I. Roll Call
Roll call was conducted and a quorum was met.

II. Adoption of Agenda
The agenda was amended to add Limited Entries Requests for the 2020 NHS Hunter Classic and 2020 BES Young Hunter Series. A motion was made and seconded to adopt the amended agenda. The motion was then unanimously approved.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes
A motion was made and seconded to put both sets of November 2019 meeting minutes on the floor for discussion and vote. The motion was unanimously approved.

A correction was made to the November 4, 2019 minutes, clarifying the language at the end of the Licensed Officials Emeriti proposal to indicate the Board was in favor of retirement being a requirement. The Executive Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes for November 4, 2019 as amended.

Hearing no discussion on the November 6, 2019 email vote minutes, the Executive Committee voted unanimously to approve, with one abstention noted.

IV. Consideration of Mileage Exemption Requests
A motion was made and seconded to put the mileage exemption request on the floor for discussion and vote. The motion was unanimously approved.

Longines Global Champions Tour of New York (“Applicant Competition”) vs. Princeton Show Jumping (“Priority Competition”)

No conflicts of interest on the part of any Board member present were identified with respect to this request.

The USHJA Executive Committee recommended approval of the Applicant’s request to conduct its 2020 competition (September 24-27, 2020) at the Level 6 Jumper rating, based upon the following reasons:

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The Committee gave consideration to all the information provided by the Applicant, existing Priority Competition and the Federation regarding this application specific to the 2020 application, and determined there were significant reasons for approval of this request.

The Committee noted that the 2019 competition provided a significant exposure and promotion of the sport, and it would prove detrimental not to approve this competition.

The Committee’s opinion is that approval of this request would not overtly negatively affect the Priority Competition as the Applicant Competition caters to a different clientele, including a significant number of foreign competitors who would not otherwise be in this area of the US to compete.

The Committee acknowledges that the Priority Competition works very hard to provide quality competitions, with good footing, hospitality and opportunity for emerging levels within the sport.

The Executive Committee unanimously approved the mileage exemption request for Longines Global Champions Tour of New York.

V. Consideration of Mandatory Fee Collection Request

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

• 2020 Texas Hunter Jumper Association Shows

The committee reviewed the materials provided within the meeting packet. It was noted the same request had been reviewed and approved in previous years. The committee engaged in a general discussion about mandatory fee collection.

The Executive Committee members present voted unanimously to approve the Mandatory Fee Collection request for the 2020 Texas Hunter Jumper Association shows, with one abstention noted.

VI. Consideration of Zone & Sport Program Requests

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

• 2021 International Hunter Derby Championship Specifications

The committee reviewed the materials provided within the meeting packet. It was noted that many edits were simply date changes. Section 5d was updated to read “management will make every effort to separate multiple horses being ridden by the same rider in the order.” Section 7a was updated to remove obsolete language regarding seating. Section 9b was updated with regard to ties in 20th place, and section 9g was updated to remove an exception where judging panels could award the same base score to two competitors in a round. Section 10c was updated to define the eligibility requirements of the Junior Owner award. Section 11 included several changes involving course heights.

There was discussion on Section 5d with regard to how the new language did not address the specifics of how multiple horses with the same rider would be separated. There was a suggestion that Jumper rules could be followed in such instances. Several members were not satisfied with the new language in 5d, and it was determined that it would be best to table
this item and send it back for revision prior to the Annual Meeting, where it could be reevaluated.

A motion was made and seconded to table the 2021 IHD Championship Specifications. The Executive Committee members present voted unanimously to table the 2021 IHD Championship Specifications.

- **2021 Green Hunter Incentive Championship Specifications**
The committee reviewed the materials provided within the meeting packet. It was noted that the changes involved updating dates, dropping of handy hunter courses, and adding language about judges not duplicating scores.

  The committee members present voted unanimously to approve the 2021 GHI Championship Specifications, as presented.

VII. Consideration of Limited Entries Requests

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

- **2020 Blenheim EquiSports Young Hunter Series with Finals**
The committee reviewed the materials provided within the meeting packet. It was noted this request asked for HOTY points, and the committee agreed that points could be awarded.

  The committee initially voted unanimously in favor of approval, but it was noted that some materials referenced in the packet had not been included by USEF. It was agreed that complete materials must be received for approval, and that an Executive Committee meeting could be convened at the Annual Meeting to revisit this item.

  A motion was made and seconded to reopen the vote, and all were in favor of reopening the vote.

  A motion was made and seconded to table the request until complete information could be reviewed by the committee. The Executive Committee members voted unanimously to table the Limited Entries request for the 2020 Blenheim EquiSports Young Hunter Series with Finals.

- **2020 National Horse Show Hunter Classic**
The committee reviewed the materials provided within the meeting packet. It was noted this request also asked for HOTY points, and the committee agreed that points could be awarded.

  The Executive Committee members present voted unanimously to approve the Limited Entries request for the 2021 NHS Hunter Classic.

VIII. Old Business

None

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X. **New Business**  
It was noted that an Executive Committee meeting would be scheduled during Annual Meeting to revisit the 2021 International Hunter Derby Championship Specifications and the Limited Entries Request for the 2020 Blenheim EquiSports Young Hunter Series with Finals.

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

Minutes respectfully submitted by:  
Dianne Johnson, Secretary
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. Consideration of Limited Entry Request
A motion was made and seconded to place the Limited Entry request on the floor for discussion and vote. The motion was unanimously approved.

- 2020 Blenheim EquiSports Young Hunter Series with Finals
The committee reviewed the materials provided within the meeting packet. This Limited Entry request had been tabled during the prior Executive Committee meeting due to the submission of incomplete materials. It was noted the same request had been reviewed and approved in previous years, and that HOTY points had been granted. There was also general discussion regarding the process of approving Limited Entry requests.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Limited Entry request. The Executive Committee members present voted unanimously to approve the Limited Entry request for the 2020 Blenheim EquiSports Young Hunter Series with Finals.

IV. Consideration of Zone & Sport Program Request
A motion was made and seconded to place the Zone & Sport Program Request on the floor for discussion and vote. The motion was unanimously approved.

- 2021 International Hunter Derby Championship Specifications
The committee reviewed the materials provided within the meeting packet. It was noted that jumper language regarding multiple horses ridden by the same rider had been added under Order of Go (5d), with slight adjustments to better fit the Hunters. The language was updated to indicate that “the order may be adjusted so that there will be a minimum of five horses (if available) separating them. To adjust the order for multiple rides, the horse with the lowest score will move up as far as possible in the order before a second horse is
dropped down and so on down the line. All horses ridden by a single rider must be ridden in the horse’s score order from low to high.” There was further discussion about whether the minimum separation should be increased to eight horses, but consensus was that five would be sufficient, and that since the specifications only list a minimum the show could opt to increase the separation.

*The Executive Committee members present unanimously approved the 2021 International Hunter Derby Championship Specifications, as presented.*

VIII. **Old Business**
None

X. **New Business**
The members briefly discussed a rule change involving the International Hunter Derby, which would be reviewed in the Board of Directors meeting on Thursday.

XI. **Adjournment**
There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn, and the meeting adjourned at 12:44 p.m. EST.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Dianne Johnson, Secretary