



USHJA Zone 1 Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday May 27, 2020 - 5:00 p.m. ET

Zone Members Participating: Fran Dotoli (Chair), Jay Mullen (Vice Chair), Meg Black, Cynsie Broda, Amy Eidson, Lisa Foster, Sally Hinkle Russell, Charles Jacobs, Felicia Knowles, C. J. Law, Carla Sharp, Kristi Smith, David Wilbur, Anne Dotoli (NV Advisor) and Monica Hunt (NV Advisor). (15)

Zone Members Not Present: John Bahret, Frederick Schauder and Kristi Smith (EXC). (3)

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

I. Welcome and Roll Call

Ms. Dotoli called the meeting to order and Morgan Thibodeaux called roll. A quorum was met with fifteen committee members present.

II. Approve the minutes

Ms. Eidson motioned to approve the minutes from the April 8, 2020 meeting; Ms. Foster seconded and the minutes were approved with no abstentions.

III. 2021 Zone 1 Specifications

Ms. Dotoli opened the 2021 Zone 1 Specifications up for any final changes. Ms. Dotoli advised the Committee the Stirrup Cup Program will be ending after the 2020 competition year. USHJA would like to have the Low Adult and Low Children's Hunter sections to the Zone specifications. Ms. Thibodeaux stated the Committee can use the current Stirrup Cup specs as written for those two sections or they can edit the specs to what they want. The Hunter Working Group has asked the Zones to add those to their specs for HOTY. *Ms. Eidson made a motion to accept the current Stirrup Cup specs as written for the Low Childrens and Low Adult Hunter Sections as the Specs for Zone 1 HOTY. Ms. Knowles seconded the motion. The motion passed with no abstentions.*

Ms. Dotoli mentioned Canada and New Jersey are considered contiguous states for Zone 1. She has asked Ms. Thibodeaux to check in to this. Ms. Dotoli is not aware of this being mentioned before. Ms. Foster advised she checked a particular pony in New Jersey and the Zone points are good for Zone 1 back to 2012. Ms. Thibodeaux will send an email to the Committee when she has information pertaining to this.

Ms. Dotoli asked if the Zone 1 specs for Childrens and Adult Low Jumpers have been changed to match Zone 2. Ms. Thibodeaux stated it has been done and they do match Zone 2.

Ms. Dotoli asked about a clarification for points for 2020 and thought the points would not really be mentioned since not many shows. Maybe this was for Zone points. Ms. Thibodeaux stated the USHJA BOD is discussing whether points will count for 2020, whether year end awards will be given; it is all being discussed and no decisions have been made.

IV. Letter from Sissy Wickes

The Committee was given a copy of this letter. The Zone Council had asked to distribute it to all Committee members for discussion. Ms. Dotoli offered her thoughts on the letter and opened it up for discussion. Ms. Broda mentioned all the IEA riders and if they would be looking for other opportunities. IEA has many riders on one horse – how will this work under current restrictions. Ms. Dotoli mentioned broadening lesson programs. The team approach is very well received. Many ideas were discussed.

V. Old Business

There was no Old Business to discuss.

VI. New Business

Ms. Eidson advised the New England Equitation Championships are trying to go forward. Zone 1 had previously tabled the \$1,500 sponsorship they have given for the horsemanship test for 2020. Ms. Eidson asked that Zone 1 reconsider that request for sponsorship. *Ms. Broda made a motion to continue the \$1,500 sponsorship/grant for 2020 to the NE Equitation Championships. Ms. Knowles seconded the motion. The motion was approved with Ms. Eidson abstaining.*

Ms. Knowles advised her group is meeting in the next couple weeks to decide whether they will have the Massachusetts Medal Finals this year. If they have the show, they will have a forum. She has heard Massachusetts Ag. will not allow out of state horses.

Ms. Sharp received a text from Jay asking to add the Hunter Breeding sections to the Zone 1 Finals show. Mr. Mullen stated USHJA is good with it, just waiting to hear from USEF. Ms. Sharp stated she needs to know the ribbon order promptly. Mr. Mullen will text her the order information.

Ms. Rover advised the Committee she is working on member spotlights for each Zone. She asked the Committee to email suggestions to her for the spotlights. They will be included in the Zone 1 emails. Ms. Thibodeaux will include Ms. Rover's contact information in a follow up email.

Ms. Dotoli advised the Committee to think about award nominations for the next meeting, provided there is updated status on the 2020 USHJA Annual Meeting.

VII. Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, Ms. Eidson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Sharp seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 5:42p.m. ET.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Johnson
USHJA Sports Program Assistant

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