



USHJA Zone 8 Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 27, 2020 - 3:00 p.m. ET

Zone 8 Committee Members Participating: Laurie Grayson (Chair), Jenny Paisley (Vice Chair), Betty Beran, Betsy Checchia, Chris Collman, Jill Pelzel, Danine Summers and Allison Wicks (8)

Zone 8 Committee Members Not Present: Michael Dennehy, Lisa Hooper, Marion Maybank (EXC) and Beth Nielson (4)

Also Present: Morgan Thibodeaux (Sports Program Coordinator), Kristin Rover (Regional Communications Coordinator) and Lynn Johnson (Sports Program Office Aide) (3)

I. Welcome and Roll Call

Ms. Thibodeaux called roll, with eight committee members present from Zone 8, a quorum was met.

II. Approve the minutes

Mr. Collman motioned to approve the Zone 8 July 8, 2019 meeting minutes. Ms. Checchia seconded and the committee voted unanimously to approve.

Mr. Collman had a correction to the December 8, 2019 Zone 8 Annual Meeting Notes. The notes state Mr. Mitchell made a motion regarding eliminating the Zone minimum entry requirement. Mr. Mitchell is a USHJA employee and could not make a motion. The motion was actually made by Mr. Collman. Correction noted.

III. Annual Meeting Review

Ms. Checchia noted that most discussions at the Zone 8 Meeting at the Annual Meeting centered on the Zone 8 Jumper Championships held in November 2019. Only one division had enough entries to award points. (Had to have at least three per division.) If their division did not fill, exhibitors did not declare. They had to declare to be a part of the Championships. A motion was made at the Annual Meeting to state there is no minimum entry requirement for Zone Championship sections at the Zone Championship Show. The motion passed which means even if there is only one rider in a section at this show, the rider will get their points.

Ms. Thibodeaux gave the following additional updates:

- The Zone Council is being brought back. The Chair and Vice Chair of each

Zone will be members of the Council. The Council will have one seat on the BOD. The purpose of the Zone Council is to help fix broken and problem areas across the Zones. Committee members are encouraged to bring Concerns, suggestions and/or questions to the Zone Council thru the Chair, Vice Chair or Ms. Thibodeaux. The BOD is very interested in feedback to help improve the Zones. Approvals will now go straight to the Executive Committee to BOD. There will be no extra step through the Working Groups.

- Attendance requirements at meetings is now 75% for 2020. Zone Committee calls will now be a set time and day of the month, each month. This should help make it easier for members to plan to attend calls.
- Zone elections have been postponed until 2021. This means everyone's term will extend by one year. This is entirely voluntary. If you do not wish to extend your term, please email Ms. Thibodeaux to let her know.
- Information is being gathered as to what day would work for Zone 8 to have their Zone meeting at the 2020 Annual Meeting (held in Bellevue, WA). USHJA is trying to improve attendance among Zone Committee Members at the Annual Meeting. Suggestions were made to have the Zone 8 meeting on Monday afternoon (2pm?). It would be very beneficial to have this Zone 8 meeting before the larger All Zone meeting.

IV. 2020 Planning

Ms. Checchia stated she wanted to see if there was any interest in Zone 8 having their own Zone Only CH/AA Hunter Championships (since they have been suspended for 202 by USHJA). Ms. Checchia stated she believes Zone 6 has a format in the works that she could have Zone 6 send her. She believes they are just overlaying CH/AA hunter classes already in the show. She mentioned trying to do this in the summer or in November 2020, possibly at Scottsdale. Ms. Thibodeaux agreed to send a copy of the Draft Z6 format to Zone 8 Committee members for their input and review. Ms. Grayson stated she was in favor of having a team format rather than individual, for a variety of reasons. Teams could consist of members from each height. Mr. Collman stated from a show manger perspective, overlaying or adding a class would not be that difficult. Having a separate day when no other rings are going would be very costly. Ms. Grayson mentioned having it in the evening. Mr. Collman stated he could accommodate that at the Season Finale show in the evening, during the first week as all other rings are finished. Sponsors will need to be secured for awards, ribbons, etc. Ms. Grayson stated this can be whatever the Zone wants, as it only includes Zone 8. Send ideas to Ms. Thibodeaux. Ideas received and the Zone 6 draft format can be reviewed and then finalized, possibly at the next Zone Committee Call in March 2020.

V. Old Business

There was no Old Business to discuss.

VI. New Business

There was no New Business to discuss.

VII. Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:52 p.m. ET.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lynn Johnson
Sports Program Office Aide