestowed by and or nominated by the Federation, and not to simply submit an application, to achieve the designation.

  At the end of discussion, a motion was made and seconded to recommend approval of the Heritage Competition Status Request for the Warrenton Pony Show. The Executive Committee members present unanimously approved.

VI. Consideration of Sport Program Request

- **2020 Children’s & Adult Hunter Championship Specifications**
  Adjust the qualifying period and application deadline from 60 days to 45 days prior to the start of the particular Zone’s championship. Mary Babick added that USEF is willing to accept the 45 day deadline, however, they will not be flexible and the USHJA staff would have to work with less time to do their part.

  Simplify the judging panel from four to two judges and simplify the scoring system.

  At the end of discussion, a motion was made and seconded to accept of the 2020 Children’s & Adult Hunter Amateur Champion Specifications, returning the application deadline at 60 days prior to the start of the event. The Executive Committee members present unanimously approved.

- **2019 WCHR West Coast Spectacular & Capitol Challenge Specifications**
  At the end of discussion, a motion was made and seconded to table request for the 2019 WCHR West Coast Spectacular & Capitol Challenge Specifications, and to have Mary Babick and Robin Rost Brown to have a call with Carl Weeden to present modifications. The Executive Committee members present unanimously approved.

  On March 5th revised 2019 WCHR West Coast Spectacular Specifications were presented to the Executive Committee via email; there were no changes to the Capitol Challenge Specifications presented on March 4th. In unanimous email vote the revised specifications for the 2019 WCHR West Coast Spectacular Specifications & the Capitol Challenge Specifications were approved.

- **2020 Sports Department Host Applications**
  Request for review and approval of the 2020 Sport Department events that will be available through the host application site.
At the end of discussion, the Executive Committee members present voted to approve the 2020 Sports Department Hotel Applications with the edits discussed.

VII. Rule Change Clarification
A motion was made and seconded to place consideration of Rule Change Clarification on the floor for discussion and vote. Those present unanimously approved the motion.

The committee reviewed a Rule Clarification drafted to address an inadvertent omission from a Rule Change that was approved and became effective December 1, 2018:

- **GR1132.5 Point Tabulation**
  When this rule was added during the 2018 Rule Change Process, the points chart for Best Young Horse Champion and Reserve Champion was inadvertently left out. The purpose of the clarification is to insert the points chart into the next version of the USEF Rulebook.

At the conclusion of brief discussion, the Executive Committee members present voted unanimously to approve the Rule Clarification to GR1132.5 Point Tabulation, as presented.

VIII. Old Business
IX. New Business
X. Adjournment
There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn, and the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m. EST.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Dianne Johnson, Secretary