



USHJA Zone 5 Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 20, 2020 - 12:00 p.m. ET via Teleconference

Zone 5 Committee Members Participating: Patrick Boyle (Chair), George (Skip) Thornbury (Vice Chair), Sara Ballinger, Otis Brown, Joleen Dewitt, Lisa Goldman-Smolen, Myron Leff, Heather Pinnick, Patty Rogers, Ryan Sassmannshausen and Elaine Schott (12)

Zone 5 Committee Members Not Present: 0

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

Mr. Boyle called the meeting to order and Ms. Thibodeaux called roll. With twelve committee members present, a quorum was met.

II. Approve the minutes

Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 16, 2020 meeting. Mr. Thornbury seconded the motion. The motion passed with no abstentions.

III. 2021 Zone 5 Specifications

Ms. Thibodeaux presented the Zone 5 Specifications for 2020. Ms. Thibodeaux stated the committee could make any changes they needed to or they could leave them as they are. The specifications would go up for member comment. After that, the committee could make changes if desired. The final version of the specifications would be sent to the Working Groups for approval. *Ms. Goldman-Smolen made a motion to approve the Zone 5 Specifications for 2021 as presented. Ms. Dewitt seconded the motion. The motion passed with no abstentions.*

IV. Clinic Host Grant Applications

Ms. Thibodeaux presented the two Clinic Host Grant Applications for Zone 5 that had been received. One is from Indiana HJA for a clinic in September 2020 with \$2,000 requested. The other is for a 2021 clinic in Ohio requesting \$5,000. Ms. Thibodeaux explained some Zones do allow these grants with as they received discounted fees for their members, their logo used and announcements of their sponsorship. Mr. Boyle asked if the Zone Budget had a line item for this. Ms. Thibodeaux stated the budget had a line item for EAP Grants. *Mr. Brown made a motion to deny both Clinic Host*

Grant Applications as presented. Ms. Goldman-Smolen seconded the motion. The motion passed with no abstentions.

V. 2020 Budget

Ms. Thibodeaux presented the 2020 Zone 5 Budget to the committee. Discussion took place. *Ms. Goldman-Smolen made a motion to approve the Zone 5 Budget as presented. Mr. Thornbury seconded the motion. The motion passed with no abstentions.*

VI. Old Business

No old business to discuss.

VII. New Business

The committee asked if there were any new updates as to the possible start of the competition season. Ms. Thibodeaux stated USHJA and USEF were meeting frequently as were all of the committees. Horse welfare and rider safety were being considered as well as trying to decide a plan for all programs when the suspension may be lifted. Ms. Thibodeaux stated no decisions have been made and everything is “up in the air” at this moment. Ms. Thibodeaux will update the committee as to any updates she receives.

VIII. Adjourn

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 12:22 p.m. ET.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn Johnson
Sports Program Office Aide