



Young Hunter Pony Championships Ad Hoc Agenda

Monday, September 16, 2019

3:00 p.m. EST

Call in Number: **800-944-8766**

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Members Present: Oliver Brown (Chair), Robin Greenwood, Patty Rogers, Karan Aurelius

Members Not Present: Meg Miranda (excused – emergency), Drew Taylor

Also Present: Melanie Mader, USHJA Sport Program Liaison

I. Welcome and Roll Call

Mr. Brown called the meeting to order; Ms. Mader took roll; with 4 members present a quorum was met

II. Adoption of Agenda

Ms. Aurelius made a motion to adopt the agenda; Ms. Greenwood seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously

III. Approval of April 8th 2019 Minutes (July call did not have a quorum, no minutes)

Ms. Aurelius made a motion to approve the Minutes from April 8, 2019; Ms. Greenwood seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously

IV. Review: 2019 YHPC what worked? what didn't? Ideas/suggestions for 2020

Mr. Brown thanked everyone for their hard work on the YHPC. He related that everyone was excited about the prizes, enjoyed the competition and VHC, and the USHJA was very helpful.

Ms. Greenwood discussed the need for timely communication with donors in the future.

Ms. Mader informed the task force about the additional \$1000 donation that came in and that all donors had paid. The final accounting balance was not complete at the time of the meeting but it was looking positive based on what was in.

Mr. Brown indicated that VHC had plans to construct another ring close by the main ring and set up an identical course for schooling. It was discussed the need to have limited/small group schooling for the safety of ponies and riders. Further discussion about Ticketed schooling and actual ring schooling times/assigned groups to be brought up with VHC in an effort to create the most positive experience for the ponies.

The Task Force also discussed their desire to announce breeders with the ribbon announcements. They would also like to work with breed registries to offer breed awards and recognize breeders. Ms. Mader agreed to reach out to Dr. Rith Wilburn of the Welsh Ponies to open a dialog. Connemaras and other pony breeds were mentioned as well. In order to track eligibility, a horse bio form similar to the one used for Sallie B Wheeler Breed Awards will be utilized with a deadline of approx. 3 weeks prior to the event. This will provide enough time to verify eligibility, and include information in the program.

V. Specs review/changes

The Task Force discussed adding a new division to YHPC: Adults on Ponies 7 & Under
Specifics of the division:

- Open to Adult Amateurs and Professionals
- Will run as one division for all ages of ponies 7 & Under
- Classes to include Model, Under Saddle & 2 Over Fences classes. Height will be Exhibitor's Choice (2', 2'3", or 2'6") but must be declared at time of entry. All heights will run concurrently with an open card so ponies can jump the course twice and have a positive experience.
- Adult division will not count towards Overall Grand Champion or breed awards

Ms. Aurelius made a motion to add the Adults on Ponies 7 & Under division to YHPC. Ms. Rogers seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously. Ms. Mader will make the necessary revision to the Specifications and submit to the Hunter Working Group and BOD.

VI. New Business

The Task Force discussed the appointment of Cheryl Maye to the YHP Task Force. They recommended her for addition and asked Ms Mader if she would draft the necessary documents to Mrs. Babick for approval. The Task Force also asked that Ms. Taylor be dismissed from the committee due to excessive unexcused absences.

VII. Old Business: YHPC location for 2020? YHPC West Proposal?

Ms. Greenwood made a motion to have they YHPC at Virginia Horse Center during the Young Horse Festival again in 2020; Ms. Aurelius seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

The topic of an expansion of the YHPC in 2021 was briefly discussed but tabled for discussion at a future meeting.

VIII. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 am

Committee actions resulting in a recommendation for program changes are subject to additional review in accordance with Board of Directors approved policy.