

USHJA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

February 5, 2018 – 6:00 p.m. ET via Teleconference

Members Participating: Mary Babick, Shelley Campf, David Distler, Margie Engle, Dianne Johnson, Charlotte Skinner-Robson, Larry Langer, Britt McCormick, Cheryl Rubenstein

Members Absent: John Bahret, Anne Kursinski

Others Present: Kevin Price, Leslie Mangan

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 January 2, 2018 Executive Committee meeting, as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the January 9, 2018 Executive Committee meeting, as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

VI. Consideration of USEF Mandatory Fee Collection Requests

A motion was made and seconded to place all USEF Mandatory Fee Collection requests on the floor for discussion and vote. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Langer questioned whether he might have a conflict of interest with one of these requests due to the fact his wife serves on the board of directors for one of the associations requesting permission to collect fees. After brief discussion, the committee felt no conflict of interest existed and therefore there was no need for Mr. Langer to recuse himself.

- **Nor-Cal Hunter Jumper Association**

The committee reviewed the materials provided and noted that this is a repeat request to collect \$3 per horse and \$2 per Nor-Cal medal rider at Association-sanctioned competitions in 2018. It was also noted that USHJA has historically recommended approval of this request in prior years.

A recommendation was made that at some point in time, a small group be formed to investigate the advisability of having all of the organizations that request permission to collect these mandatory participation fees gradually phase out of the practice over time (perhaps by decreasing the amount collected by \$1 per year). It was noted that the small pool of California-based associations are the only affiliate organizations utilizing these practices to raise funding and he suggests that it might be prudent to thoroughly

investigate the overall practice to determine whether alternative fundraising techniques should be implemented that don't have the potential to unduly burden competitors who are not from the area and are not members of the Association.

There being no further discussion, the Executive Committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of Nor-Cal Hunter Jumper Association's request to collect \$3 per horse and \$2 per Nor-Cal Medal rider at its sanctioned competitions in 2018

- San Fernando Hunter Jumper Association
The committee reviewed the materials provided and noted that this is a repeat request to collect \$3 per entry at the Association-sanctioned events held within 100 miles of San Fernando, CA. It was also noted that USHJA has historically recommended approval of this request in prior years.

There being no further discussion, the Executive Committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of San Fernando Hunter Jumper Association's request to collect \$3 per entry at its sanctioned competitions in 2018.

- Los Angeles Hunter Jumper Association
Charlotte Skinner-Robson identified a conflict of interest with this agenda item, recused herself, and left the call prior to discussion and vote.

The committee reviewed the materials provided and noted that this is a repeat request to collect \$3 per competing horse at the Association-sanctioned events held in Los Angeles County. It was also noted that USHJA has historically recommended approval of this request in prior years.

There being no further discussion, the Executive Committee members present voted unanimously to recommend approval of Los Angeles County Hunter Jumper Association's 2018 request to collect \$3 per competition horse at its sanctioned competitions in Los Angeles County.

Charlotte Skinner-Robson rejoined the meeting.

VII. Consideration of Sport Program Requests

A motion was made and seconded to place all Sport Program requests on the floor for discussion and vote. The motion was unanimously approved.

- 2018 Hunter Breeding Clinic Proposal
The committee reviewed the proposal submitted by the Hunter Breeding Task Force and approved by the Hunter Working Group that calls for creation of a clinic series that will help to educate hunter breeding handlers and encourage greater participation in hunter breeding classes. The task force proposes conducting a single one-day clinic in 2018, to be held in April in Lexington, VA, with additional clinics (up to a maximum of three) being planned for 2019. Additionally, the task force is proposing that it selects the clinic host sites as well as the clinicians and requests that the clinics be video recorded for future educational and promotional purposes.

Upon review of the proposal, committee members noted that the proposed budget is out of proportion with respect to expense/revenue ratio, and there were also concerns raised over the lack of committee oversight created by the proposal, as presented. A suggestion was made to consider expanding the clinic format to include licensed official training so that the clinic could count for educational credits for those individuals seeking a Hunter Breeding judging card. A recommendation was made to have the task force look into the components associated with the recent Hunter Breeding Licensed Officials clinic that was hosted by Spy Coast Farm, which donated its facility and staff, and possibly use its model for planning. After brief discussion, the committee members agreed that the proposal needed more work, especially the budget which needs to be tightened significantly.

A motion was made and seconded to disapprove the Hunter Breeding Clinic Proposal and recommended sending it back to the Hunter Breeding Task Force for additional work in tightening the budget by investigating methods to appreciably reduce proposed expenditures and/or increase the revenue stream in order to create a more balanced budget. The motion was unanimously approved.

- 2019 WCHR Member Event Host Application

The committee reviewed a memo issued by staff that asked the committee to readdress consideration of the 2019 WCHR Member Event Host Application which tabled in June, 2017 pending the WCHR program undergoing the program review process. Although that process has not yet been completed, the 2019 host application process for all applicable USHJA programs opens on April 1, 2018. In order to meet this timeline, as well as adhere to USHJA review and approval policy, the 2019 WCHR Member Event Host Application has to first be approved by the Executive Committee. The memo proposed slightly modifying the 2019 Host Application from what had originally been proposed by the WCHR Task Force thereby keeping the terms of the host application essentially unchanged from those that were approved in prior years.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the slightly amended 2019 WCHR Member Event Host Application, as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

VIII. Old Business

None

IX. New Business

None

X. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn, and the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m. EST.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Larry Langer, Secretary