



**USHJA Zone 2 Committee Meeting Minutes**

Monday, June 1, 2020 - 10:00 a.m. ET

**Zone 2 Members Participating:** Mark Leone (Chair), Troy Hendricks (Vice Chair), Wendy Chapot Nunn (Treasurer), James Benedetto, Katie Benson, Naomi Blumenthal, Mary Drueding, Karin Immerman, Kerry Kocher, Claudine Liberatore, Linda Mancini, Tobey McWilliams, Andrew Philbrick and Cynthia Williams. (14)

**Zone 2 Members Not Present:** Michael Dowling. (1)

**Also Present:** Morgan Thibodeaux (Sports Program Coordinator), Kristin Rover (Regional Communications Coordinator) and Lynn Johnson (Sports Program Assistant). (3)

**I. Welcome and Roll Call**

Mr. Leone called the meeting to order. Ms. Thibodeaux called roll. A quorum was met with twelve committee members present.

**II. Approve the minutes**

*Ms. Blumenthal motioned to approve the minutes from the April 20, 2020 meeting. Mr. Hendricks seconded and the minutes were approved by the rest of the committee with no abstentions.*

**III. 2021 Zone 2 Specifications**

Ms. Thibodeaux stated there had been no member comments received on the Zone 2 specifications. No additional action is needed to send these specifications forward. Ms. Thibodeaux stated the Hunter Working Group had requested each Zone add the Low Childrens and the Low Adult Amateur Hunter sections to their specifications for HOTY. These sections are one of the largest sections. This is due to the Stirrup Cup Program ending after 2020. The Committee can adopt the current Stirrup Cup specs as written or change them as they would like to add them to Zone 2 Specifications for 2021. Ms. Blumenthal asked if the cross entry restrictions in the Stirrup Cup specs applied to horse or rider or both. Ms. Thibodeaux stated they apply to the rider only.

Ms. Thibodeaux stated points would be tracked for Zone only yearend awards. This would be a C rated section. *Ms. Blumenthal made a motion to accept the current Stirrup Cup specifications as written with the removal of “(Exception: 3’0” Equitation)” for both sections under “Cross Entry”. Ms. Chapot Nunn seconded the motion. The motion passed with no abstentions.*

Ms. Blumenthal asked that a clarification be emphasized in the Zone ENews that the horse can jump higher but not the rider. Ms. Thibodeaux will draft these new specs. and send them to the Committee by email today for a review. These will then go to the HWG for approval.

Ms. Thibodeaux presented the Zone 2 Equitation Championships 2021 Specifications to the Committee for any type of changes they may want to make before they go forward. Mr. Leone stated this class has not been run yet. Ms. Thibodeaux stated the bid application process closes today for 2021 and 2022 for the specs. This is the last year it will be held at Swan Lake. Mr. Leone stated a new location may help. *Mr. Benedetto made a motion to approve the 2020 USHJA Zone 2 Equitation Championship Specifications as written for the 2021 Zone 2 Specifications. Ms. Chapot Nunn seconded the motion. The Committee approved the motion with no abstentions.*

Ms. Blumenthal asked if there is an official class name for the Low Childrens and Low Adults that were just added to Zone 1 as some shows call it Intermediate or Pre Child or Pre Adult for point tracking purposes. Ms. Thibodeaux will check on that.

#### **IV. Letter from Sissy Wickes**

Ms. McWilliams stated she and several committee members had thought this would be a good letter to pass out in their Zone to possibly get people excited about riding. Many parents may be looking for options for their kids now that many sports are currently not operating. Basically spread the word to people. Ms. McWilliams felt this was included as an effort to use the Zone Committee for an outreach opportunity to trainers, affiliates etc. when applicable. Basically gives ideas to help.

#### **V. Old Business**

There was no Old Business to discuss.

#### **VI. New Business**

The Committee asked if there had been response to the Feed Aid Program. Ms. Thibodeaux gave a brief update stating there had been 200 applications received including about 45 from Zone 2. All of these will be reviewed for acceptance. There may be a second round launched for additional applications. Applicant must have a paid USHJA paid membership of some type (associate or competing).

The Committee shared various updates on which areas in the Zone were opening up to have horse shows. It was noted many shows are selling out rapidly with very large

waiting lists.

**VII. Adjourn**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35a.m. ET.

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**August 27-30, 2020 – Equitation Championships Swan Lake**  
**September 10-13, 2020 – HOTY Jumper Championships Devon**  
**September 26-27, 2020 – Stirrup Cup Championships Swan Lake**  
**October 18, 2020 - Hunter Championships Harrisburg**

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn Johnson  
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