



USHJA Zone 1 Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday January 13, 2020 - 5:00 p.m. ET

Zone Members Participating: Fran Dotoli (Chair), Jay Mullen (Vice Chair), Cynsie Broda, Amy Eidson, Felicia Knowles, C. J. Law, Carla Sharp, Kristi Smith, David Wilbur, Monica Hunt (NV Advisor) and Sheila Murphy (NV Advisor). (11)

Zone Members Not Present: John Baret (Treasurer) (excused), Meg Black (excused), Lisa Foster (excused), Charles Jacobs, Frederick Schauder (excused), Sally Hinkle Russell (excused) and Fred Schauder (excused) and Ann Dotoli (NV Advisor) (excused). (8)

Also Present: Morgan Thibodeaux (Sports Program Coordinator) (1).

I. Welcome and Roll Call

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

II. Approve the minutes

Ms. Eidson motioned to approve the minutes from the October 28, 2019 meeting; Ms. Sharp seconded and the minutes were approved.

III. Annual Meeting Review

Ms. Dotoli asked Ms. Thibodeaux to review what took place at the Annual Meeting. Ms. Thibodeaux presented the following updates:

- The Zone Council return for 2020. The Chair and Vice Chair for each Zone will be members. The Council will report to the BOD. The Zone Council will have one seat on the BOD. The purpose of the Council will be to help improve the Zones across the nation. Zone Committee members are encouraged to send recommendations/suggestions for improvement, changes etc. to the Council who can forward them to the Planning Committee and the BOD.
- 2020 Zone Committee elections are postponed for one year due to the creation of the Zone Council. Zone Committee members are encouraged to extend their term for one year to provide a smooth transition to the Council. This is entirely voluntary. If you do not wish to extend your term, please email Ms. Thibodeaux and let her know.
- The Zone Committee Meeting attendance requirements for 2020 have changed to 75% from the previous 50%. Excused absences will still be allowed, in certain circumstances

with prior notice. Excused absences will not negatively affect your attendance percentage. Please keep in mind, the Committee needs active committee members.

IV. 2020 Zone Elections

Elections postponed for one year

V. 2020 Educational Forums

The Zone ran four successful educational forums last year. There are six educational forums scheduled for 2020. The forum topics will include a separate forum(s) for Jumper Course Design, Hunters etc. Zone 1 has \$2500 in grants for the clinics. They are hoping to live stream the educational forum from the NE Medal Finals.

VI. 2020 Planning

CH/AA Championships are on hiatus for 2020 as they are working on a new and approved version for 2021.

- Zone and Platinum Jumper Championships, Young Rider, Prix de States – What can be done to get Zone 1 riders to participate? DiAnne Langer would like feedback from the Zone to the Task Force. Fran Dotoli stated she has talked to Zone 1 jumper riders about participating. As soon as she mentions going online to sign up, they lose interest. Fran requested paper copies of the application to hand out to riders when talking to them. Ms. Thibodeaux stated she could not do that as paper applications for are not able to be processed at this time. Another obstacle is the short amount of time for qualifying due to their area. From mid-September through January, there are no USEF shows in the Zone for Jumpers to qualify. This leaves about May through first week of June. The application deadline is June 7, 2020; the event is July 22-26, 2020. Can the application deadline be moved forward to allow more chance to qualify? Fran stated she would call Ms. Langer directly to see what could be done about this.
- There are scholarship and grants to be used, recruit applicants.
- Zone 1 Finals Horse Show – Ms. Sharp asked if it possible to include Hunter Breeding in this show, knowing the prize list needs to be out soon. Mr. Mullen stated they are tentatively scheduled for Sunday morning of the show. His concern was that they cannot work off the trailer, they would be required to get a stall. This show does not allow ship ins or working off the trailer. Hunter Breeding people in Zone 1 will be queried ASAP to see if they would attend, knowing they will be required to purchase a stall. Mr. Mullen stated the show will also be offering the NE Medal. Ms. Thibodeaux stated she could send a survey out to all the hunter riders (which would include hunter breeding) and hopefully get responses within a couple days. Send specific questions to Ms. Thibodeaux ASAP.

VII. Old Business

No business to discuss.

VIII. New Business

No business to discuss

IX. Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Johnson
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