



USHJA Zone 6 Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 27, 2020 - 12:00 p.m. CT / 1:00 p.m. ET

Committee Members Participating: Mark Aplin (Chair), Dan Urban (Vice Chair), Amy Aplin, Kendra Gohr, Courtney Hayden-Fromm, Betsy Kieffer, Greg Novak, Sue Novak and Stacy Opperman (9).

Committee Members Not Present: Amy Bender, Rae Doerring, Heather Parrish, Patrice Urban and Danielle Urban (5).

Also Present: Morgan Thibodeaux (Sports Program Coordinator), Kristen Rover (Regional Communication Coordinator) and Lynn Johnson (Sports Program Office Aide) (3).

I. Welcome and Roll Call

Mr. Aplin called the meeting to order and Ms. Thibodeaux called roll. A quorum was met with nine committee members present.

II. Approve the minutes

Mr. Urban made a motion to approve the October 28, 2019. Mr. Novak seconded the motion, motion passed with no abstentions.

III. Annual Meeting Review

Ms. Thibodeaux gave the following updates from the Annual Meeting:

- The Zone Council is back for 2020. The Chair and Vice Chair from each Zone will be members. The Council will have one seat on the BOD. It is hoped the concept of the Zone Council will help to fix broken or problem areas within the Zones. It is hoped that any and all issues, suggestions, problems will be brought to the Council from the Zones through either the Chair, Vice Chair or Ms. Thibodeaux. The BOD wants to help the Zones.
- For 2020, attendance requirements at committee meetings will now be 75%. The set call schedule for each Zone should help with planning purposes for the members. Zone elections have been pushed back to 2021. It is hoped that each committee member will agree to extend their term one more year. This is entirely voluntary. If you do not wish to extend your term, please email Ms. Thibodeaux to let her know.

IV. 2020 Planning

- Mr. Urban brought up the Melanie Smith Taylor Clinic to be held April 9-12,

2020 at the Omaha International Show. He would like to extend the clinic opportunity to Zone 6 members only. Tentative schedule would include: Thursday-ground work; Friday-flat work with 2 groups of 4 riders; Saturday-gymnastics with 2 groups of 4 riders; Sunday-courses with all 8 riders. Mr. Urban suggested a broad range of participation to include: junior hunter rider, adult amateur hunter rider, junior jumper rider, adult amateur jumper rider, pony rider and an equitation rider. Mr. Urban would like to use E-News, email, social media etc. to promote this clinic. He would like feedback from the Committee members as to how the Zone wants to offset expenses, how much to offset and in what way will they offset expenses.

- Ms. Kieffer brought up the suspension of the CH/AA Championships for 2020 as the program undergoes revamping. She has been working on a Zone 6 format for an event this year replace this for the hunters. It is a team format, open to juniors and amateurs only. No qualifying necessary, professionals not eligible. Teams will be drawn randomly. Three divisions – 2’6” and under; 2’9” – 3’ and 3’3” and above. One rider from each height per team. The 3 major affiliates in the Zone will be asked to help with expenses. Ms. Thibodeaux stated she can be there to observe; she cannot help run it. Ms. Thibodeaux and Ms. Osterman have been discussing a format and scoring system for revising the Championships, so this would be beneficial to that discussion. Ms. Kieffer stated they would like to have a draw party and then awards party could be held at the Grand Prix. Ms. Kieffer was trying to get an idea for prices of awards. Ms. Thibodeaux stated she could get estimates for ribbons from her awards department. The Committee wanted to know approximately how much was in the Zone budget for this and the clinic. Ms. Thibodeaux stated Zone 6 had approximately \$5,000 in the budget for the clinic and the Team Challenge (Hunters). If the budgeted amounts for scholarships and EAP are not used, that would bring the amount available to \$6,500. Mr. Urban stated the fee for Melanie Smith Taylor, her staff, expenses and equipment is \$10, 000 for the clinic. *Ms. Kieffer made a motion to allot \$4,000 of Zone funds for the clinic at Omaha International. Ms. Hayden-Fromm seconded the motion; motion passed with one abstention, Mr. Urban.*
Mr. Urban made a motion to allot \$1,500 of Zone funds to the Hunter Team Challenge. Ms. Novak seconded the motion, motion passed with no abstentions.

V. 2020 Clinic
Covered above.

VI. Old Business
No old business to discuss.

VII. New Business
Regarding the Handy Hunter Challenge, Ms. Kieffer stated she only has about 4 coolers left. She would like to order new coolers or scrimms but would like the

Committee's input as to which one. She would like to get the order in as soon as possible so they arrive in plenty of time. *Mr. Urban made a motion to allow Ms. Kieffer to order scrim for the Handy Hunter Challenge. Ms. Hayden-Fromm seconded the motion; motion passed with no abstentions.*

VIII. Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, Ms. Hayden-Fromm made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Kieffer seconded the motion; motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 2:19p.m. ET

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn Johnson
Sports Program Office Aide